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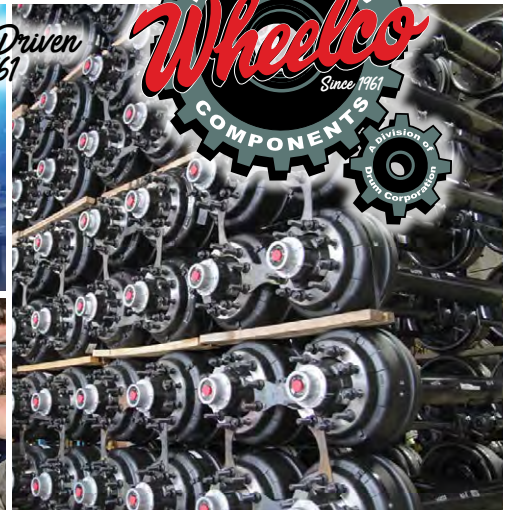
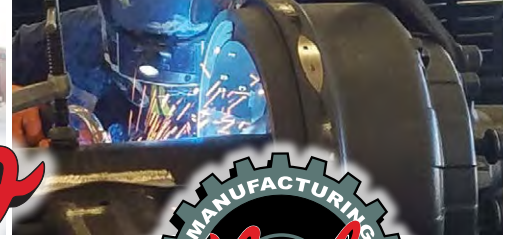


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South Dakota’s Driver of the Year,  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE **Chairman**

Good day, ladies and gentlemen. I just returned from the convention, and as usual, the staff did a fantastic job of putting on a great convention. From informative speakers to fantastic food, the 88th Annual Convention was a success. I would like to take this time to congratulate the Safety Director of the Year, Tim Miller, and the Driver of the Year, William Paul. I chose Brad and Shelley Schipper to receive this year's Chairman's Award. There are a lot of people who do a lot for the organization, so the decision was difficult, but in the end, I felt they really have done a lot in support of SDTA over the years and continue to do so. I would also like to thank the vendors and sponsors. Without them, we could not do what we do.

On Tuesday, September 12th, I had the privilege of attending a press conference with Secretary of Transportation Buttigieg. It is not very often that you have the chance to have a conversation with somebody who has the ability to make changes. I was honored to represent this industry and try to bring forth our views and concerns. I would like to thank Cindy Gerber from F.M.C.S.A. for making it happen.



Our next event is our annual pheasant hunt on November 9th, followed by our fall board meeting at the AmericInn in Pierre on November 10th. If you would like more information, please contact the SDTA office at 605-334-8871. I would encourage everyone to attend the board meeting.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Wreaths Across America project. It is a very worthy cause.

Safe travels,

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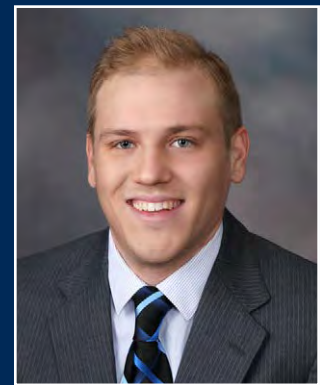
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MESSAGE FROM THE  
**President**

**Christine's Corner**

September tends to be an extremely busy month. Our convention held in Sioux Falls was well attended and engaged members.

