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## Congradulation TLI Fleet



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This is the Award we received from Lowe's for 99.6% on time service. Outstanding Job to the whole team, give yourself a pat on the back for a great Job well done. Let's keep up the hard work, and keep honoring our commitments to all of our customers, with on time service and professional appearance and attitude. Accepting this award for TLI are Macey Raby, and Michael Barr.

Thanks

From all of us at TLI.

**Robert's Corner**

I want to thank everyone for doing such a great job on your fueling, it is one of the highest expenses in our business, and your help is greatly appreciated. We all have to work together to make our company successful. Everyone be careful on the snow and ice it is more important to arrive safely then not at all. Use your good judgement on this and take care of business. I would like to make special mention of these drivers for outstanding fuel mileage by increasing their fuel mileage by 7 tenth or better, Frank Spears, Anthony Clayton, Wendy Kurzym, Leonard Avila, Donna Dillon, Thank For the outstanding job, keep it up. Everyone keep up the good job on getting better fuel mileage, if you need help please ask your fleet manager or myself we will be more than happy to help you all we can. Everyone have a great month, and thanks for the outstanding job each of you do day in and day out, We all appreciate it. Thank You

*Robert Smith*

*Personnel Director*

**Outstanding Fuel Achievement**

<u>Truck</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>MPG</u>	<u>Was</u>
1. 4283	Clayton A.	5.7	5.0
2. 4327	Spears F.	7.2	6.0
3. 4329	Kurzym W.	6.9	4.7
4. 4330	Avila L.	6.1	5.4
5. 4397	Dillon \ Watkins	6.7	6.0

**Top Ten Fuel Mileage  
February 2003**

1. 4327 Frank Spears	7.2
2. 4287 Benny Morast	7.2
3. 4333 David Medcalf	7.0
4. 4351 James Smarr	6.9
5. 4329 Wendy Kurzym	6.9
6. 4397 Dillion \ Watkins	6.7
7. 4352 Haywood Stricklen	6.6
8. 4419 Clayton \ Burch	6.5
9. 4373 Max Trowbridge	6.4
10. 4328 Roy Runyon	6.4

**Fuel Tips February 2003**

1. Excessive speed is the largest single factor to poor fuel mileage.
2. Excessive idle has a tremendous effect on your fuel mileage, and shorten the life of the motor.
3. When you are not in your truck turn it off.
4. Use the cruise control as much as possible.
5. Progressive shifting 1100-1550 rpm is the maximum torque of a cat motor, shift in this range to improve your fuel mileage.
6. Use the Jake brake only when necessary.
7. Low air pressure in your tires will greatly reduce your fuel mileage, and the life of the tire, 100LB-air pressure. Do this every day in your inspection.
8. Service intervals must be done on schedule, 25,000 miles intervals; overdue services will greatly reduce your fuel mileage.
9. Wheel alignment, balancing is very important to obtain good fuel mileage.
10. Take the shortest route possible.

**Preacher's Column**

I was headed to a place this past week and scheduled to spend one night out. I had no more than I left the house and started getting one of those feelings about how, that something bad was going to happen. I started praying and rebuking it in Jesus's Name, but I just couldn't shake it, yet I still had to make the trip. I am sure that as powerful as the feeling was, I know the Lord impressed it on somebody else too. I made a routine call to my wife about 7am, when I reached the state line and I told her about it too. When I got about 50 miles from where I was going, it started changing "Don't Spend The Night". I made

my destination and appointment OK and it actually went very quick and smooth and I could see getting things done where I could be on the road by about 3pm. On a lunch break, I went by the Hotel and cancelled my reservations that night. The very moment I did, there was a feeling of Peace came over me that was indescribable. There was no doubt I had done the right thing.

I give the Holy Spirit praise for alerting me that there might be a problem, but more so for a safe passage. I do not know what the problem was or what may have arisen. I do not know who the Lord burdened to pray with me.

