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Best of the Best Recognized during KMCA's Safety Awards Banquet

Special guests from the KCC, FMCSA and the Kansas Highway Patrol were on hand to show their support of drivers and companies as they were recognized for their commitment to safety at the 2014 Safety Banquet.

The evening started off with the recognition of the 2012-2014 Kansas Road Team members for their service to the trucking industry. Five Captains were inducted to the 2014-2016 Kansas Road Team. Captains include: Don Kendall, Wal-Mart Transportation, Joe Trifiletti, Con-way Freight, Clifford McConico, FedEx Freight, Rob Lind, Wal-Mart Transportation, and Jay Miller, FedEx Freight. Full biographies will be included in the May Dispatch Issue.

Serena Howard, Safety Management Council Chair, shared the compiled statistics of the 34 entrants in the Fleet Safety Contest. Total Kansas miles driven by these companies exceeded 100 million and their combined accident ratio was .39 per million miles.

Judges Ed Boring, FMCSA, Mike Hoeme and Gary Davenport, KCC and Captain Chris Turner of the Kansas Highway Patrol were faced with the difficult decision of choosing one of these carriers as the Fleet Safety Contest winner.

Susan Bryant, Great West Casualty Company, was invited to the stage to present the certificates and plaques to

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2014 Driver of the Year: Samuel Harter, Wal-Mart Transportation, pictured with his wife, Juanita.



Country Corner dba Western Transport was named Kansas Fleet of the Year, Jan Cornett and Alli Jenkins accepted the award.

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Sterling Farber, Wal-Mart Transportation, was named 2013 Kansas Safety Professional of the Year. Wal-Mart Transportation also received a certificate and plaque for their safe driving.

the winners. Great West generously donates these awards annually to the KMCA Safety Management Council. Twenty three companies won certificates for having an accident ratio equal or below the average for all fleets in the competition. Ten companies received plaques as winners of their respected divisions. Four of the divisions were broken down further by mileage traveled in Kansas. *Plaque and certificate winners are listed on page 6.*

Receiving the grand trophy as the overall Fleet Safety

May Safety Management Council Meeting Full of Hot Topics

The May meeting of the Safety Management Council will be covering a lot of hot topics, including the new proposed Electronic Logging Device Rule. Safety Director Becky Crawford will go over the new proposed rule in detail, answer any questions you may have and tell you how to submit comments to FMCSA. We will also discuss the upcoming implementation of the Certified Medical Examiners rule goes into effect May 21. Our speaker for the second half of the meeting will be from Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT). KMCA is starting a partnership with TAT to educate, equip, empower and mobilize the industry to combat human trafficking as part of their regular jobs. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Crawford, bcrawford@kmca.org.

The meeting is on May 13 at the KMCA Office at 10:00 a.m. Safety Management Council is open to any KMCA member.

Contest winner was Country Corner dba Western Transport. Lori Borgan was recognized for her double term as the Chairman of the Safety Management Council. The next award presented was the 2013 Safety Professional of the Year. In selecting the 2013 Safety Professional of the Year, the judges were particularly impressed with the dedication of our honoree because of the numerous examples of a positive attitude and a tireless dedication to highway safety. Sterling Farber, Wal-Mart Transportation, Ottawa, Kan., was selected as the 2013 Safety Professional of the Year.

Next on the stage was Kansas Highway Patrol Captain Chris Turner. Captain Turner thanked the drivers and companies for helping make his job easier and for their dedication to safely operating on Kansas highways. The Captain recognized the 12 drivers of the month for 2013. Collectively, the drivers of the month represent an impressive 333 years of driving experience and more than 27 million miles of safe and courteous driving.

They included: Samuel Harter, Wal-Mart Transportation; Darren Crouch, Sedona Trucking Inc.; Hal Popp, Groendyke Transport; Gary Cooper, Frito Lay Inc.; Randell Schwanke, Sedona Trucking Inc.; Gene Dachenhausen, Great Plains Trucking; Stan Giza, Wal-Mart Transportation LLC; George Ray Jr., Convoy Systems LLC; Todd Sarver, Wal-Mart Transportation Inc.; Mike Gibbs, Sedona Trucking Inc.; David Besser, Frito Lay Inc. and Jim Sullivan, Wal-Mart Transportation. Logging over 4 million safe miles in his 45 year driving career, Samuel Harter, Wal-Mart Transportation, was selected as the 2014 Driver of the Year.