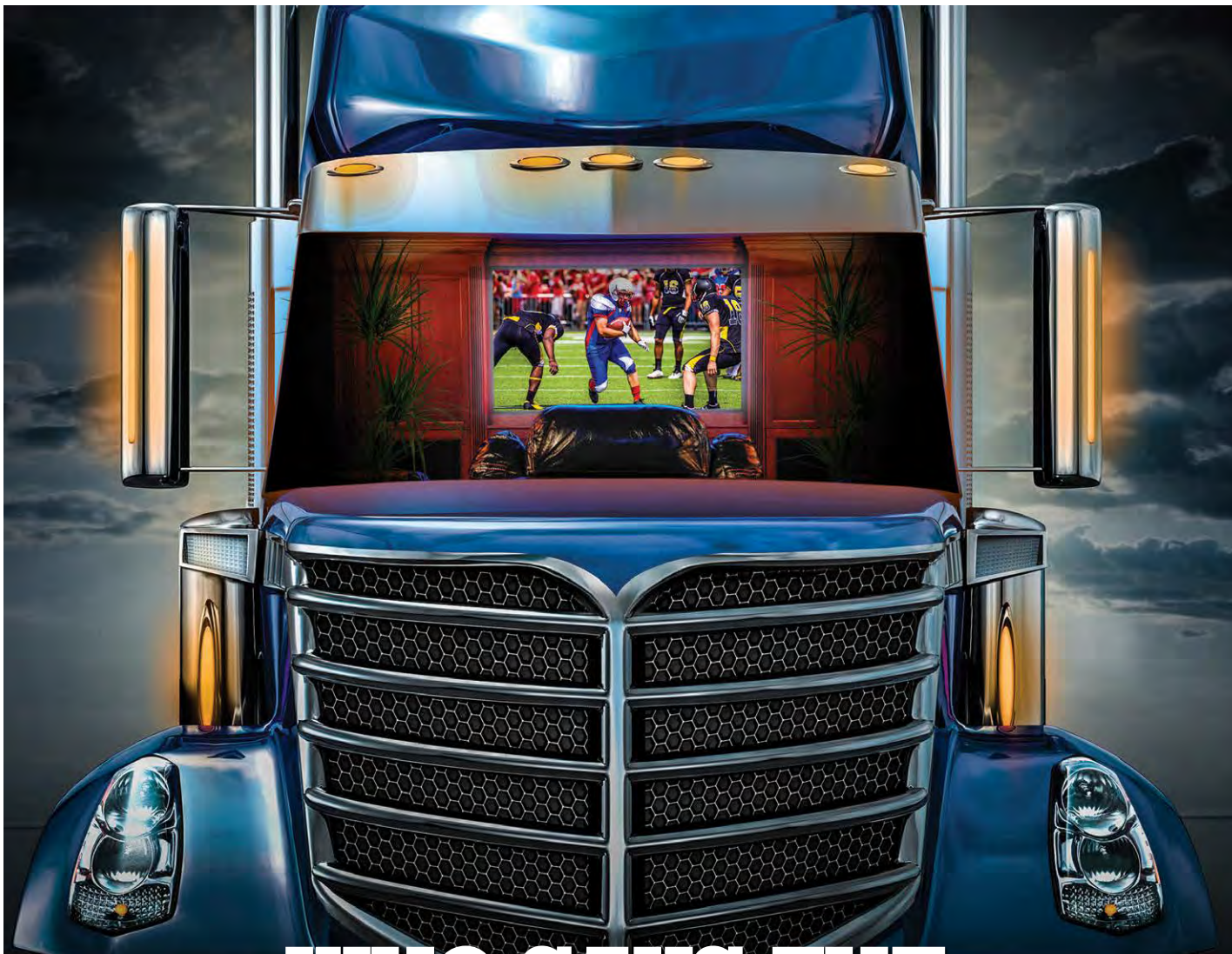
We packed it with fun, fellowship, and education opportunities while rounding out the convention, celebrating safety, service, and driver of the year. It's truly my favorite time of the year, sitting down and talking to each and every one of you.

Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg recently visited the eastern part of the state. Members of SDTA were in attendance and shared many of the concerns we have with truck parking, infrastructure, and the over-reaching regulations brought forward by the federal government. While we don't see eye-to-eye often, it's important to still maintain a relationship to be able to share what impacts the trucking industry.

In early September, I surpassed my 2-year work anniversary. I have taken some time to truly reflect on the past two years. I am a firm believer that you have to know where you have been to know where you are going. The association's past experiences and history have allowed me to reflect on our plans for the future. These valuable insights will allow us to learn from the past, set goals, modernize, and streamline processes while working for you, our members. We have seen so much change. I'm not going to say I won't make mistakes, but I will learn from these decisions to improve, enact change, and grow the association. Thank you for allowing me to run your association along side you all to ensure the trucking industry is protected and successful for generations to come.

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Theron was a rookie participant at the 2023 SD Truck Driving Championships, taking 2nd place in his class.

Theron and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Chester, SD.

The South Dakota Trucking Association joins the Safety Management Council in congratulating Theron Thompson for being selected as the September 2023 Driver of the Month.

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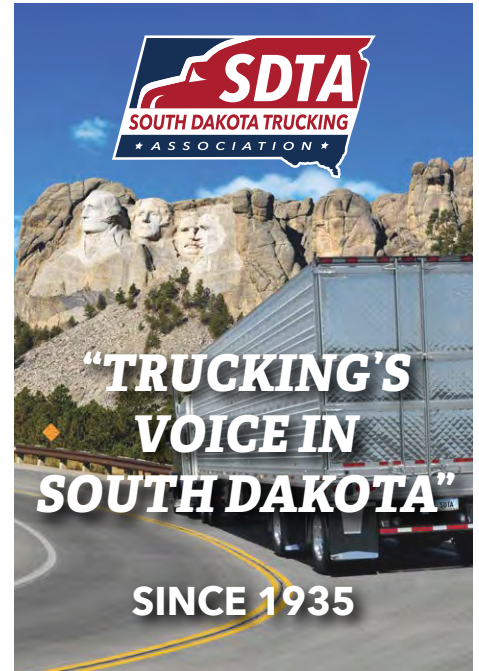
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SDTA Annual Pheasant Hunt  
8:00 a.m.  
Meet at Hutch's Cafe  
Presho, SD

## NOVEMBER 10, 2023

SDTA Fall Executive Committee Meeting  
8:00 a.m.  
AmericInn  
Fort Pierre, SD

## NOVEMBER 10, 2023

SDTA Fall Board of Directors Meeting  
10:00 a.m.  
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## DECEMBER 6, 2023

