July 2024

Big BTimes

Welcome to Adam Frohling (Training), John Moffat #508, Russell Grogan #502 and Jon Hockanson #515. Glad to have you all as a part of the Big B Crew.



August:

1st Allie Weems

9th Rachel Alexander

15th Russell Grogan

16th Ron Onsare

22nd Adam Frohling

24th Travas Thomas

26th Pam O'Neal

26th Charlie Tarter

31st Brian Schultze

Company Anniversaries:

31 yrs. Joe Bradley

27 yrs. Bret Walker

13 yrs. Steve Eral

9 yrs. Shawn Peterson

9 yrs. Steve Mills

8 yrs. Pam O'Neal

6 yrs. Todd Drown

6 yrs. Marcus Hoesli

6 yrs. Richard Jessup

6 yrs. Doug Range

6 yrs. Shorty Sanow

5 yrs. Charles Ramsey

5 vrs. Liam Stewart

4 yrs. Don Zeimer

3 yrs. Jeff Olson

2 yrs. Paul Cihak

1 yr. Ron Onsare

1 yr. Steven Yarns

CSA Score (last month) Unsafe 5 (4) HOS 14 (11)

<u>Crash 52 (49) Vehicle 30 (25)</u> ISS 35 (34) PASS (PASS)

June & July

No Violation Inspections:

Barney Nitchals 7/15/25 SD

Violation Inspections:

Kyle Haley 6/24/25 IA

*Overweight axle 2-3

*Fire ext. unsecured

*No annual inspection trl.

Mark Stockdall 6/26/25 KS

*HOS trailer # missing

Steve Vanpelt 6/27/25 NE

*Bypass scale house

Todd Gunderson 7/9/25 WA

*Tag light inoperative trl.

Jason Kraft 7/10/25 SD

*Locking pins not engaged x 2

*Air leaks @ proper connect X 2

Derek Knowles 7/21/25 TN

*Fail to maintain lane

Doug Gorecki 7/29/25 NE

*HOS-Shipping ID l multiple times

*Registration violation trl.

*No annual inspection trl.

Steve Vanpelt 7/29/25 NM

*Bypass scale house

The HEAT is ON!

It seems to be hot EVERYWHERE! When it is hot it is important to take care of yourself and your equipment. Make sure you are staying in the air conditioning when possible and drink plenty of fluids. When it comes to your equipment, in this kind of heat trucks are going to run about 10° warmer and you will see oil leaks in places that you haven't seen before. However, the MOST IMPORTANT THING to check often is your tires. Heat is hard on tires!

Tanker Endorsement

Did you know that if you haul a load with totes for liquid that contain more than 119 gallons AND your full load is more than 1,000 gallons you MUST have a tanker endorsement. A tanker endorsement is fairly easy and inexpensive to get. If you don't have yours yet and would like to know more, please stop in and visit with John.

No Violation Winner

This month's no-violation winner is Barney Nitchals. Please stop into the office to pick your prize. Thank you for the clean inspection.

Who Likes Trailer Problems?

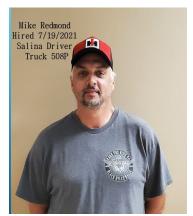
My guess is NOBODY! However, we are finding that some drivers regularly drop trailers at shippers without even looking the trailer over. Keep in mind... if you drop a trailer without checking it over, it may be the same trailer that you pick up next time and that could cost you time from getting out of town with a load when there are problems. Please do your part and look your trailer over before you drop it. Thanks.

\$1,500

Did you know you can get a \$1,500 bonus for referring a driver or mechanic to DBTI? If you enjoy your job and the people that you work with, spread the word!

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All About Me.....

This month, our All About Me is Mike Redmond. He's been a dedicated part of our team for four years. Mike is local to Salina, which might explain his love for sliders from *The Cozy Inn*. Before joining the company, he spent nearly 20 years at the Harley-Davidson dealership. Though he held his CDL, he hadn't done any over-the-road trucking before joining us. What drew Mike to our company, and what keeps him here, is the sense of comradery and the close-knit, familylike environment. When he's not behind the wheel, you can find Mike riding his Harley, enjoying time with his grown kids, and soaking up time with his three-year-old granddaughter. He's not big on sports, except for the Royals, big fan of the show Landman and is counting down the days until season 2. When it comes to vacation, Deals Gap in North Carolina holds a special place in his heart—a far cry from the typical work trip. Looking ahead, Mike hopes to be retired in 20 years, with the world as his backyard. No bucket list—just a desire to see it all, one stop at a time. When asked what skill would make life easier for everyone, he doesn't hesitate: "Respect. If we all treated people the way we wanted to be treated, the world would be a better place.

Top Netradyne Camera Scores for June

Rank	Driver Name	Score	Min.s
1	Gary Foxhoven	1023	8207
2	Adam Frohling	1022	731
3	Brian Schultze	1009	11430
3	John Eppright	1009	8873
5	James Miller	1007	6215
6	Joseph Lawson	1005	10930
7	Brad Mitchell	1002	5178
7	Charles Nitchals	1002	8887
7	Jeffery Iman	1002	11970
10	Joshua Fuoss	1000	10491
10	Russel Berkland	1000	9253

Condolences to Rachael Alexander on the passing of her Grand Mother Patricia Tieben on May 3rd Step-Father Donald Dooley on June 11th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tony's Reefer Fuel

Did you know that when you check a trailer/load out of Tony's Pizza in Salina, they are supposed to top off the fuel in the reefer. We have seen several instances lately where they have not topped it off. This is a cost THEY are supposed to pay. If you are picking up a load and they are not topping of the reefer fuel, please ask them to.

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Not Ghost Busters! If involved in an accident, call John Guerrero (785) 577-1001.



June:

Least idle – Doug Range 4.51% Most idle – John Moffat 55.35% Fleet Avg – 33.5%

The driver with the highest MPG was Leroy Raatz 8.44 MPG



Congratulations!

We'd like to congratulate Vernon Heald (Trk #136) on his official retirement. Vern was with DBTI for over 22 years! Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement Vern!



New Trucks!

We have added 10 'new to us' trucks to our fleet. We are looking forward to having them out on the road in the next week or so!