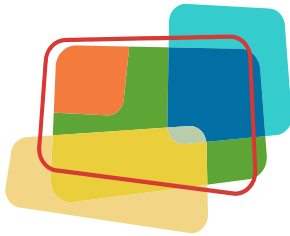


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Fuel Mileage



With the price of diesel being so high right now, and little relief in sight, our company is going to focus on fuel mileage and ask everyone to get better results, more than we ever have in the past. The "new" engines have really taken a toll on our averages. In 2002 and 2003, we had an overall fleet average of above 6.2 mpg. With our road speed and our truck specs, this was great and I felt confident that things were being handled properly. Today we are barely holding a 5.9 over-

all fleet average. The trend indicates, as more of the "new" trucks and engines go into service that this average will continue to spiral downward. Here is a summary of our current situation, broken down by class of engine:

CAT C-12 (pre Oct. '02 Regulations) → 6.21

CAT C-12 (post Oct. '02 Regulations) → 5.85

CAT C-13 → 5.57

Cummins ISX 475 → 5.78

Please notice the big change. There is a "non-yellow" class of engine in the mix now. (Cummins) We will soon have 15 new ISX 475's that will be in service in the '05 Peterbilt 387's. We had to look at other engines due to the poor fuel mileage and multiple breakdowns that we experienced with the CAT C-13. The Cummins engine has done well so

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far, and we will know more as we get more experience with this engine.

I do not want to change the basic concepts of how we spec our equipment, or the parameters of how we set our trucks to run, so I am asking that each one of us take and interest in getting better fuel mileage. We can ask for increased rates for our customers, but at the rate we are going with our overall fleet average, we could not ask for that type of increase and expect to come out a winner. I feel that, even with the "new" engines and how we operate, we should still be at least a 6.0 mpg fleet.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Michael Barr

General Manager

"We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time."

– T.S. Eliot



New Dispatch Center and Shop in Texas

The final plans have been made and approved so, starting this week (8/11), construction will begin on our new dispatch center. A 2,600-sq. ft. area is being built in the southern half of our shop across the street. The new dispatch center will have a waiting lounge, break room/dining area, restrooms, conference room, and private offices. The dispatch floor will have enough space to accommodate up to 25 people comfortably. Our

present staff, during the weekday, is 12. Our night and weekend operations people will soon be working from the office in our guardhouse. The new dispatch center is going to make the environment of our operations office much better. Our current dispatch office was originally designed for a staff of 6. If you have been in the dispatch office any time over the last couple of years, during the weekday, you have seen the

problem that we have had with space.

To make up for the lost shop space, due to the new dispatch center, we have signed a lease on a two-bay shop in Mt. Pleasant, TX, along I-30. We plan to have this shop up and going by mid-October. More plans and details on what services and staff this shop will have will be announced at a later date.

Michael Barr

General Manager

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Preacher's Column

Well, I'm drawing a little bit of a blank again this month as our deadline approaches. Maybe I'm like a lot of folks, and just work a little better under pressure.

We all stay under pressure....CSR's to keep loads booked for you, fleet managers to dispatch you and help you make it to your destinations OK, and there is never enough time, for you as a driver, to get to where you're going, because everybody wanted you there yesterday and is wondering why you weren't. Hurry up ever chance you get seems

"If you bring forth what is within you, it will heal you. And if you do not bring forth what is within you, it will destroy you." (from the *Gospel of St. Thomas*)



to be the story of everyone's life, these days.

Whether you are a Christian or not, the daily hassle of life in general will go on, but in St. Matthew's Gospel, we do have a promise of someone to lean on and help us.

(Mat 11:28 KJV) Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

(Mat 11:29 KJV) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

(Mat 11:30 KJV) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

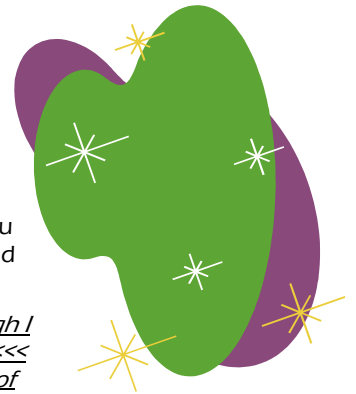
When we truly have Jesus in our lives, and yield totally to him, that doesn't do away with anything you may face or that comes against you.

I hope everyone had a good 4th of July. It is hard to believe that July has come and gone. 2004 is over halfway gone. You know what they say, "time flies when you're having fun". I would like to thank all of you for doing an outstanding job. I know the work environment that you guys are in is one of the toughest in this country. All of you have done a really good job for the most part with your logs, scales, and moving violations. However, there is always room for improvements. We must never lose sight of the big picture; it will swallow us up if we do. Please, always stay on

What it does do is give you another way to look at and to handle things.