West River Legislative Reception  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Minervas, Lincoln Room  
Rapid City, SD

## DECEMBER 12, 2023

NextGen Reception  
4:30 p.m.  
East River Legislative Reception  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Minervas  
Sioux Falls, SD

## FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Annual Legislative Reception  
and Sundae Bar  
6:00 p.m.  
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
Pierre, SD

## FEBRUARY 13, 2024

SDTA Winter Executive  
Committee Meeting  
10:00 a.m.  
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
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## FEBRUARY 13, 2024

SDTA Winter Board of Directors Meeting  
12:30 p.m.  
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## MAY 9, 2024

SDTA Spring/Summer Executive  
Committee Meeting  
10:00 a.m.  
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## MAY 9, 2024

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1:00 p.m.  
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## MAY 9, 2024

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the Annual Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event  
6:00 p.m.  
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## MAY 10, 2024


Annual Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event  
7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
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## SD SENDS NINE CHAMPIONS TO COLUMBUS

On August 15th, nine South Dakota champions made their way to Columbus, Ohio, to compete in the 2023 National Truck Driving Championships. They were greeted by 406 champion drivers from each of the 50 states, all eager to compete for the National Championship title in their respective classes.

The competition started on August 16th with driver orientation, followed by a 40-question written exam. Each question is worth 2 points.



### South Dakota Representatives (left to right:)

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Teri Spencer, A&A Express (Step Van)  
Seth Sigafoos, FedEx Freight, Inc. (5-Axle Van)  
Michelle Wells, SDTA (Volunteer)  
Joel Gruis, FedEx Freight, Inc. (Flatbed)  
Jeremy Senger, FedEx Freight, Inc. (4-Axle)  
Troy Swenson, FedEx Freight, Inc. (Straight Truck)  
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The nine classes are split into two groups, one of which competes on day two and the other on day three. Each group will then perform a timed pre-trip inspection, which is worth 100 points. This is the day they also drive a 6-problem skills course, which is worth 300 points.



The top five driver scores from each class of competition are then announced on the morning of day four. Those five from each class then do a drive-off where a new course is setup for them to drive. The top three winners are then announced at the awards banquet that evening.

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# ATA Touts USDOT Truck Parking Investments

Industry Stakeholders Gather for South Dakota Funding Announcement



ATA President Chris Spear (left), Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg (middle) and ATA Chairman Dan Van Alstine (right) are joined by drivers (from left) Dean Key, Tina Klein, Eric Stein and Paramjeet Singh. (American Trucking Associations)

**Eugene Mulero** | Senior Reporter | *Transport Topics*

American Trucking Associations President Chris Spear renewed calls for Congress and the Biden administration to continue with efforts that fund truck parking programs.

In South Dakota on Sept. 12, Spear joined government and industry officials to tout recent federal investments for additional parking for commercial drivers. Spear pointed to recent Department of Transportation initiatives meant to tackle this long-standing industry concern.

“This event is really a fine example of our industry coming together and government officials actually hearing the issues that our drivers face each and every day: spending nearly an hour looking for parking, losing nearly \$5,000 a year in wages spent looking for a place to rest,” said Spear, referring to the shortage of truck parking as a “national problem.”

Noting a 2021 infrastructure law that assists agencies with parking programs, Spear added: “It’s not only that they need that rest. They have to take it. They’re required by law. And if we’re going to require them to do it, then we need to provide the space for them to park. We also want to celebrate the fact that the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act] provides monies that will not only provide secured truck parking but well-lit truck parking.”

Dan Van Alstine, chairman of ATA and president and chief operating officer of Ruan Transportation Management Systems, amplified the industry’s concerns specific to parking. “The shortage of truck parking capacity is, first and foremost, a critical safety issue for drivers, the motoring public and law enforcement,” Van Alstine observed. “The time that is wasted, and frustration and anxiety created, searching for safe parking also leads to supply chain disruptions, reduces drivers’ compensation, and adds unnecessary congestion and emissions.”

The chairman noted, “Secretary [Pete] Buttigieg is the first USDOT secretary to award grants for projects that add parking spots. We appreciate his focus on this issue, and we will continue to support bipartisan efforts in Congress to secure additional dedicated funding for truck parking.”

Said America’s Road Team Captain Dean Key, a professional driver for Ruan Transportation: “The severe lack of truck parking has an enormous impact on drivers nationwide. It touches almost every aspect of our profession, from quality of life to compensation, but more than that, the lack of truck parking is fundamentally a safety issue.”

In South Dakota, Buttigieg highlighted 11 spots dedicated for commercial vehicles as part of a transportation reconstruction project along Interstate 90. During the Biden administration,

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USDOT awarded the Mount Rushmore State a \$61.1 million grant for improvements to its freight corridor. Expanding truck parking accommodations is an aspect of the project.

“We have stepped up our work on the truck parking coalition and our efforts to encourage states and other decision-makers to make better use of infrastructure dollars to expand parking,” said Buttigieg, noting a USDOT partnership with stakeholders.

