

Welcome to Cameron Crooks (Newton Mechanic), Matthew Rush (Salina Mechanic), Dallas Looper (Salina Mechanic) and Timothy Zuehlke (Jackson Mechanic). Glad to have you all as a part of the Big B Crew.



October Birthdays:

1st Vicki Wiegert
2nd Gary Verhoeff
2nd Adam Tate
3rd Leticia Lopez
3rd Timothy Zuehlke
6th Brian McCallum
7th Cordell Unterseher
8th Glen Salisbury
10th Bret Walker
11th Gerald Gunderson
16th Alejandro Medina Galvan
19th Paula Singleton
21st Steven Pamplin
21st Scott Warbritton
22nd David Seaman
23rd Stephan Shelton

Company Anniversaries:

28 yrs. Curt Free
14 yrs. Russ Berkland
10 yrs. Mandy Gunderson
9 yrs. Tracy Kern
8 yrs. Jennie Berry
8 yrs. Jerry Smith
7 yrs. Melissa Voss
5 yr. Bradley Sherbert
4 yr. Mark Stockdall
4 yr. Pat Ketchum
1 yr. Seth Kohman
1 yr. Brian McGrew

No Violation Winner

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



August was a blur. Welcoming all the new members of Great Plains, while keeping the trucks and manufacturing plants running was a challenge. Unfortunately, the August newsletter didn't make it out. We're back on track now!

September/October

No Violation Inspections:

Glen Salisbury 8/5/26 KS
Todd Drown 8/7/26 MO
James Potgieter 8/24/26 IA
Adam Tate 8/26/26 TX
Jeremiah Moll 9/4/26 MO
Tim Shoaf 9/14/26 KS
Chris Scaletta 9/14/26 CO
Don Ziemer 9/15/26 MO
Jeremiah Moll 9/16/26 OK

Violation Inspections

Derek Knowles 8/3/26 KS
*Fail to certify logs x 4
Doug Gorecki 8/25/26
*Elec. connection-pigtail defective.
Nate Peterson 8/27/26 MN
*Brake vio. x3/ tag light on trl.
Trent Rowley 9/16/26 KS
*Stop sign vio.
Maleik Milner 9/17/26 OK
*Flat tire-11 PSI-OOS.

CSA Score (last month)

Unsafe 4 (5) HOS 41 (52)
Crash 53 (37) Vehicle 14 (15)
ISS 31 (34) PASS (PASS)



All About Me...

We are excited to welcome Gerry Zink to the team as our new Safety Manager. Gerry brings an impressive 38 years of experience in the trucking and safety industry. Originally from Leavenworth, Kansas, Gerry was part of Great Plains Trucking (GPT), where he spent 10 years driving and working in the safety office. His years of experience on the road, combined with his extensive safety background, give him a unique perspective and a wealth of knowledge that he brings to his new role.

Outside of work, Gerry enjoys spending time with his wife, Joy, riding his Harley, and working on his 1974 Corvette. Gerry says that when he retires, he plans to simply enjoy life, although he still has one exciting item on his bucket list — skydiving! What Gerry enjoys most about DBTI is the people and the atmosphere, and the advice he would like to share with others is simple but meaningful: "Be kind to people." We are excited to have Gerry as part of the DBTI team and look forward to the experience, knowledge, and steady presence he brings to our safety department.
Welcome to the team, Gerry!



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!

Top Netradyne Camera Scores for August

Rank	Driver Name	Score	Min.s
1	Zach Talbert	1033	9924
2	Gary Foxhoven	1031	8812
3	James Miller	1019	3947
4	Mark Hallman	1015	5422
5	Rick Conner	1014	9732
5	Ryan Weishierner	1014	11350
7	Bryce Goodwin	1012	9590
7	Yassine Khaled	1012	9640
9	Ryan Swindler	1010	7853
10	Milton Jones	1009	6580



Washington

Recently Jamie and Noah visited Washington DC to visit with Kansas legislators to make sure they know the struggles Trucking is facing and to petition for help. They had many very good conversations and continued to build relationships with those who represent us.

Missed you...

When we missed the August Newsletter, we also missed recognizing the birthdays and anniversaries for September. Here you go.

September Birthdays:

2nd Rick Smith
 4th Mandy Gunderson
 4th Justin Mackney
 4th Jeremiah Moll
 7th Bill Chrisman
 10th Hunter Ketchum
 10th Jeff Swick
 12th Scott Weig
 15th David Richardson
 15th Sheila Schaut
 16th Gerry Zink
 18th Chad Gaylord
 21st Bruce Glaser
 24th William Scott
 25th Brad Beason
 27th Chris Wilson
 30th Yassine Khaled

Company Anniversaries:

14 yrs. Noah Bradley
 8 yrs. Jason Kraft
 7 yrs. Tom Straight
 7 yrs. Brad Beason
 6 yrs. Lee Allison
 5 yr. Gerald Gunderson
 5 yr. Scott Weig
 4 yr. Brad Mitchell
 2 yrs. Zach Elfers
 2 yrs. Ken Peterson
 1 yr. Lementrius Toney
 1 yr. David Seaman



Idle Times.....

August:

Least idle – Tony Micone 0.1%
 Most idle – Yassine Khaled 48.9%
 Fleet Avg – 24.8%

Drivers under 10%

Tony Micone - .01%
 Todd Gunderson – 1.1%
 Bill Chrisman – 2.4%
 Jason Elstun – 7.7%
 Adam Tate – 7.9%
 James Miller – 8.1%
 Hoyt Miller – 8.2%
 Bret Walker – 8.8%
 Scott Williamson – 9.5%
 Ryan Weishierner – 9.6%

The driver with the highest MPG was Leroy Raatz at 8.82 MPG's.

Inspection Account Balance || Owner Operator \$-2,000

