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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Your Association owes a huge debt of gratitude to the Board members who took time from their busy schedules to attend the Winter Board meeting in Pierre in the middle of February. There were many issues/questions to address to maintain the excellent Association that we all enjoy. Be assured that you were well represented and I thank the Executive Board and Board members for their excellent expertise in this industry and their input. During the Board meeting, the SD Motor Vehicle Division personnel addressed our concerns about a speedy turnaround of drivers' licensing needs. I appreciate the attendance of Darrin Gerry, Monica Weischedel and Rosa Yaeger and their explanations to help us all in that regard. If you need more info concerning their explanations, as well as any details of our Board Meetings, please contact me at 605-310-5553.

Following the exhaustive meetings, we all attended the Legislative Reception and Ice Cream Sundae Social. That also was well-attended and many friendships were renewed with our SD State Legislators. We cannot underestimate the importance of meeting face-to-face with our elected officials, especially at a social gathering where all attendees received a SDTA teddy bear as a token of our appreciation for their attendance.

During the reception, our esteemed leader, Myron Rau, was lauded by many for his 20+ years of leading our Association. Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden read a Proclamation from Governor Noem, proclaiming February 14, 2022, as Myron Rau Day in South Dakota. Congressman Dusty Johnson spoke also, extolling Myron's work on our behalf all these years. Past Board President, Robert Christian and current Board Member Ryan Viessman presented Myron with a small SDTA emblazoned semi truck as a token of our esteem. Many others spoke of their gratitude for Myron's work as well. My thanks to our new President, Christine Erickson and to SDTA Executive Assistant, Michelle Wells for making sure that all the above happened smoothly.

Until next month, stay between the ditches, hope for much-needed moisture and thank you for all that you do to keep our country supplied.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Ollerich".

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Christine's Corner

As the week comes to an end, I can't help but to look back at our Winter Board meeting held in Pierre, along with our Legislative Social which we coupled with a retirement celebration for Myron. Nearly 21 years of service to the associations is a huge accomplishment. Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden read a commemoration as well as presenting Myron with a Challenge Coin. Stories were shared from board members and ended with Congressman Dusty Johnson sharing a story and sending well wishes to retirement. Can you believe Anita (Myron's wife) use to teach Dusty as a young boy? Thank you to all who were able to attend...the bears were a big hit amongst the Legislators.

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We have also planned an open house on March 18th from 2-4 pm in our Sioux Falls office for Myron for those who weren't able to attend in Pierre.

I recently testified on a bill in Pierre that would help grow the diesel mechanic program at Mitchell Technical College. The question was posed as what is industry doing to contribute. Thanks to you all the SDTA Scholarship program was started many years ago. I was able to highlight that we do help contribute to the

education and workforce here in South Dakota. Again in 2022 we will be providing seven \$1,000 scholarships. Applications are available online at: www.southdakotatrucking.com. Applications are due by April 30, 2022 to be considered for the scholarship.

As we continue to prepare for the retirement of Myron I am thankful for your continued patience as I learn the industry and get to meet you all. Do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

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Christine Erickson, President
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Jason Buechler
Professional Truck Driver

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Jason has been a professional truck driver for the past 21 years, with the last 4 years logged for Warren Transport. He has 2.15 million accident-free miles in his career.

Jason is extremely dependable and always willing to go above and beyond for the company, customer and co-workers. Anytime an unexpected load comes up, Jason can be counted on to help. He is also very versatile in his duties. As routes change and customers required alternate locations, he is open-minded to change. While operations are always busy, Jason does not turn a blind eye to safety. He is always engaged in our safety culture; this includes site specific hazard identification and customer specific information. If he sees a potential obstacle, he is the first one to open the discussion to help others avoid the situation.

Jason stands out and is definitely a “go to guy” for Warren Transport. His open communication is reflected with his customer service as well as his ability to prioritize and promote safety. Recently, Jason volunteered his time on a Saturday to help the safety department film a new hire orientation pre-trip inspection video. The multiple short clips were put together in a video that all new drivers view. This visual training tool has proven to be much more effective than reading items from a manual. His professionalism and commitment were clearly the star of the show! He is greatly appreciated and his dedication is reflected in his willingness to help others succeed.