Additionally, the secretary announced the availability of more than \$80 million in grants for highway safety programs, such as parking projects.

“Know that you will continue to have a partner in the U.S. Department of Transportation. And I’m really glad that we’re able to be here to celebrate projects like this one, expanding truck parking nationwide,” Buttigieg said.

During Buttigieg’s tenure, USDOT has assisted other states with truck parking expansion projects. Notably, transportation agencies in Louisiana, Florida and Tennessee recently were awarded federal grants for truck parking facilities.

On Capitol Hill, members of Congress have yet to clear for President Joe Biden legislation designed to increase truck parking nationwide. A bill that would expand parking facilities for truck drivers awaits a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In May, the Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act was advanced by the chamber’s transportation committee in a voice-vote. The measure would authorize \$755 million through fiscal 2026 to expand parking access for commercial vehicles. As part of the committee-passed bill, state agencies would be tasked with adding parking to existing facilities and assisting with the construction of new facilities.

“By expanding access to parking options for truckers, we are making our roads safer for all commuters and ensuring that goods and supplies are shipped to market in the most efficient way possible,” said Rep. Mike Bost (R-Ill.), the bill’s co-sponsor. “This is a matter of public safety, and I’m proud to have led on this important legislation.”

Companion legislation sponsored by Sens. Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.) and Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) has yet to be considered in committee. “Without safe truck parking, truckers spend an unnecessary amount of time searching for a place to park — putting truckers and Wyoming drivers at greater risk for accidents,” Lummis said shortly after her bill’s introduction earlier this year.

Tackling the truck parking shortage has gained bipartisan backing in Congress. The American Transportation Research Institute ranked inadequate access to parking third on its “Critical Issues in the Trucking Industry” in 2022.

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## SDTA WAS INVITED TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE WITH SEC. BUTTIGIEG TO VOICE OUR CONCERNS





# SDTA's 88th Annual Convention

## Sharing Solutions and Celebrating South Dakota's Trucking Industry

**O**n September 13–15, the SDTA's 88th annual convention was held in Sioux Falls. Wednesday evening kicked off the convention with our vendor appreciation social and dinner, followed by indoor lawn games. This was a great time to visit with vendors and catch up with friends and colleagues.

Thursday was filled with laughter and competition that included a golf tournament at Brandon Golf Course and axe throwing at Axes and Ales. On Thursday evening, attendees cheered for their favorite team as the Minnesota Vikings vs. Philadelphia Eagles football game kicked off. The game was followed by our long-awaited annual corn hole tournament. This year's winning team was Josh Schipper, K&J Trucking Inc., and Jeff Watkins, Sioux Falls Truck and Trailer, as they crushed their competition.

Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken stopped by on Friday morning to welcome attendees to their final day of festivities and discuss the challenges of a growing city. SDTA and SDTA Services held their annual meetings. A new board member was approved at the SDTA meeting: Nick Cleveringa, A&A Express, will be the newest addition to the SDTA Board of Directors.

Friday was the day for attendees to level up their business operations with our business sessions. Our first speaker was from SambaSafety presenting on their offerings, including MVR/CSA monitoring, driver training, and telematic alerts, followed by rotating open forum sessions. There were six different sessions that included a range of topics, from tire alignment and preparing for electric vehicles to updates from FMCSA and Motor Carrier Services. In the afternoon, the SD Highway Patrol and SD Motor Carrier Enforcement Update was held.

Fleet Safety Awards were presented at the annual awards luncheon, along with the SD Highway Patrol Safety Award. Bob Willey Trucking was this year's Fleet Safety Grand Champion, and Blachowske Truck Line Inc. was awarded the SDHP Safety Award for the third year in a row.

On Friday evening, the chairman's banquet was held, with special guests Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden and his wife, Sandy. Cliff Viessman, Inc.'s Tim Miller was named 2023 Safety Director of the Year. William Paul, Dakota Carriers, Inc. was crowned South Dakota's 2023 Driver of the Year. Brad and Shelley Schipper, K&J Trucking, Inc. received the 2023 Chairman's Award. Congratulations to all of our award winners!

# Thursday, September 14



# Friday, September 15



# SDTA Showcases Members' Safety Efforts

## 2023 FLEET SAFETY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Fleet safety awards are selected based on the following criteria:

- Excellent safety record
- Support and participation in SDTA and its programs

The 2022-2023 Grand Prize Winner proved safety is no accident by submitting an excellent safety record.

Fleet safety awards are based on South Dakota miles only.