Road Team and Driving Simulator Travel to Holton to Educate Teens



KMCA and the Road Team traveled to Holton High School for the first "75 Alive" event on Apr. 3, 2014. The event was held to educate students about safety before they attend prom.

KMCA Calendar of Events

May 13, 2014 - Safety Management Council - Topeka

June 5, 2014 - WHG PRO Truck Golf Classic - Sand Creek Station - Newton

June 20 & 21, 2014 - Kansas Professional Truck Driving Championships/Super Tech Competition - Capitol Plaza Hotel -Topeka

July 8, 2014 - Safety Management Council - Topeka

Sept. 24-26, 2014 - KMCA Annual Convention - Hilton Garden Inn -Manhattan Welcome to our New Members! Hare Inc. - Topeka, KS Know Your Mover LLC - Wichita, KS Rainbow Fireworks Inc. - Inman, KS Tower Metal Works Inc. - Maple Hill, KS Wallwork Financial - Park City, UT

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KDOT Secretary Mike King Announces Freight Advisory Committee

Kansas Secretary of Transportation Mike King has announced members of the newly formed Kansas Freight Advisory Committee.

During the Kansas Transportation Summit last fall in Emporia, participants said to better serve the economy, the Kansas Department of Transportation needed a better understanding of the demands of expanding freight within the state. The department committed at that time to form an in-depth exploratory committee to ensure that multimodal freight needs are addressed in the planning, investment and operation of the Kansas transportation system.

"This committee will provide input to me," Secretary Mike King said. "As well as advising and assisting with identifying freight transportation issues, the committee will help us prioritize highway and rail freight corridors of significance and identify multimodal freight infrastructure needs."

Members of the committee include: Mike King, Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation; Jerry Younger, P.E., Deputy Secretary/State Transportation Engineer, Kansas Department of Transportation; Captain Chris Turner, Kansas Highway Patrol; Mike Bowen, P.E., Federal Highway Administration; Senator Pat Apple; Senator Garrett Love; Representative Melanie Meier;

FMCSA Publishes GCWR Final Rule

FMCSA published a Final Rule regarding the definition of Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR). The Final Rule is effective April 18, 2014.

The Final Rule sets the definition of GCWR as: § 390.5 Definitions.

Gross combination weight rating (GCWR) is the greater of: (1) A value specified by the manufacturer of the power unit, if such value is displayed on the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) certification label required by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or (2) The sum of the gross vehicle weight ratings (GVWRs) or the gross vehicle weights (GVWs) of the power unit and the towed unit(s), or any combination thereof, that produces the highest value. Exception: The GCWR of the power unit will not be used to define a commercial motor vehicle when the power unit is not

a commercial motor vehicle when the power unit is not towing another vehicle.

You can find the Final Rule here:

http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-03-19/pdf/2014-05502.pdf Representative Bud Estes; Pat George, Secretary, Kansas Department of Commerce; Steve Kelly, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Commerce; Jackie McClaskey, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture; Chad Bontrage, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture; Nick Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue; Kimberly Bonhart, UPS; Tom Allen, Cargill, Dodge City; Joe Goodwin, Seaboard Farms; Joe Pimple, Sauder Fabrication; Scott Ball, MV Purchasing; Coby Sedlacek, Landoll Corporation; Patrick Robinson, P.E., NorthPoint Development; Brent Emch, Cargill; Aaron Popelka, Kansas Livestock Association; Jason Hammes, Frito Lay; Jason Ball, Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce; Robert Hoback, Ryan Transportation Services; Deann Williams, Motor Carrier Services, Kansas Department of Revenue; Kim Christiansen, Kansas Corporation Commission: Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association; French Thompson III, BNSF Railway; Ben Jones, Union Pacific Railroad; Rick Webb, Watco Companies; Mike Kelley, YRC Worldwide; John Prather, Groendyke Transport Inc.; Ron Achelpohl, Mid America Regional Council; Gloria Jeff, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; Chris Gutierrez, KC SmartPort; George Eakin, Osborne Industries; Sheryl Foster, Osborne Industries; Carolyn Dunn, Stafford County Economic Department; Dwight Keen, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association: and Brian Atchison. Rubbermaid Products.