Jason and his wife Melissa Ann are the proud parents of Dylan, age 18. They reside in Rapid City, SD.

The South Dakota Trucking Association joins the Safety Management Council in congratulating Jason Buechler for being selected as the February 2022 Driver of the Month.

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Three states are combining forces for a powerful mission: A Safer Industry! This year, trucking leaders will gather in South Sioux City for the 2022 Tri-State Safety Summit presented by the Iowa Motor Truck Association, the Nebraska Trucking Association and South Dakota Trucking Association. The event will attract safety managers, fleet owners, maintenance managers and other key leaders from all over the Midwest. Keynote and breakout speakers will cover safety culture, mental health, carrier enforcement, litigation strategies and more. Exhibitors will bring the latest in trucking technology, services and equipment.

Fun, food and entertainment! Expect fine food from the Marriott Conference Center and a beautiful riverside view to boot. Thursday night, April 7, we'll have a reception, dinner and entertainment. We also hope to help Truckers Final Mile, an organization that reunites truck drivers and their family in times of crisis with travel, lodging and transportation.

High-class accommodations at Marriott Riverfront in South Sioux City. Tri-State Safety Summit guests will get to retreat, recharge and refocus at the South Sioux City Marriott Riverfront with expansive river views; beautiful rooms; amazing food from the famous Kahill's Chophouse and Bar; and a great location right across the river from the Hard Rock in Sioux City.

It's time to re-balance the scales of justice with tactical training in litigation defense. As an add-on workshop to the Safety Summit, the NTA will bring Dr. Bill Kanasky to cover the Mongoose Method which seeks to acknowledge jurors' instinctive and emotional responses to gain better results. Kanasky, senior vice president of Courtroom Sciences Inc., will give you, and your team, tools to combat the "Reptile Theory" which plaintiffs' attorneys have used to punish the industry for years. This pre-litigation training will help to identify legal trends and traps to avoid when faced with a lawsuit.

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SDTA BILL TRACKING FOR 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

***Bills that reached final disposition

For further and more detailed information about any of these Bills or other Bills, go to the website:
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HOUSE BILLS

*****Bill #: 1003** - Title: Update references to certain federal motor carrier regulations.

SDTA Position: Support

Bill Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Floor, Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Floor, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

Bill #: 1008 - Title: Provide a cause of action for certain employees that are required to receive a vaccination as a condition of employment and to declare an emergency.

SDTA Position: Oppose

Bill #: 1031 - Title: Make an appropriation to the Board of Technical Education to construct an advanced manufacturing laboratory space and classrooms on the campus of Lake Area Technical College and to declare an emergency.

SDTA Position: Support

Bill Status: Passed House Appropriations Committee

Bill #: 1032 - Title: Make an appropriation to the Board of Technical Education to construct an agriculture and diesel power laboratory and multi-purpose space on the campus of Mitchell Technical College and to declare an emergency.

SDTA Position: Support

Bill Status: Passed House Appropriations Committee

*****Bill #: 1042** - Title: Provide for permanent daylight savings time when permissible under federal law.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Killed in House Commerce and Energy Committee

Bill #: 1082 - Title: Revise the motor vehicle excise tax on vehicles leased for more than twenty-eight days to include certain off-road vehicles.

SDTA Position: Support

Bill Status: Passed House Taxation Committee, Passed House Floor

Bill #: 1084 - Title: Provide for the regulation of motorized foot scooters.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Passed House Local Government Committee, Passed House Floor

*****Bill #: 1093** - Title: Increase the annual fee for certain electric motor vehicles.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Killed in House Commerce and Energy Committee

*****Bill #: 1116** - Title: Modify the date for the state's presidential primary elections.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Killed in House State Affairs Committee

Bill #: 1231 - Title: Revise the penalty for driving without a license.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill #: 1256 - Title: Establish employees' exemptions from employer-imposed COVID-19 vaccine requirements.

SDTA Position: Watch

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UNDER THE DOME

HOUSE BILLS CONTINUED...