### 1-149,999 Miles:

#### Certificate Recipients:

ABF Freight, Fort Smith, AR  
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Bob Willey Trucking, Gettysburg, SD

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#### Plaque Recipient:

Dixon Bros, Inc., Newcastle, WY

### 600,000 - 749,999 Miles:

#### Certificate Recipients:

Dakota Carriers, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD

#### Plaque Recipient:

Quality Transport, Inc., Rapid City, SD

### 750,000 - 999,999 Miles:

#### Certificate Recipient:

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T Brothers Trucking, LLC, Sioux Falls, SD

#### Plaque Recipient:

Wheel Express, Sioux Falls, SD

### 1,000,000 - 1,749,999 Miles:

#### Plaque Recipient:

Warren Transport, Inc., Black Hawk, SD

### 1,750,000 - 2,499,999 Miles:

#### Certificate Recipient:

Stans, Inc., Alpena, SD

#### Plaque Recipient:

Cliff Viessman, Inc., Gary, SD

### 2.5 Million - 4 Million Miles:

#### Certificate Recipient:

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#### Plaque Recipient:

Johnson Feed, Inc., Canton, SD

### Over 4 Million Miles:

#### Certificate Recipient:

Fedex Freight, Inc., Harrison, AR

#### Plaque Recipient:

Agtegra Cooperative, Aberdeen, SD

## 2023 FLEET SAFETY GRAND CHAMPION

### Bob Willey Trucking, Gettysburg



Left to Right: Brett Snoozy, Great West Casualty Co., Bob Willey, Bob Willey Trucking and Sarah Hansen, Great West Casualty Co.

**Congratulations Bob!**

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## 2023 DRIVER OF THE YEAR

# William Paul

It was very difficult to choose one driver from among this year's participants, especially since each driver has accumulated so many safe driving miles. These drivers collectively have nearly 37 million safe driving miles and over 299 years of experience.

The driver selected as SDTA's 2023 driver of the year received \$1,000 from Alvin and Connie Scholten.

This year's driver of the year has a total of 32+ years of over-the-road driving experience and more than 3.7 million miles logged during these years. This professional has been with their present employer for the past 3 years. He is dedicated to this profession, as proven by his many years of safe driving.

The 2023 driver of the year is William Paul, Dakota Carriers, Inc. He and his wife, Paula, have four adult children and two grandchildren and reside in Hot Springs, AR.



**Congratulations William!**

## SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

### Tim Miller, Cliff Viessman, Inc.

This year's Safety Director of the Year has earned this title in the past. Tim Miller first received this honor in 2005. Tim has been helping create safer roads for an impressive 32 years.



In Tim's day-to-day work, he helps hire, train, and onboard new drivers. In this role, Tim's decades of experience in the trucking industry help him equip and encourage new drivers.

Tim also uses the knowledge and experience he's earned to help current drivers navigate whatever issues they may be facing. In addition, Tim works with the Viessman team to ensure their trucks and trailers are operating as safely as possible.

Tim has been a major part of the SDTA Safety Management Council for decades. He has served two years as their Vice Chair, followed by two years as the Chair, then again served two years as Vice Chair, followed by two years as the Chair, with a record-breaking third time serving two years as the Vice Chair and two years as Chairman (a position that

he currently holds today). We appreciate his commitment and dedication.

He was raised in Gary, SD, where Cliff Viessman, Inc., is headquartered, and resides in Watertown, SD, with his wife, Holly. He is also the proud father of two 18-year-old twins, Emily and Carter.

Tim has an extensive history in the army. He signed up for the army at age 17 and served 21 years. He fought in Desert Storm. When he ended his military career, he held the rank of Staff Sergeant E-6.

It's because of these things and so much more that Tim Miller, Safety Director for Cliff Viessman, Inc., has been named the 2023 Safety Director of the Year.

**Congratulations Tim!**

## 2023 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Brad & Shelley Schipper, K&J Trucking, Inc.

This year's Chairman's Award recipients have been a big part of the South Dakota Trucking Association for decades. They are quite a duo, one complimenting the other. If you have been to the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event, held in Chamberlain each May, you've seen firsthand how involved they are.

Brad and Shelley Schipper are both deserving recipients of the 2023 Chairman's Award. They have always been involved in the annual fishing event and have been known to win an event or two. In recent years, they have really stepped up to make the fishing event top-notch!

Brad and Shelley have sponsored and organized the auctioneer for the Calcutta, which, if you haven't been to one, you'll find it's almost as fun as the fishing. Not only have they lined up and paid for the auctioneer, but they have also set up South Dakota Elite, the company that weighs and tabulates the results of the event.

In 2023, they even took it one step further and updated our menu of brats and burgers to melt in your mouth pulled



pork sandwiches with multiple amazing salads...compliments of Brad and Shelley, their family, and a couple of great SDTA members and friends.

If that weren't enough, you also have to consider all of the things K&J Trucking has done for the SDTA throughout the years. Shelley is a past chairperson and served on the SDTA board for many years. Brad is still currently sitting on

the SDTA Services Board as the membership retention director.

Brad and Shelley have an amazing business backed by a committed and dependable staff. Let's face it, they know how to run a business.

For these reasons and many more, Brad and Shelley have been chosen to receive this year's Chairman's Award.

