



September 2022 Newsletter

Driver Appreciation Week Sept. 11-17

Picture it! Cleveland, Ohio in 1898 when Alexander Winton, an automotive manufacturer was faced with a problem... how to deliver his cars. The solution? He developed the trailer truck; and so the first truck was born!

Did You Know?

- Truckers deliver about 10 billion tons of freight, or about 70 percent of all the freight moved in the U.S.
- Truck drivers can have many talents. These truckers went on to be actors: Sean Connery, Elvis Presley, Charles Bronson, Viggo Mortensen, Liam Neeson, James Cameron, Chevy Chase, Rock Hudson.
- A survey by Atlas Van Lines found truck drivers are big country western music fans. Nearly half of the truckers on the road listen to country-western music. One third listen to classic rock, and the rest listen to sports or talk radio.
- About 6% of the nation's truck drivers are women. The number is trending upward about 10% a year.



We would like to thank you for your continued dedication and hard work! It is a tiresome job that very few can do. From trying to find parking, battling traffic, poor attitudes, or just trying to find a decent meal out there. It is a job that often goes unnoticed most times, but without you the world as we know it would stop. The personal sacrifice you make daily going out there and missing events to ensure shelves are stocked and your bills are paid.

It is easy to get swept up with the monotonous routine of life and feel like just another number behind the wheel, but that is not the case! I cannot tell you how many times a driver will call in and give me a truck number (especially new ones). I will know your name or face before I know your truck number!

We appreciate all that you sacrifice and do to make sure the wheels continue to turn and we hope you feel appreciated every day and not just this week!

Keep an eye on your mailbox at home for a little something special!





Spotlight Driver- Ray Merkley

We again would like to spotlight Ray even though he is very modest and probably doesn't want the attention. Ray has been an owner operator with GT for 14 years on and off and in that time, he has safely driven 1,030,456 miles! Ray is always fun to talk to with his many years of experience in trucking. We are grateful you are part of the GT Family!



Office Spotlight- Virginia Adamson

Virginia Adamson has been a General Transport employee since September 1989. It only seems fitting to celebrate those 33 years of service with a spotlight! Virginia was born in WV and was a coal miner's daughter. She moved to Ohio and started her career at Firestone Rubber Company in 1960. Virginia is a great baker and if you are lucky you may get to try her pecan bark. She enjoys hiking, reading, sewing, knitting, and participating in button club. Virginia also enjoys going to church and you may be surprised to know she was a lead soprano in her church choir. We are grateful to have you part of the GT Family!

The Deadline is Near

If you still have not made the transition to the Samsara ELD- you are quickly approaching the deadline. Our Zonar account will no longer be operational after October 1st.

Please make your way to the Akron terminal to make the switch. Every driver I have

asked, prefers the samsara and says it is easier to use than the Zonar. As always your cooperation and patience is always appreciated!



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Trailer Plates for 2022-2023

It is hard to believe, but it is trailer renewal season again! Seems to go faster and faster every year. Just a reminder when doing your pre/post trips to keep an eye out for those stickers. Trailers 5112- 5177 have permanent plates and will not need a sticker.