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KMCA Websites Undergo Changes

KMCA's websites have been undergoing some major reconstruction. With a May 1 launch date, there are several new features to the KMCA website and the KMCA Foundation website in addition to a slightly different look.

The new KMCA website resembles the previous KMCA website with a few additional features. We have switched to a website provider that links our membership database directly to our website. Each member has a unique login. Your login username for the website will be your e-mail. Members will also have the ability to update their contact information for our membership database and pay dues online.

One thing has returned to our website which is our Searchable Online Buyers Guide. This is a major benefit to our Allied members. It allows members to search for companies who provide specific services. Another great new feature to our website is Online Event Registration. You can click on the event name and be re-directed to the online event registration page. This will allow you to register online and there will also be an option to pay with credit card online. However, sponsorships will still need to be handled through phone, e-mail or postal mail. We will continue to accept registrations through the current procedure. All members will continue to receive an invoice in the mail, but they will have the option to pay online.

How Do I Set-Up My KMCA Website Login?

- 1. Visit www.kmca.org
- 2. Click on the link "Forgot Password."

3. Type in your e-mail address. (You MUST use the e-mail you are currently receiving KMCA e-mails at. This e-mail address will be your login.)

4. You will receive an e-mail to set up your password for the website. This takes approximately 30 minutes.

5. Set your password.

6. Visit www.kmca.org. Type in your e-mail and password.

7. You are now able to visit our members only section, register and pay for events, pay membership dues and update your contact information.

If you have issues setting up your account, please contact Dana Avery at (785) 267-1641 or davery@kmca.org.



KMCA Safety Award Winners



Movers Division: Nancy Forge, James B Studdard Transfer & Storage Co. Inc., and Nate Bister, ABC Fry Wagner Inc.



Jan Cornett and Alli Jenkins, Western Transport, received a certificate and plague for the Tank Truck Division.



MJ McDonald, Coffeyville Resource Crude Transportation, received a certificate and plaque for the Tank Truck Division.



Bob Christie, Old Dominion Freight Line, received a certificate and plaque for the Less-than-Truckload Division



Louis Thompson, Beaver Express Service LLC, received a certificate in the Less-than-Truckload Division.



Maleha Ewy, Occidental Chemical Corporation, received a certificate and plaque for both the Private Carrier and Tank Truck Divisions.



Truckload Division: Lori Borgan, Convoy Systems LLC, and Kevin Hanschu, J & H Trucking.



Gale Karlin, Golden Plains Trucking, received a certificate and plaque for the Agricultural Carriers Division.



Darren Crouch, Sedona Trucking, received a certificate for the Agricultural Carriers Division.



Chris Hollis, ABF Freight System Inc., received a certificate and plaque for the Less-than-Truckload Division.



Mike Short, Short and Son Inc., received a certificate and plaque for the Agricultural Carriers Division



Garmin International received a certificate in the Private Carriers Division.

Not pictured: Certificate **Recipients:** Agricultural Carriers: Cargill Meat Logistics Solutions Inc. and National Carriers Inc. Less-than-Truckload: FedEx Freight. Tank Truck: Southwest Express Inc. Truckload Carrier: HIT Inc., Martin Trucking, National Carriers Inc., Red Line Inc. Plaque Recipients included: Truckload Division: Red Line Inc., Towing & Recovery **Division: Tow Service** Inc.,

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FMCSA Notice of Enhance Functionality - Self Service US DOT Number PIN Request

FMCSA has implemented a greatly improved feature making it easier for customers with 'Active' USDOT Numbers to obtain their USDOT Number Personal Identification Number (PIN) which is required when performing functions such as the "Biennial Update." Customers can now request their USDOT Number PIN be delivered by email or hard-copy letter through the US Post Office.

This feature is accessed by going to www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov and then clicking on "Click here to request a USDOT Number PIN be emailed" prompt.

