

Welcome to Isaiah Cihak, Jackson Mechanic. Glad to have you as a part of the Big B Crew.



February:

5th Hayden Stewart
8th Mark Bradley
15th Marybeth Sauter
25th Todd Gunderson
27th Doug Gorecki

Company Anniversaries:

February

30 yrs. Mark Bradley
19 yrs. Drew Widmark
6 yrs. Travis Thomas
5 yrs. Bruce Glaser
2 yr. Mark Durantino
1 yr. Kreokpol Pongsuwan
1 yr. Truman Coffman
1 yr. Brian McGrew
1 yr. Charlie Tarter

December & January

Inspections

No Violation Inspections

Billy McPhetres 12/20/23 NE
Gail Toyne 12/30/23 KS
Steven Davis 1/2/24 NM
Doug Range 1/10/24 CO
Larry Van Hoesen 1/23/24 CO
Michael Redmond 1/24/24 KS
Vernon Sanow 1/24/24 KS

Violation Inspections

Evan Alvarez 12/20/23 NE
*Bypass Open Scale
*Inattentive Driving

What can EFS Do?

Did you know that your EFS card is also a Mastercard? Did you also know that you can use your EFS card to pay for lumpers, truck/trailer repairs and tires among other things? It's true, the cards are set up and preauthorized for:

\$500 – Brakes & Wheels
\$200 – Labor
\$250 – Lumper
\$200 – Parts
\$500 – Repair Service

Each of these above items can process right through as EFS transactions. However, your card can also be used for any Mastercard transaction. In the past we have had drivers who have had to use the Mastercard side to pay for hotels, tow bills and repairs at places that do not accept EFS cards but DO accept Mastercard. However, there is a trick to using your card as a Mastercard.... We have to authorize the transaction here in the office, so you must call in and ask us to do it before it will work. If you have questions, please stop in and ask.

CSA Score (last month)

Unsafe 6 (6) HOS 33 (35)
Crash 6 (8) Vehicle 31 (34)
ISS 35 (36) PASS (PASS)

No Violation Winner

This months no-violation winner is Larry VanHoesen. Please stop into the office to choose your prize. Thank you all for the clean inspections.



All About Me.....

Curt Free came to work at Doug Bradley 10/12/98. Before that he was a network administrator at Mowery Medical Clinic. His favorite place to eat is Norma's Diner in Joplin Mo. In his spare time, he likes to experiment with new recipes and smoking meat. He thinks everyone should have patience. His hobbies are Bar-B-Qing and tinkering with his K5 Blazer. The best advise he ever got was "Work hard & play hard". Three words that describe him is jokester, helpful and trustworthy. His friends would describe him as reliable and honest. He says he had a bucket list and then he lost the bucket. LOL He likes to go hunting and fishing and riding motorcycles. The most important lesson he has learned the past year is "God is in control of his life". He would like to be known for being a good husband, father and friend. He says all his vacations were special to Arkansas, Colorado and Missouri because he was with his family. When he was a child, he enjoyed camping trips to Kansas lakes and play sports. Curt didn't have a funny incident because he says he is a strait laced and serious person. Yeah... you bet!. Curt always has a good joke to make your day!

Love's Not Pilot?

That's right, we have completely switched. As of January 17th, we no longer get any discount from Pilot or Flying J. From this point forward, we are asking drivers to use Love's whenever you need to get fuel on the road (getting fuel at our terminals is still best). There is still one catch to using Love's. Because of a strange situation, we do NOT get a discount at the Love's locations on the Kansas and Oklahoma turnpikes. Here is a list of those locations:

- Muskogee, OK
- Chickasha, OK
- Walters, OK
- Stroud, OK
- Chandler, OK
- McAlester, OK
- Lawrence, KS
- Topeka, KS
- Matfield Green, KS
- Towanda, KS
- Belle Plaine, KS

Because we do not get a discount at these Love's locations we are asking you to NOT get your fuel there. We thought about making our cards NOT work there, but we worried that somebody might show up at one of these locations on "E" and really need fuel. So we set up the cards to pump just 20 gallons at each of these locations. That should be enough to get you down the road to a place that DOES give us a discount. Thank you for your attention to this.

Tax Info

By now everybody should have received your 2023 tax info from DBTI. If you have not received it, please contact Jamie Bradley in the Salina office.

Samsara Paperwork

Are you sending in ALL of your load paperwork using Samsara? Most drivers are, however a few drivers forget and a few other drivers don't send all of it. If we don't get your paperwork, or don't get ALL of your paperwork Vicki can't get it billed. Please make sure you get it all sent in so Vicki can stay on top of her job. Thanks.

Inspections in the Cold

Please continue to do quality pre-trip and post-trip inspections on your trucks and trailers. We know it is not much fun having to get out in the cold weather of winter, but it is VERY important to do quality inspections. Good inspections can keep you from breaking down on the road.... Or worse.

New Cab Cards

The 2023 truck cab cards have arrived. We will be getting those in the trucks in the coming weeks. Those cab cards MUST be in the trucks by 3/1/23. You can help the office staff out by bringing your permit book into the office and asking to have it updated.

Top Netradyne Camera Scores for December

Rank	Driver Name	Score
1	Gary Foxhoven	1027
2	James Miller	1010
3	Christopher Mitchell	1008
4	Rick Gruhlke	1003
4	Timothy Sickler	1003
4	Todd Gehringer	1003
7	Russel Berkland	1001
8	Stephen Leshovsky	999
8	Stephen Mills	999
10	Steven Davis	996

Terminal Fuel

During the extreme winter cold earlier this month we (along with many others) had problems keeping our pumps and trucks running. Now that things have warmed up just a bit, all of our



Idle Times.....

December

Least idle – Steve Hansen 6.2%

Most idle – Charles Ramsey 66.2%

Fleet Avg – 34.8%

<10% Idle time

9.1% Ryan Harris

The company driver with the highest MPG was Jacob Kruse at 8.2 MPG's.

Netradyne/Performance Bonus

Most drivers saw the Netradyne and/or the Performance bonus on their check this week (a few owner operators will get it next week). This go around, all but 5 drivers scored at 850 or above and earned a Netradyne bonus! That is FANTASTIC! Thank you so much for staying safe and for caring about your score!

BIRP WINNER



Gerald Gunderson