Bill #: 1258 - Title: Prohibit obtaining an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status without the consent of the individual.
SDTA Position: Watch

Bill #: 1262 - Title: Prohibit discrimination based on a person's vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport and to declare an emergency.
SDTA Position: Watch

SENATE BILLS

Bill #: 17 - Title: Revise provisions regarding cost reimbursement associated with medical cannabis.
SDTA Position: Support
Bill Status: Passed Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Passed Senate Floor


*****Bill #: 28** - Title: Disqualify for life any person from driving a commercial vehicle who is convicted of a felony offense involving human trafficking.
SDTA Position: Support
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Floor, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Floor, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

*****Bill #: 70** - Title: Modify the amount of time to report an injury for workers' compensation.
SDTA Position: Oppose
Bill Status: Killed in Senate Commerce and Energy Committee

*****Bill #: 74** - Title: Revise provisions regarding out-of-service motor carrier violations.
SDTA Position: Support
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Floor, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Floor, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

Bill #: 166 - Title: Reduce the rate of gross receipts tax on certain food.
SDTA Position: Watch

Bill #: 191 - Title: Revise certain provisions regarding motor vehicle license plates.
SDTA Position: Watch



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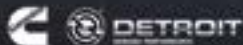
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Special Thanks

to Darrin Gerry, Revenue Supervisor (pictured above), Monica Weischedel, Deputy Director Policy & Procedures, Lori Coberg, Dealer Program / Fraud Unit Supervisor and Rosa Yaeger, Director of Motor Vehicle Division (pictured below) for taking the time out of their busy schedules to talk to the Board of Directors.



Thank you to all who attended!

We appreciate our members!



CONDOLENCES

Professional truck driver William John Lex, a longtime driver for Walmart Transportation and an America's Road Team Captain for American Trucking Associations, died Jan. 10 after a bout with colon cancer. He was 56.

SDTA Road Team Captains Jeremy Senger, Mike Whitehead, Jeff Eschen and Gary Schmidt donated \$100 to the South Dakota Trucking Foundation in honor of Mr. Lex.

The Foundation is where the money comes from in order to distribute \$7,000 annually in scholarships to immediate family of SDTA members.



How Can Mobile Wheel Align

Tire Wear Issues for Line Haul Operation in 2020

- > Tires on **7 out of 10** vehicles on the road show symptoms of misalignment.
- > **50% of the irregular wear on steer tires** comes from alignment
- > **70% of the irregular wear on steer** tires is from drive axle misalignment and some of that is in combination with improper front end alignment

Steer Tire Common Issues

- > **Feathered wear** indicates the tire is dragging sideways. If there is feathered wear on one or both steer tires, alignment needs to be addressed.

If no feathered wear is present, and 50% of steer tires and 90% of drive and trailer tires do not show signs of feathered wear, then other issues need to be checked.



- > **Inflation is often an issue.**

With “Low Rolling Resistance” or “Fuel Efficient” tires, inflation has become a major issue. Under inflation manifests as center rib wear, but the exact pattern varies with brand due to the changes in casing design.



- > **Irregular wear** Significant problems on some models of trucks with accelerated or irregular wear on the outside shoulder of the right front tire.

2000 Volvo Vn units spreading to the Freightliner Cascadia trucks have significant problems with accelerated and irregular wear on the outside shoulder of the right front tire. It is the result of changing the steering axles to obtain a tighter turning radius. This extreme sharp angle of turn caused the steering linkage to lose control of the right front tire in a right turn allowing the tire to squirm. This results in the patterns shown in the images.



Drive and Trailer Tires

- > The dominate problem pattern is in

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Tires Wear



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Outside Wear



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On the third Tuesday of every month, the SDTA Safety Management Council meets at the Ramkota Hotel Restaurant (3200 W Maple, Sioux Falls), at 11:30 a.m. This is a group of professional men and women who collectively discuss safety issues affecting the trucking industry.

For those who are unable to get to Sioux Falls for the meeting, we have the option to join in via Zoom. You will definitely get a lot of safety-related information by joining in on the meetings. Below is the registration form for all who are interested.

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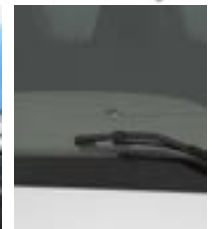


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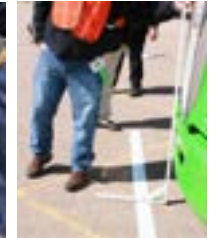


Following the walk through, half of the participants will start with a 6-Problem Driving Course and the other half will start with a Pre-Trip Inspection. Once all drivers finish the first portion of their testing they switch spots to complete the competition.