The initial (Request Personal Identification Number (PIN)) screen appears which allows customers to select one of the following options:

- Request current USDOT Number PIN
- Request a USDOT Number PIN reset
- Exit this application

The following (Motor Carrier Identification Page) screen appears requesting customer input of the data listed below:

- USDOT Number
- EIN/SSN
- Carrier Name
- Company Name
- Company Official Name
- Official Title
- Valid e-mail address (this email address provided may be any valid email address)

The following(Credit Card) screen appears requesting customer

input of the data listed below:

- Name on credit card
- Street Address
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- Card Number
- Exp Month
- Exp Year
- CCID

Note:

The processing of the credit card information will not result in any charges being applied to the credit card. It is strictly used for verification of the customer.

Upon successful completion of the company and credit card verification, the PIN will be sent to the email address which was provided earlier in this process. A follow-up PIN Request Notification letter will be mailed to the company's address on file at FMCSA.

If during the company information verification process FMCSA determines the company's on-file address had been previously marked as 'undeliverable', the PIN email request will be denied since FMCSA will be unable to send the notification letter. In this case, the requester should contact FMCSA support and ask for assistance in resolving this matter.

Change to Oversize/Overweight Permitted Load Operations

Changes sought by KMCA for the operation of oversize/ overweight non-divisible loads operating under a special permit issued by the State became effective on April 24, 2014. SB 344 was approved by the Kansas Legislature and signed by Governor Brownback on April 17, 2014. The bill provides that loads that are over width or over length must display a sign which states "OVERSIZE LOAD." The dimensions of the sign shall be a minimum of seven feet long and 18 inches high. Lettering shall be a minimum of 10 inches high with a brush no less than 1 2/5 inches. Signs must be removed when the vehicle is no longer over width or over length. Signs are no longer required for vehicles operating under a special permit that are only overweight.

The hours and condition for operation of oversize/overweight permitted loads also has changed. Over width and over length permitted loads are restricted from operating: (1) during the time period between 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise (2) under conditions where visibility is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and, (3) when highway surfaces have ice or snow pack or drifting snow.

Permitted vehicles that are only overweight may now operate 24 hours a day and are restricted from operation only when highway surfaces have ice or snow pack or drifting snow.

Previous Kansas rules restricted operation of both oversize and overweight loads from operating when visibility in less than ½ mile or when conditions of moderate to heavy rain, sleet, sleet, snow, fog or smoke exist, or when highway surfaces are slippery due to ice, snow pack or rain. The changes in SB 344 should clarify the rules for operators of oversize/overweight permitted vehicles and for enforcement personnel. If you have further questions, please contact Tom Whitaker at 785-267-1641 or tomw@kmca.org. SB 344 does not affect access to the turnpike with longer combination vehicles.



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Editorial: Truckers Strive for Safety Originally published in the Topeka Capital-Journal

Tractor-trailer rigs are so common on the highways across Kansas and the nation that many motorists seldom pay them much attention, unless they're trying to pass one in bad weather and are getting pelted with snow or rain, or are behind one on a busy highway with no room to pass.

But the big rig drivers aren't responsible for weather or highway conditions, and they usually go about their business among us without generating much curiosity about where they're headed or what they're transporting.

Several of those drivers were in the spotlight last week, however, at the Kansas Motor Carriers Association's annual safety awards banquet. Twelve of the drivers received Driver of the Month safety awards and one of them, Sam Harter, of Ottawa, was named Driver of the Year.

Harter has traveled more than 4 million miles over the past 45 years without a single accident. That's a notable achievement for anyone, whether they're driving a tractortrailer or a sedate, family sedan. Harter, a driver for Wal-Mart transportation, is to be congratulated for his driving prowess and the Driver of the Year recognition. Two local drivers, Gary Cooper and David Besser, who drive for Frito Lay Inc., received Driver of the Month awards. Wal-Mart Transportation had three drivers in addition to Harter who also received Driver of the Months awards, and Sedona Trucking Inc., of Leoti, had three drivers who received Driver of the Month awards.

That several companies had multiple drivers win Driver of the Month awards is an indication of the importance the companies and their employees place on safety. Obviously, it behooves the trucking firms to put the best and safest drivers they can find in their rigs, but the rest of us can take some comfort in knowing the biggest and heaviest vehicles on the road are being handled by people trained and conditioned to focus on who safety.

They aren't perfect — the executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association says that in more than 70 percent of crashes involving tractor-trailers, the fault is with the vehicles that have only four wheels. That's still an enviable standard, and its good to know the trucking industry and its drivers are striving to make the highways as safe as possible for all of us.



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