That is not important. What is important is that he did. I am grateful that I recognized that "Still Small Voice". In last month's column I made reference to His providing a way of escape in 1 Corinthians 10:13. I am grateful that he does, but only as a Christian, by his grace, does earthly fear and doubt get overcome by that "Still Small Voice".

Some think meekness and humility are old fashioned, and I know that temper is still a problem for many, myself included. I know that a lot of us are prone to worry and all of it's related problems. I preached a sermon a few weeks ago, telling the congregation that Elijah's pity parties would seem like amateur hour compared to some that I have had. We should

compare our Christian lives to a glass of water. If the glass is full of water, there is no room for anything else in it. If we are full of the Holy Spirit, there is no room for anything else, such as doubt and fear. That does not mean that those things will not be brought against us. It means we will have a way of escape from them.

Are you listening to that "Still Small Voice"???????

*Preacher* I'm going to put a short P.S. here along the same line as the column, Pray for our company, and all those who make it up, that there may be guidance, strength, and peace for each and every one of us

*E. Wayne Bookout  
Sr. Vice President*

**Years-of-Service  
Anniversaries**

March

Nine-Years		One-Year	
Douglas Bradshaw	3/16/94	Dawn Moyer	3/05/02
Six-Years		Kevin Yost	3/05/02
Anthony Deering	3/04/97	Gary McClain	3/12/02
Three-Years		Brian Molloy	3/06/02
Ronnie Warren	3/07/00	Kay Strauss	3/20/02
Tracy Lamb	3/18/00	Michael Strauss	3/20/02
Two-Years		Kristi Ferrell	3/21/02
Frank Michaud	3/06/01	Sarah Speaks	3/23/02
Jose Marcus	3/20/01	Max Watters	3/26/02
Tracy Harris	3/22/01	Douglas Scarberry	3/27/02

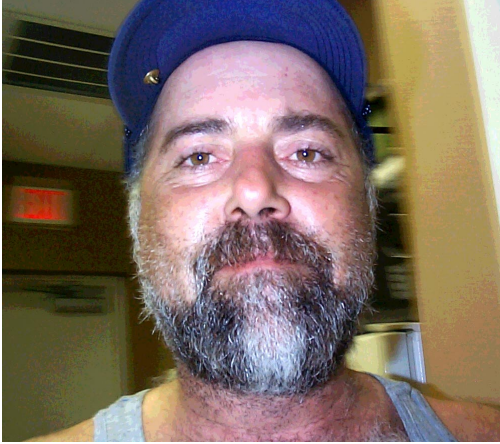
**New Hires**

**Look who came to TLI**

Jan 15-Feb 15

Terry Bishop	Hale Miles
Willie Bishop	William Watkins
Calvin Elkins	Henage Magill
Wanda Elkins	Don Hanson
Ronald Dunston	Noel Anderson
Harold Smith	Kathi Anderson
George Stokes	Charles Crawford
Keith Watson	Sandra Crawford
Robert Wolfe	

**Driver of the Month- January**



Max Trowbridge he has been with TLI since 7/02/01. He resides in Russellville AR and has a teenage daughter.

**No Picture**

**Max Trowbridge**

*For Pat Heaton*

**Melvin Young**

*Tim Rider*

**Greg Racicky**

*For Tom Hanks*

**Fred Davis & Patricia Manning**

*For Randy Looper*

Melvin Young has been with TLI since 8/27/02. He resides in Pottsville AR with his wife and kids.



Fred Davis has been with TLI since 6/4/01 and Patricia Manning since 1/24/01. They resided in Tucson Arizona.

