

**Welcome** to Jeromy Mills #511, Zach Elfers (Newton Dispatch), Kenneth Peterson #198 and Brax Hecker (Salina Mechanic). Glad to have you all as a part of the Big B Crew.



## October:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vicki Wiegert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Verhoeff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Leshovsky
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Iris Thomason
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bret Walker
- 11<sup>th</sup> Gerald Gunderson
- 16<sup>th</sup> Alejandro Medina Galvan
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Stephan Shelton
- 28<sup>th</sup> David Robinson

## Company Anniversaries:

- 26 yrs. Curt Free
- 12 yrs. Rick Gruhlke
- 12 yrs. Russ Berkland
- 10 yrs. Iris Thomason
- 8 yrs. Mandy Gunderson
- 7 yrs. Tracy Eklund
- 6 yrs. Jennie Berry
- 6 yrs. Jerry Smith
- 5 yrs. Melissa Voss
- 3 yr. Bradley Sherbert
- 2 yr. Mark Stockdall
- 2 yr. Pat Ketchum

## September/October

### No Violation Inspections:

- Curtis Johnson 9/7/24 KS
- Todd Drown 9/10/24 CO
- Mark Durantino 9/12/24 KS
- Anthony Fenton 9/12/24 NB
- Russel Berkland 9/18/24 IL
- Doug Gorecki 9/25/24 MT
- John Sheckler 10/1/24 IL

## \$1,500 For What?

How long ago was it when we last had more freight than we could handle? The answer is... it's been a while. However, that is where we are sitting with certain customers and in certain offices right now. The problem is, when freight got slow, we stopped hiring so that there would be enough to keep everybody busy and earning. Now that things have picked up, we need to hire drivers again. And we figure the best advertising we can get is YOU. In the past when you referred a driver to DBTI you got a \$250 bonus. Now that we have so many trucks to fill and freight to be hauled, we are increasing our Referral bonus to **\$1,500**. Please spread the word. If you know somebody who you think might be interested, tell them about how much you enjoy your job and the people you work with. If you can convince them, it could be worth \$1,500 to you.

## Violation Inspections

Anthony Fenton 9/5/24 SD

*\*Trailer Reg. Card Missing.*

## No Violation Winner

This month's no-violation winner is Doug Gorecki. Please stop in to the office to pick your prize.

## All About Me.....

Jason Kraft works in Jackson and became a Big B Crew member in September 2018. He enjoys working on older cars or trucks, going to auctions, rummage sales and antique stores and plans to do more of those things when he retires. His favorite place to travel is California because it's pretty and he has family there. In fact, spending time with family is on the top of his list. He likes to watch Puddin's Fab Shop and movies from the 80's. He had his own company hauling cattle nationwide so Jason has been to every US state, except Alaska and Hawaii. Brother Jay is his handle; That is what his sister called him and it stuck. As a kid, he enjoyed riding in the semi-trucks with his dad and one of the more important lessons he learned from his parents was to "Always tell the Truth". Jason feels like he is a family person, who is funny and sociable. Although he thinks his friends would describe him as likable, honest and hard worker. Someday, he want to buy and restore on old trucks. Also on his bucket list is to travel overseas. Perhaps to Germany to see where his family came from.. In the last year he had learned your health is a very important thing, so take care of yourself. In 20 years, he hopes to be retired and enjoying life.



**Drivers, If you didn't receive a Truck Driver Appreciation Gift, please stop into the office to get one. Thank you for all you do!**

## Videos

We are constantly working to help inform drivers about how to be safer on the road. Part of the message we are trying to get across is how to drive around trucks. To help us, please keep pressing that "Driver Initiate" button on your camera when somebody does something stupid. Thanks for your help here!

## CSA Score (last month)

Unsafe 3 (3) HOS 23 (25)  
Crash 37 (13) Vehicle 26 (28)  
ISS 34 (34) PASS (PASS)



## Idle Times.....

August:  
 Least idle – Ryan Harris 3.5%  
 Most idle – Joe Brown 70.7%  
 Fleet Avg – 36.3%

The driver with the highest MPG was John Sheckler at 10.8 MPG's.

## Another Broker App?

Did you know that most tracking apps used by brokers can be linked to our Samsara ELD. In short, that means we can give the broker your truck number and they can track the truck WITHOUT you having to put an app on your phone. In fact, they don't even get your phone number. As a DBTI driver, we want you to have fewer interruptions and we DON'T want to have to ask you to put ANOTHER app on your phone.

## Love's Tile

Have you seen the new Love's tile on the Samsara Home Screen? We put the tile there so that you can open the Love's App without having to get out of the Samsara App. Again, we are doing all we can to make it easier and more convenient for our Drivers!



**BIRP TAG WINNERS**  
 (L-R) Gary Koehn, Gerald Gunderson, Earon Lawson

## Top Netradyne Camera Scores for August

| RANK | Driver Name          | Score | Min.s |
|------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| 1    | Gary Foxhoven        | 1021  | 9887  |
| 2    | Stephen Mills        | 1010  | 12522 |
| 3    | Rick Gruhlke         | 1007  | 9089  |
| 3    | Truman Coffman       | 1007  | 12463 |
| 5    | Stephen Leshovsky    | 1003  | 8786  |
| 6    | Christopher Mitchell | 1001  | 8845  |
| 6    | James Miller         | 1001  | 12742 |
| 8    | George Delap         | 997   | 4693  |
| 9    | Todd Gehringer       | 991   | 7066  |
| 10   | Bradley Sherbert     | 989   | 6079  |

As a side note... In September we had JUST 2 drivers that did not reach our goal score of 850. Ultimately our goal is to get all drivers to 850. Keep up the good work!



**3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER TRAINING  
 RANDOM DRAWING  
 WINNER!  
 Pam O'neal**

We got a new stock of hats. If you want some, let the Salina office know. \$10 each