***Congratulations Brad & Shelley!***

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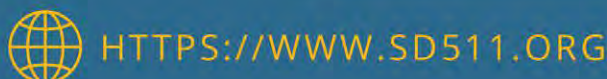


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## DRIVER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM & RULES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket Size: \_\_\_\_\_

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Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address (in full): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Terminal Address (in full): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 of 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.
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# On the Move

TREVOR JOHNSON

Communications & Marketing Specialist

Here at SDTA and SDADA, we are working hard to connect with our members and hear their concerns. In light of pursuing this mission, I visited two auto dealers and two trucking companies in the Black Hills area at the beginning of September.

The auto dealers I visited were Travis Vesely from Courtesy Subaru and Ryan Junek from Junek's Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM. Travis Vesely and I discussed the feasibility of EVs as well as how Subaru's Franchise system operates. I was curious about how much power Franchisees have over their Franchise and vice versa. I found that, at least for Subaru, the franchise doesn't have all that much control unless the dealer's contract is up for renewal.

Ryan Junek and I talked about plans to further PAC funding and ways in which we can tell the PAC's story. Mr. Junek also showed me around his dealership and explained his family's story, from their start as a small gas station on the main highway through the black hills to the two-building dealership we see today. We then discussed the small profitability of new cars and how the used car market is also starting to lose the margin it once had. I learned a lot about all the hats car dealers must wear when it comes to understanding business markets, insurance, real estate, public relations, marketing, managing employees, plus a long list of other factors that affect dealers. Dealership owners and managers must be very smart and grounded to be successful, and I am excited to learn more from them.

I visited two trucking companies as well. I visited Wade Stebbins from East West Logistics and Mike Habeck from Habeck Trucking. Truckers have a hard job. They are the ones on the ground who must deal with all the issues we are arguing about and fighting for in government. Understanding these issues from the driver's perspective is important to me. While visiting Mr. Stebbins, we discussed the future of the SDTA, where it's been, and where it's going. Mr. Stebbins has been involved with the association for a long time and has a lot of knowledge about how things have worked in the past and what has gone well and what hasn't.

Mr. Habeck showed me around Habeck Trucking and explained his story, how the trucking landscape has changed over the years, and how it is harder than ever to stay afloat right now. He also said he has been in the industry long enough to know that this too shall pass. He was telling me he is looking to buy some new trucks with better fuel efficiency to save money since prices have been so high the last few years.

I really enjoyed hearing all the stories of our members and their businesses, and I am excited to get out and visit more of our members in the future. I have so much to learn from both industries, and the more knowledge I develop, the easier it is to argue in support of South Dakota Auto Dealers and Trucking Companies.

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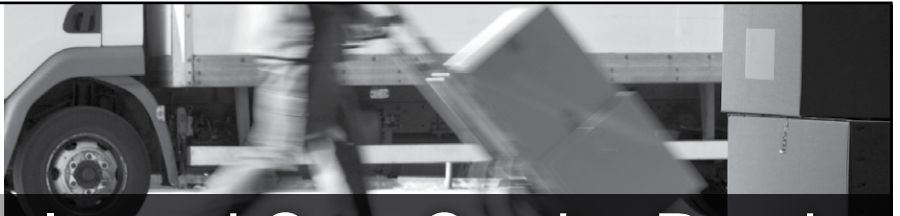
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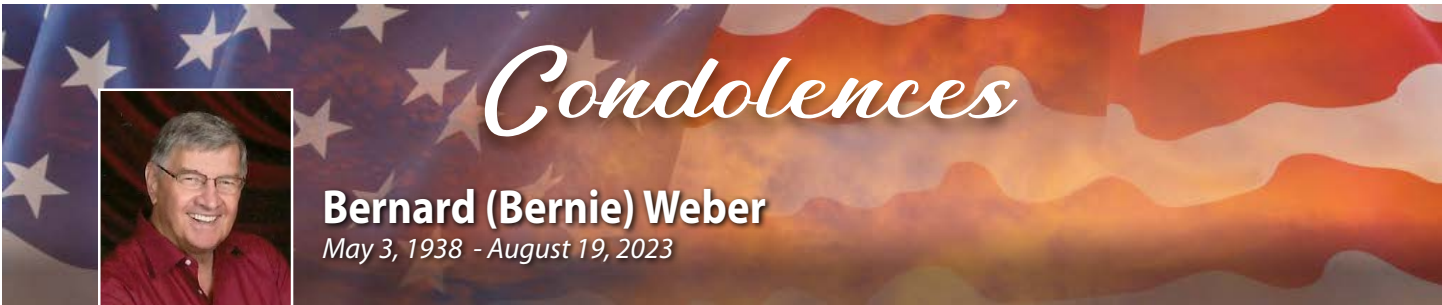
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**Bernard (Bernie) Weber**

May 3, 1938 - August 19, 2023

Bernie Weber, 85 of Bridgewater passed away unexpectedly at his home on August 19th, 2023.