(Psa 23:4 KJV) Yea, though I walk>>>> THROUGH <<<<< the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

All of us are familiar with this verse of the 23^d Psalm, but I want to call your attention to the fact here that the Psalmist isn't saying anything about going around or bypassing the valley, but he says he is walking THROUGH it. We will face a lot of trials and burdens just as much as the next man. Your fleet manager may be better than that one over at Company X, but he still assigns you the job of getting a load from Point A to Point B.



And you still have to drive that same old dreary highway with too far to go and too short of time to get there.

Let Jesus help you drive. The trip might even be fun.

God Bless and Let's Be Careful Out There,

Preacher

E Wayne Bookout

Sr. Vice President

The Pipeline

top of your game. Remember Safety First! Don't allow others to influence your decision-making abilities. Also, remember that we are only a phone call away.

I want to cover an issue that is in your employee handbook, work-related injuries. If you are hurt on the job, please follow these steps:

- 1) Contact your supervisor immediately
- 2) Follow up with the Safety department
- 3) Complete the form AR -N
- 4) Follow your supervisor's instruction

Do not falsify any documentation state facts only. No speculation! The Safety Department will investigate all work related-injuries. Falsification of claims will result in disciplinary action up to termination.

Hopefully no one will need to use the above info. I can't stress the importance of following the proper steps when relevant to a work related injury.

Until next month,

Chuck Pipes

Director of Safety & HR



Truck Driving Simulator

American Trucking Association announces its endorsement of J. J. Keller and Associates, Inc.'s SAFE-Sim™ Truck Driving Simulator, a revolutionary, PC-based driver-training simulator.

SAFE-Sim™ combines driver training and technology in a virtual training environment and provides affordable, customizable hands-on training designed to help reduce vehicle crashes in the real world.

Like flight simulators for pilots, SAFE-Sim puts drivers behind the wheel, allowing them to "drive" a tractor-trailer or straight truck through a virtual world of city streets, two-lane highways, interstates/freeways and mountain roads.

Drivers will experience a variety of high-risk or emergency situations, including aggressive motorists, vehicles running stop signs and lights, snow and ice, pedestrians running into the street, heavy fog and much more. SAFE-Sim provides a simulated environment with approximately 750 miles of roads based on U.S. geological survey maps, providing the most realistic roads and terrain possible.

The simulator's real-time, interactive driving environment enables drivers to sharpen specific driving skills including hazard perception, defensive driving, situational awareness, speed and space management, mirror use, cornering, backing, emergency maneuvers, skid control/recovery and crash avoidance.

SAFE-Sim's Trip Report feature tracks more than 25 driver actions/mistakes and allows the trainer to identify areas for improvement. If a driver is tail-gating, speeding, signaling improperly, rolling through stop signs, checking mirrors infrequently or braking too hard, SAFE-Sim tracks and reports these errors - and many more.

SAFE-Sim's Replay feature allows the trainer to replay part or all of a trip in order to observe the driver's actions and the truck's behavior from 12 different camera views.

"J.J. Keller worked hard to incorporate industry input into its final product. The result is a simulator that is practical, portable and affordable, thereby expanding the sphere of drivers who have access to a safety tool that reinforces good driving behaviors," said ATA Safety and Loss Prevention Management Council Executive Director Susan Chandler.

Keller's Product Development Manager Keith Keller said ATA's endorsement sends a positive message about SAFE-Sim and about Keller: "Our company is dedicated to providing high-quality products and services that support the safety and compliance needs of the transportation industry," Keller said. "ATA's endorsement of SAFE-Sim affirms our belief that this product can be uniquely beneficial to the companies we serve."

ATA and Keller see SAFE-Sim as an innovative way to train drivers.

"SAFE-Sim is on the cutting-edge of driver training," Keller said. "In the past, driver training was limited to classroom training and behind-the-wheel training. It was too dangerous and expensive to put drivers in high-risk situations in real trucks, on real roads, with other motorists. SAFE-Sim can provide that experience in a safe, virtual environment where drivers can learn the skills that could be necessary to prevent a crash and save their life or the life of another motorist."

A 30-day test drive of SAFE-Sim is available for just \$149. It comes fully operational, ready to be run on the buyer's computer. It includes a steering wheel, gas/brake pedals, software and an instructor's guide.

For more information regarding SAFE-Sim and system operating requirements, call (800) 327-6868 and reference Action Code 2016 or visit J.J. Keller's Web site.

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A Note from Maintenance

We have been going through some personnel changes here in the shop and we thank you for your patience during this time. Allow me to introduce myself as David Edwards, Mike's new assistant for those who I have not yet been able to speak with. We have a few maintenance tips that we

would like to share with you.