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SIoux FALLS, SD (KELO) — The nation's high beams are shining brightly upon a Sioux Falls trucking company. A national trade association has named K&J Trucking as one of the top 20 fleets in the country to work for. This prestigious honor could help the company put more drivers on the road at a time when hauling products is so crucial to the economy.

Justin Halverson has been a driver for K&J Trucking for the past five years.

"I enjoy the freedom," Halverson said.

That freedom of the open road carries with it an enormous shipment of pride, now that the Truckload Carriers Association has named K&J among the top 20 fleets in the nation.

"It makes you swell with pride to know that I'm part of something that is so good," Halverson said.

Drivers nominated more than 200 trucking companies that are judged on a wide range of workplace categories in order to reach the top-20.

"The type of product that we haul, how we pay, what kind of benefits we offer, what kind of support and business management we give," K&J Trucking President & CEO Shelley Koch said.

K&J sees this top-20 designation as a way to recruit more workers in an industry, like so many others, that have had a tough time filling job openings.

"I feel like if there's a driver, or an owner-operator, that maybe isn't a good fit at their current place of employment, or the current company that they're leased to, that they're going to see that K&J is a place that cares, maybe more about that driver and that operator, maybe more than just the run-of-the-mill place," Koch said.

K&J is a family-owned business that's now in its 43rd year of operation. Drivers say that family environment is what puts the company far ahead of the competition.

"It's truly family-oriented and I've never had a problem going home when I want to go home," Halverson said.

"We pray for our drivers, we care about our drivers, and I think they feel it," Koch said.

K&J will pick-up their award at a national convention next month in Las Vegas.

You can see a [full list of all top-20 trucking companies](#), including ones from Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.



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- SDTA Call on Washington - 2022 (specific date in July TBD)
- Spring/Summer Board of Directors Meeting and the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event at the AmericInn, Chamberlain. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022 followed by a full board meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. on the same day. The fishing Calcutta will be held after a social and hosted dinner. The Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022.
- South Dakota Truck Driving Championships, Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2022.
- Wheel Jam, State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD - June 2-5, 2022
- SDTA West River Poker Run June 25, 2022
- SDTA West River Golf outing June 26, 2022 Tomahawk Golf Course
- East River Golf Event - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at the Brandon Golf Course.
- Annual SDTA Convention - Deadwood Mountain Grand September 14-16, 2022
- Annual guided pheasant hunt Thursday, November 10, 2022 - Meet @ Hutch's Cafe in Presho 9:00 a.m.
- SDTA Fall Board of Directors Meeting - Executive Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. with the full board to convene at 10:00 a.m. all at RedRossa, Pierre, SD on Friday, November 11, 2022.
- West River Legislative Reception - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Minerva's in Rapid City - Monday, November 29, 2022.
- East River Legislative Reception (NextGen Group meeting at 4:30) - Minerva's in Sioux Falls Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Winter Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Pierre. Followed by the Winter Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30 p.m. The Winter Reception with Legislators will follow at 6:00 p.m. All events of the day are scheduled at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre.



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- **Guide: Navigating cold and flu season at work (pitch kit)** Use this comprehensive pitch kit to find all the tools, resources and insights necessary to educate and help prevent the cold and flu season from wreaking havoc on your workplace.

- **Be the ultimate cold- and flu-fighter** Distribute or print this checklist around common areas within your workplace to educate your employees on the difference between a cold and the flu, what they can do to start feeling better, indicators of when they should go to the doctor, and resources available to them to find care faster.
- **5 keys to help you remain flu-free** Need some educational eye candy around the water cooler? This poster can be used between October and March to remind your employees of five ways they can be cold and flu-free.

Quick update on the upcoming flu season and COVID-19

To prepare for both flu season and COVID-19, we've rounded up some of your most pressing questions.