Bernard (Bernie) Fred Weber was born on May 3rd, 1938 on the Weber Homestead near Stanley Corner. Bernie was the "7th son of the 7th son" born to Bernard and Sue (Yontz) Weber. He attended St. Stephen's grade school and graduated from Bridgewater High School in 1957. He served 6 years in the National Guard, during that time married his "childhood and lifelong sweetheart" Rosalie Schwans and to the union added 8 children.

While farming, Bernie started his career with trucks when he was about 16 years old. He drove for his father's Weber Soft Water Service while in High School and then later Bernie owned the business. Bernie also owned his own NFO Milk route for several years before he started his career with Midwest Coast in 1973 and continued to work there for 47 years. While in his trucking career he logged over three million safe driving miles all over the nation. He proudly participated in the

SD Truck Driving Championship every year until 2017 and won the championship three times. He was president of the Championship Club where he volunteered and helped those participating in the national competitions. He was a member of the "Highway Angels" and "Drivers Against Trafficking".

Bernie had many hobbies that included spending time in the garage fixing and repairing whatever needs repairing, watching TV in his man cave, playing cards with family and friends, and he especially enjoyed penny ante poker. He was a very proud founder of the "Bridgewater SD History Did You Know" Facebook page where he enjoyed sharing and informing the community of his hometown. Bernie was a lifelong member of the St. Stephen's catholic church and active in the Knights of Columbus.

Bernie took immense pride in the family that he and Rosalie built together, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Bernie was known for his quick wit, big smile, and charming looks. He was

known by all and never met a stranger.

Those who were blessed to share in his love are his devoted wife Rosalie of 65 years, children Brian (Cindy) Weber, Kimberly Bunger, Doug (Lisa) Weber, Ann (Carl) Nordwald, Keith Weber (Kathleen Sonleitner) Weber, Chad Weber (Dominique McNair); Grandchildren Natalie (Luke) Sweeney, Terry (Sam), and Maggie Weber, Austin (Shelbee) Bunger, Josh (Whitney Evans), Jesse (Lexi Cope), and Jalen Weber, Tyler (Miranda), Tyson (Ash-ton Oakland), and Tiana Kayser, Jade Jessica, Jewel, Jasmine Weber, Jade Rebecca Weber; great-grandchildren Jady Hoffman, Layla Sweeney, Vivee Bunger, Grayson Weber, Kenrick, Conalin, and Grayden Kayser, Beckett Kayser, and another due March 2024; Siblings Jerry Weber, Mary (Lloyd) Schallenkamp, Don Schwans, Dareld (Sandi) Schwans and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sons Bernard (stillborn) and Christopher, brothers Eugene, Ralph, John (Jack), Thomas, and Steve.

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# California Governor Spikes Driverless Trucking Ban

Jason Cannon | Chief Editor | *Commercial Carrier Journal*

California Governor Gavin Newsom on Friday vetoed Assembly Bill 316, a law that would have effectively banned driverless trucks in the state. The California Senate passed AB 316 Sept. 11.

In his veto, Newsom noted AB 316 was unnecessary for the regulation and oversight of heavy-duty autonomous vehicle technology in California, as existing law provides sufficient authority to create the appropriate regulatory framework. In 2012, the California Legislature provided the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with the authority to regulate the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles on public roads in California. As part of its oversight and regulatory responsibilities, Newsom said, DMV consults with the California Highway Patrol, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and others with relevant expertise to determine the regulations necessary for the safe operation of autonomous vehicles on public roads. DMV continuously monitors the testing and operations of autonomous vehicles on California roads and has the authority to suspend or revoke permits as necessary to protect the public's safety.

The bill, which would require a human operator inside any commercial vehicle weighing over 10,000 pounds, had met resistance from the state's technology and autonomous technology stakeholders, many of which are headquartered in California, and Newsom, whose Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Office of Business & Economic Development (GO-Biz) raised concerns with the proposed ban. As a result of his veto, safety experts can continue to evaluate autonomous vehicle technology and consider appropriate regulatory action.

"We look forward to continuing to work with the California DMV, California Highway Patrol, Labor and Workforce Development Agency and other state regulators that are evaluating the future of autonomous trucking technology in the state," said Jeff Farrah, executive director for the Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association.

The bill and its 10,001-pound gross weight limit took aim specifically at trucks and transportation. California was the first state to pass comprehensive legislation that authorized the operation of fully autonomous vehicles on public roads, noted Jim Wunderman, president and CEO, Bay Area Council, and as a result, "California is a national leader in the testing and development of autonomous vehicles and boasts more home-grown autonomous vehicle companies than any other state. Requiring a human driver to remain in AVs that weigh 10,001 pounds or more would deviate from the overwhelming majority of states' approaches to AV regulation and California would stand




alone as the only state to single out autonomous trucks and bar them from effectively deploying in the state. It is vital that California remain strong in its position of welcoming and embracing innovation in order to stay competitive in a quickly evolving market."