**No Picture**

Greg Racicky has been with TLI since 9/28/01. He resides in Keithville LA with his wife

**Randy's Reminders**

Hello Fleet, Just a few reminders to pass along. Communication is the key to success in this business, from both driver and dispatcher. Lets keep the communication lines wide open, let us know what is going on and we will work to our best capabilities to solve any problems you may have. I would like to also point out, out of the network fueling is going to be a focus for us this month. Fuel prices are sky rocketing. It is imperative that all you out there on the road read the weekly fuel update sent out every week. We can survive this but we need your help. Please fuel in network. Flying J's are our primary stops. If you must use any other fueling places, please get authorization from your fleet manager. Last but not least, safety is number one, please drive defensive out there, good luck and God Bless Randy

## The Pipeline

Hey guys its hard to believe its almost March. The topic that I had planned to write about fell short of happening. I just got busy and time ran out. So I thought I would ask for your help. You see we are still having too many accidents \ incidents. For the most part these are minor but they still cost all of us. For every time we have to repair a bumper or mirror or fender it takes

away from the direct bottom line of the company. And that affects all of us one way or another. As you're all aware the price of fuel is sky rocketing and a lot of companies will be closing their doors. We have to operate smarter and wiser if we are going to stay in business for the long haul. It will require all of us to give that extra effort and pay more attention as to

what we are doing. Also we are having a lot more personal injuries than in the past. Please be careful out there and watch what you are doing. Remember, always put safety first. Then everything else will fall in place. Until we meet again, God Bless and take care.

*Chuck Pipes*

## LOGS, LOGS, LOGS

I want to thank all of you for doing better on your logs. Please continue double-checking your logs to be sure everything is filled out and correct (especially the date) before you send them in.

We have a new feature on our log system that allows us to check your fuel stops. This is done by record of when you use your EFS card, which means that it also

records money withdrawals and oil purchases. When filling out your logs please remember that ANY time you use your EFS card you are on-duty not driving and it DOES have to be logged. If you have any questions about how to log these transactions, please call safety and we will be happy to answer them.

We have reduced our safestat score to 71.2 and that is good, but we need to keep it up. The lower we can get this the better. Our goal is for a 50.0 rating so that the DOT and officers will leave us alone on the road. The only way to achieve this end is to reduce moving violations and Logs oops. Keep up the good work.

As you can tell, winter is still with us please take care and drive safely. Do not run on ice but let someone know. Communicate by Qualcom so everyone is on the same page.

*Thanks for all your hard work.  
Will (Blue Devil)*

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### Maintenance,

We thank everyone for trying to keep the cost of maintenance as low as possible while still maintaining equipment. As you know, truck shops are getting less business now that companies are doing their own maintenance or going out of business. If we go into a shop more than what is really necessary, these shops will try to get more work out of us to keep their doors open. I ask each and every one of us to be more conscious of our equipment while it is in an outside shop so that we won't be taken advantage of. Again, I want to thank all for your diligence in maintaining the equipment. We couldn't do it without your cooperation and help.

*Thank You*

*Les Weaver*

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## Recruiting News:

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Hey Folks! It's a new year and time to get pumped up and get busy recruiting for some more good quality drivers to join our team. Don't forget it's extra pocket change to put in your pocket if your recruit gets hired. And in case some of you don't know when you talk with

people out there they have to have at least 2 years OTR before they are eligible here. That means, when it comes to teams the 2<sup>nd</sup> seat has to have 2 years also. Remember, these recruits will be part of your team so get out there and find some good team players.

Thanks again for all of your help out there, it is very well appreciated, especially by me.

*Sincerely,  
Martie McLeland  
Personnel-Recruiting*



### TLI Spotlight

Let me tell you a little bit about TLI'S Fleet Manager Randy Looper. He has been with our company for 3 years now.

Randy lives in Russellville with his wife Julie whom he has been married to for 10 years. Randy also has two daughters named Taylor who is 9 and Abbie who is 3. Randy and his family enjoy camping and fishing.

### Invest in your Future- TLI's 401K

Over the next 8-10weeks, our 401K plan representative, Mrs. Vikki Johnson, will be conducting educational and enrollment sessions at our Russellville office at least 3 time a week. Each TLI employee hired before January 1, 2003 is immediately eligible to participate in the plan. There is an informational packet designed exclusively for each employee available in Russellville. If you are interested in finding out more about the401K plan or are ready to enroll now, Please make an attempt to come through Russellville so you can get involved with the benefits of our company-sponsored retirement program.

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