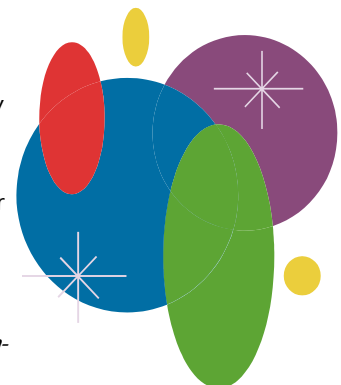
Please remember to keep tire pressure checked each day for low tire pressure, this will cause wear and tear on new and recap tires. Also, we need to keep our Mileage Service Records updated. If you have questions concerning service records, please feel free to contact Mike or

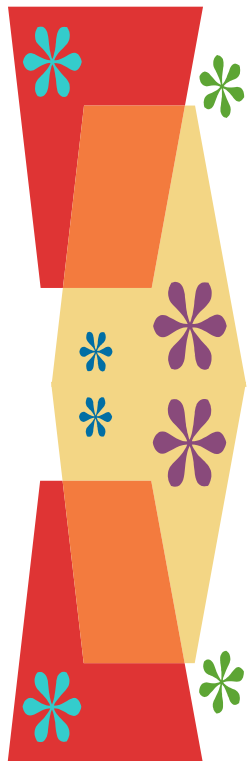
myself and we will be happy to assist you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Thanks,

Mike, Pat, David and Maintenance Department





Drivers Of The Month

Melvin Young

Melvin has been a part of the TLI team since 9/12/02 and is a part of Philip's fleet. He currently resides in Pottsville, AR.

Scott Crumb

Scott has been a part of the TLI team since 5/6/03 and is a part of Jack's fleet. He currently resides in Albuquerque, NM.

Roy Runyon

Roy has been a part of the TLI team since 8/4/00 and is a part of Mark's fleet. He currently resides in Hot Springs, AR.

Shelton & Wanda Daniels

Shelton & Wanda have been a part of the TLI team since 5/20/03 and are a part of Corey's fleet. They currently reside in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

Safety Essay "Trailers"

Having equipment safe for the road has been a big issue here lately. A lot of trailers have been due for inspections, and some are way over-due. Drivers are not checking them before they take off with them. We have done 4 or 5 in the month of July alone. There are a lot of trailers with holes that are not getting repaired, lights not in working order, mud flaps (ripped, missing, and/or with large holes in them), license plate lights out, door latches gone, tires either flat or 30-40 lbs of air in them, bolts missing out of dolly cranks, and covers missing on registration holders. Also, we don't get trailers that have been washed. The lights have to be cleaned before leaving, so that the lights can be visible. We have been getting trailers

where the door has not been latched at the top. This is just a few of the problems with our trailers at the docks. They still need to be fixed. Another real big problem is trailers that have been cranked up so much that we can't get them loose enough to get them off of the ground.

I know that fixing a lot of the stuff that's wrong with the trailers will take time away from driving, and some of the stuff doesn't pertain to safety, but it still needs to be done. Lights need to be working and visible, mud flaps need to be present, paper registration and Federal Inspections need to be valid, doors need to be closed, tires need to be good and full of air, hubs need to have oil in them, brakes

need to be in good working order and adjusted, air lines need to be all good—no leaks, license plates need to be seen, and dollies need to be in working order. I know that we are not allowed to repair some of these things ourselves, but we can try harder to have what we can repaired, in order to keep these trailers in safe working order. A lot of drivers can hurt their backs on the cranking of these dollies too. I can't express this safety matter enough!! Keeping our health good, our equipment up, company expenses down, Workman's Comp down, and DOT Inspections at 100% are all a part of safety!

Barbara Hale
8/1/04

"Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out."

– *Vaclav Havel*



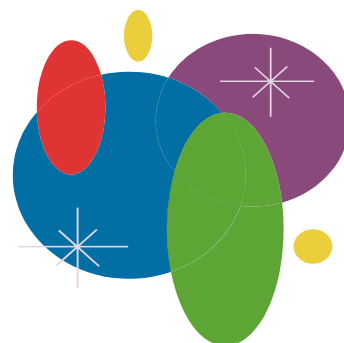


TLI Birthdays

Happy Birthday Goes To:

Michael Ayers (8/5)	Jess Robinson (8/19)
Nick Jenkins (8/5)	Larry Schilling (8/19)
Lee McPherson (8/5)	Mary Wilson (8/21)
Shari Linder (8/15)	Perry Sancic (8/22)
Theresa Hoelscher (8/17)	Liz Borge (8/23)
Marvin Moore (8/17)	Cynthia Davis (8/23)
James Rowland (8/18)	Jerry Kile (8/24)
	Michael Rogers (8/24)

Danny McCallister (8/25)
Spence Steadman (8/26)
Victoria Duncan (8/27)
Daniel Knake (8/29)
Scott Lapetina (8/29)
Richard Smith (8/31)