Chamber of Progress' Robert Singleton said the driverless trucking ban would set California back as a leader in innovation, and "unnecessarily prolong the future promise of autonomous trucking in California. Autonomous trucking is essential for the continued growth of the agricultural sector and the well-being of California's farmers, the entire Central Valley economy, and food distribution to communities around the nation," he said. "Increased demand for food and other products coupled with the lack of available human workforce threatens all farmers' ability to transport agricultural goods nationally and overseas."

Gary Shapiro, president and CEO of the Consumer Technology Association, added that allowing AB 316 to become law would deal "a major blow" to California industry, "leaving AV trucking innovators to forge a multi-state transportation network that stretches from Arizona to the coast of Georgia," he said. "California's logistics industry – already struggling amid spiraling shipping costs – would see further loss of freight volume to Gulf and East Coast ports and the state will fall in independent rankings of innovation friendliness, including the Consumer Technology Association's U.S. Innovation Scorecard. It's not too late to reverse course and support AV technology in California, which promises to save lives and boost the economy."

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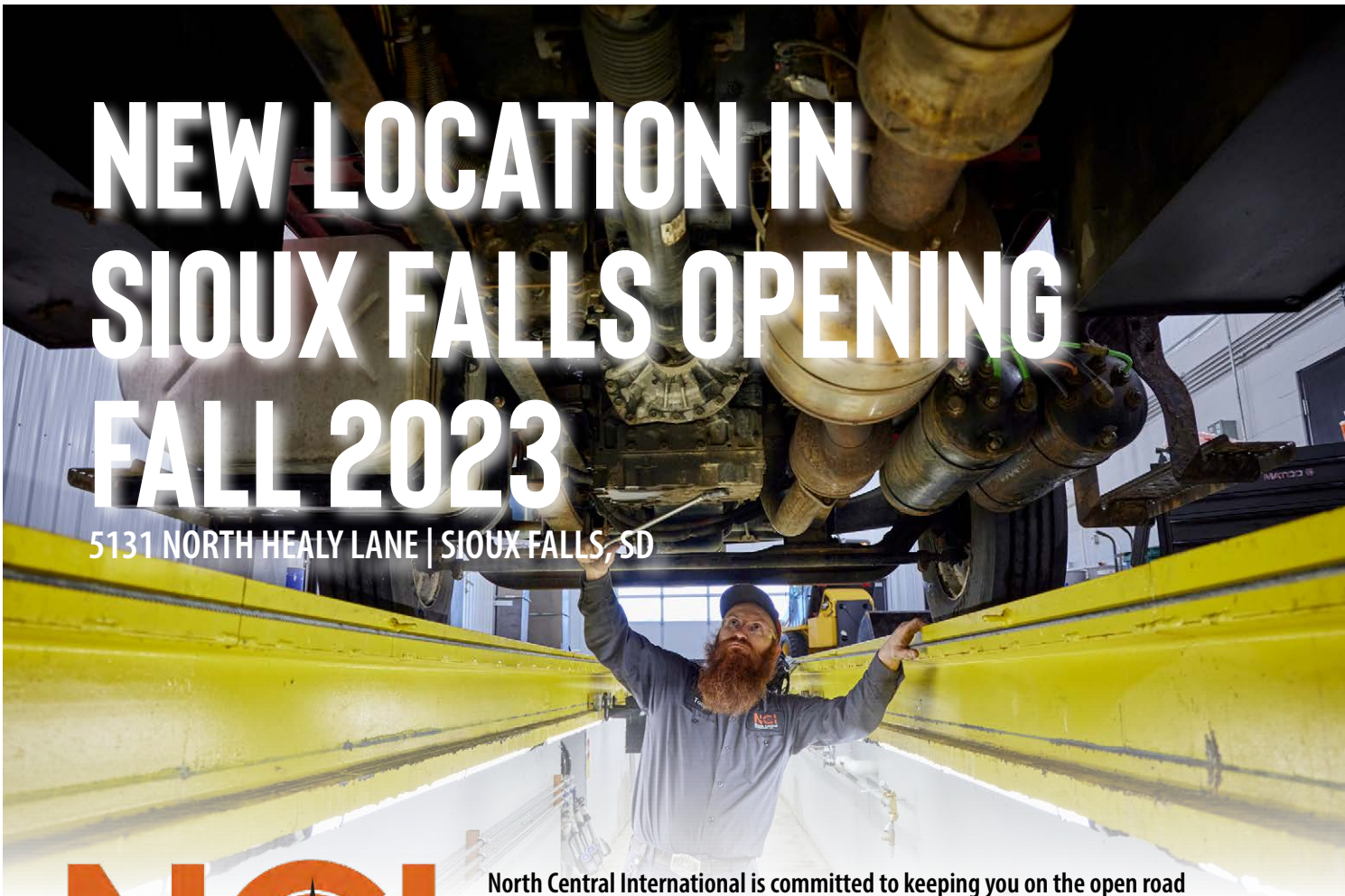
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