- **Will a flu shot help protect employees from COVID-19?** Getting a flu vaccination will not protect your employees against COVID-19, however flu vaccinations are still important for your employees to receive since they are shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization and death.
- **Know the difference between the flu and COVID-19.** The world as we once knew it has changed since the COVID-19 pandemic. Both COVID-19 and the flu can

have similar symptoms, but it's important to know that they are caused by different viruses. Both illnesses can cause fever, cough, body aches and fatigue — with COVID-19 being new and continually evolving by the day, we are learning more as days, weeks and months go by it can be difficult to decipher between symptoms. Both illnesses can be spread easily through air droplets when people cough, sneeze or talk. It's incredibly important your employees know the difference between COVID-19 and the flu to ensure they don't misdiagnose, and know when it's time to seek care.

Want more? We're here to help

Education doesn't stop. Arm you and your employees with the information and resources necessary to keep impacts low during cold and flu season. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to download free images and infographics, link to microsites, watch or listen to videos and podcasts and download various toolkits.

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DRIVER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM & RULES

Date _____ Jacket Size _____
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Children & Ages _____
Name of Carrier _____
Home Terminal Address (in full) _____
Phone Number _____
Years Employed by Present Employer _____ Total Years of Experience _____
Type of Equipment Operated: Truck Tractor-Semitrailer Doubles Other
Type of Driving: Over the Road City Other
Total Mileage _____ Mileage with Present Employer _____
of Accidents: _____ Chargeable Dates: _____
 _____ Non-Chargeable Dates: _____
Has your driver ever been selected as a Driver of the Month or Driver of the Year in South Dakota or any other state? Yes No If yes, when? _____
Participation in truck driving championships or other transportation related activities: _____

Basis of Nomination: _____

With this entry, company agrees to send their driver, if selected as Driver of the Month, to the South Dakota Trucking Association Annual Convention where the driver will participate in a personal interview. Drivers not being interviewed will not be eligible for the Driver of the Year honors. Interview times will be scheduled Friday afternoon during the convention.

With this entry, the company agrees to submit Driver of the Year Entry Form for National Competition if your driver is selected as the South Dakota Driver of the Year.

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

RULES:

Driver may be nominated for Driver of the Month for any outstanding act of heroism, a contribution to highway safety, an extraordinary act of courtesy, an exceptional deed or act of service to mankind within the community reflecting positively on the motor carrier industry, or for a long period of safe and courteous driving. An outstanding act shall be deemed to mean unusual or other than the normal every day courtesies afforded by truck drivers.

Eligibility:

1. *The nominated driver must be an employee of a member in good standing of the South Dakota Trucking Association.*
2. *The nominated driver must have been an employee by the present employer for at least two years and have a minimum of five years overall experience.*
3. *South Dakota domiciled* drivers are eligible for nomination for an outstanding act performed in any state. * The intent of the word "domiciled" shall be interpreted to mean: Any driver reporting to or regularly dispatched from a terminal within the state of SD (in keeping with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations definition of his/her home terminal) regardless of where the driver may dwell.*
4. *A driver may receive the Driver of the Month award only one time in any contest year. He/she may be renominated in any subsequent year.*
5. *Nominations for outstanding acts on the highway shall be accompanied by supporting evidence (letters, statements, news clippings, etc.). A clear, factual account is absolutely necessary. Vague generalizations will not be accepted.*
6. *A copy of recent driver motor vehicle record check must accompany the nomination.*
7. *Drivers nominated and not selected as Driver of the Month will be held over and used in the following month's selection.*
8. *Entries must be in the SDTA office no later than the 10th of each month for that current month's contest.*
9. *Nominations may be made by any party, but must be approved by the employer or a representative of the employer.*
10. *The annual contest will run from September of the previous year through August of the current year.*
11. *Company agrees to submit a professional head and shoulders photo of the winning driver.*

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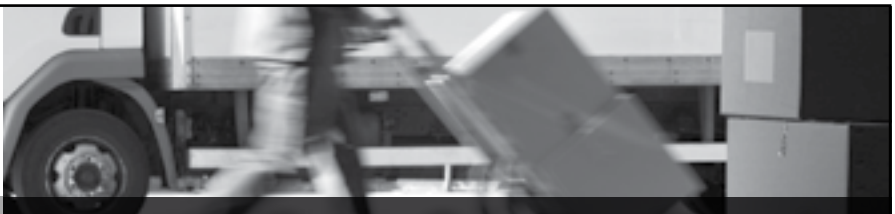
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