TLI Anniversaries

Kim Anderson—5 Years
Justin Derrick—5 Years
George Hurst—4 Years
Roy Runyon—4 Years
Bob Doggett—4 Years
David Newton—3 Years
Henny Newton—3 Years
Floyd Walker—3 Years
Karen Walker—3 Years
Pat Patton—2 Years

Joe Ritter—2 Years
Corey Bauer—1 Year
James Franklin—1 Year
Barbara Hale—1 Year
Mearl Hale—1 Year
David Jackson—1 Year
Zach Hardesty—1 Year
Mark Saxton—1 Year
Jason Brown—1 Year
Joe Williams—1 Year

Susan Williams—1 Year
Jason Basson—1 Year
Ron Perrin—1 Year
Laurindo Flowers—1 Year
James Gentry—1 Year
Lori Gentry—1 Year
Herbert Wilson—1 Year
Mary Wilson—1 Year
Tim Royal—1 Year

"Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."

— Helen Keller

Update from Permits



Hi everyone. It's hard to believe that August is upon us. Happy Birthday to all you August born. With over half the year gone I thought I would give you a check off list of the updated permits you should have in your book.

- California Hazmat 7-04
- Federal Hazardous Materials 6-04
- Insurance Card 3-04

New Mexico Alcoholic Beverage 6-04

Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage 6-04

Texas Alcoholic Beverage 4-04

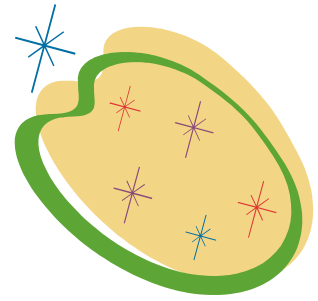
Here are a few things that have changed. New Mexico is not requiring a single state HAZMAT permit as of July 04. Maine does not require a permit for 53' travel as long as you stay on the marked

truck routes. Each of you should have a copy of New Hampshire and Rhode Island's routing guide for open to travel routes for 53' trailers. Reminder to our Owner Operator fleet, 2290's are due please fax me a copy @ 479-968-3373. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy month

Sue
Permits



AREA CODE CHALLENGE



Look over each set of numbers carefully, then finish filling in each state with it's area code. **HOW MANY STATES WILL YOU GET?!**

AL - 2__	IN - 3__7	NE - 4__2	SD - 6__5	205	402	603	817
AK - 9__7	IA - 5__	NV - 7__5	SC - __43	207	406	605	843
AZ - 6__	KS - 91__	NJ - __3__	TN - 9__	208	407	612	857
AR - ____1	KY - 50__	NH - 6__3	TX - 8__7	212	410	619	860
CA - __19	LA - __25	NM - __05	UT - 8__1	216	445	679	901
CO - __2__	ME - __07	NY - 2__2	VT - __02	225	501	701	907
CT - ____0	MD - __10	NC - 9__9	VA - __40	228	502	720	912
DE - 30__	MA - __57	ND - __01	WA - __64	302	503	732	913
FL - 4__7	MI - __79	OH - __16	WV - 3__4	304	505	775	918
GA - 9__2	MN - 6__2	OK - 91__	WI - 92__	307	515	801	919
HI - ____8	MS - 22__	OR - 5__3	WY - __17	312	540	802	920
ID - 2__8	MO - __16	PA - __45		317	564	808	
IL - __12	MT - 4__6	RI - 4__		401	602	816	

TICKETS, INSPECTIONS, & ACCIDENTS

As some of you are aware, Stacy will be taking calls on tickets, inspections, and accidents now.

If you are going to pay the fine yourself, please send us a copy of the ticket as soon as possible. If you want TLI to pay the fine & take payroll deductions for it, then please send us the signed original immediately. Make sure you also sign the back of the ticket if it is required. You should send ALL tickets and inspections, (copies or originals), in a Trip Pak envelope with "ATTN: STACY" written on the front. Remember, return time for these is usually 15 days from the date they were issued. So let's be prompt!

There are a few things that I have noticed lately. We have had an abundance of inspections that are not being called in. You should remember that, if you get a Level 1 or 3 inspection, with NO VIOLATIONS, you will be able to chose from a hat, a shirt, or a meal up to \$20, as long as you call it in. Do not wait more than 24 hours to call in your tickets & inspections. Accidents/incidents should be called in immediately.

Another thing that we need to work on is our speed. Be cautious of your surroundings, and be aware of your area. If you know that you are about to come into a speed zone, then slow down ahead of time.

There will usually be a patrol officer waiting in a speed zone, often where you can not see him. When you see the "Speed Zone Ahead" sign, slow down immediately! We want our SafeStat score to be the best!

Be safe!

HR/Safety

