



# Dispatch

*Trucking solutions since 1936.*

## Kansas Legislature addresses transportation planning and receives information on truck platooning

The 2018 Kansas Legislature convened on January 8th. The Kansas Motor Carriers Association government relations team made up of Executive Director Tom Whitaker and Safety and Government Relations Director Melissa Kershner have been monitoring the progress of the session.

Currently, KMCA has weighed in on two issues. The first is Senate Bill 285 which establishes a new joint legislative transportation task force. This task force allows for industry partners to work with legislators to draft the next transportation plan for Kansas.

"The transportation task force is important as it provides a visionary plan for the development and upkeep of our highways, bridges, and other infrastructure. In our testimony to support SB 285 we asked to include more highway user groups such as AAA of Kansas or the Owner-Operators Independent Drivers Association to create a more diverse group of stakeholders," said Tom Whitaker.

The second initiative undertaken by the legislative team is providing education about autonomous vehicles and platooning in Kansas. Efforts have included a detailed presentation from Tom Whitaker to the House Transportation Committee. Past KMCA President Kimberly Bonhart attended this meeting and reiterated the association's willingness to start the conversation about autonomous vehicles and platooning in Kansas. "When we are proactive, we create a seat at the table that helps guide conversation and outcome for the Kansas trucking industry."



### *By the Numbers* Autonomous Vehicles and Platooning

*Pulled from National Conference of State Legislatures*

Each year, the number of states considering legislation related to autonomous vehicles has gradually increased.

- In 2017, 33 states have introduced legislation.
- Sixteen states introduced legislation in 2015, up from 12 states in 2014, nine states and D.C. in 2013, and six states in 2012.
- Since 2012, at least 41 states and D.C. have considered legislation related to autonomous vehicles.
- Twenty-one states—Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Vermont—and Washington D.C. have passed legislation related to autonomous vehicles.

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## Legislative Update continued...

The 2018 Session reached "turn around" which is the halfway point of this year's Legislature. Bills originated in the first house must pass that house by turn around or be lost for the Session.

The Legislature hasn't addressed the school finance issue. The Kansas Supreme Court found that the current law is unconstitutional and give the Legislature a March 31st deadline to respond to the Court. In addition, the Legislature will have to find a way to fund an estimated \$650 million increase in school funding. KMCA will be monitoring bills that would raise the \$650 million to ascertain the bills do not adversely affect the trucking industry.

Finally, KMCA hosted their annual Day at the Capitol on February 12, 2018. KMCA members and members of the House and Senate Transportation committees and Leadership had their annual dinner at Top of the Tower in Topeka where they discussed industry concerns and pending legislative issues.

For information on these and other Legislative issues please contact Tom Whitaker at [tomw@kmca.org](mailto:tomw@kmca.org) or Melissa Kershner at [mkershner@kmca.org](mailto:mkershner@kmca.org) or call KMCA at 785-267-1641.



## 2018 Advertising Opportunities

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# Renew your Unified Carrier Registration on K-Tran

**The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)** has recently implemented its new Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network (KTRAN) system. KTRAN provides Kansas motor carriers with a one-stop shop to apply for authorities, waivers and renewals of Unified Carrier Registration (UCR).

It is time to renew your 2018 UCR fees. If you have registered your company in KTRAN you will receive an e-mail notice that the 2018 UCR renewal is open. If you have not registered your company in KTRAN you will receive a letter requesting you to register your company in KTRAN as well as the notice that the 2018 UCR renewal is open.

Please call the KCC main number at 785-271-3145 if you have questions regarding registering your company in KTRAN.



## In Memoriam Jerry Arensdorf

February 13, 2018

Jerry Arensdorf passed from this Earth on February 13, 2018. He was born on February 4, 1946 to Joe and Evelyn (Spade) Arensdorf. He graduated from Zenda High School in 1964 and served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Era. On August 19, 1972 he married the love of his life, Marilyn Ricke. Their family was blessed with three children and five grandchildren, who have been and will be their everlasting pride and joy.



Jerry was a driver; the trucking business that he and Marilyn began with "one old cattle truck" evolved through the years to become a successful house carrier for the National Gypsum Company, with terminals in Medicine Lodge KS and Fort Dodge IA. They sold their trucking business and retired to become wheat farmers and cattle raisers in 2006. After a successful run, they sold the farm and cattle in 2013. The decline of Jerry's health in 2016 forced them to move from their home of 44 years in Medicine Lodge to a smaller house in Pratt.

He was a member of the Medicine Lodge Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Isabel American Legion Post. He was President of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association in 2000 and was the Kansas representative to the American Trucking Associations (ATA) convention for many years.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Ralph Arensdorf. He is survived by Marilyn; his siblings Jocile Fisher, Sally Depenbusch, and Norman Arensdorf; his children Amie Mass (Ryan), Keri Dyke (Donald), and Adam; and his grandchildren Will, Kaitlynn, Ben, Ryleigh, and Aaron.

## Schedule of events

**March 6, 2018**

Safety Management Council Mtg  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Topeka, KS  
Registration required - see page 10

**April 19, 2018**

KMCA Safety Awards Banquet  
Topeka, KS  
Registration required - See page 4

**May 8, 2018**

Safety Management Council Mtg  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Hays, KS

**June 6, 2018**

KMCA Pro Truck PAC Golf Classic  
Newton, KS

**June 15-16, 2018**

Kansas Truck Driving  
Championships  
Topeka, KS

**August 14, 2018**

Safety Management Council Mtg  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Wichita, KS

**September 25-27, 2018**

KMCA Annual Convention  
Salina, KS

**December 11, 2018**

Safety Management Council Mtg  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Salina, KS

# Event Registration

## Safety Awards Banquet

The Safety Awards Banquet will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka on Thursday, April 19, 2018. During the event, awards will be presented to the Drivers of the Month, Driver of the Year, Safety Professional of the Year and Fleet Safety Contest winners. Also, a new Kansas Road Team will be inducted. The Safety Awards Banquet is open to all KMCA member companies.

**Event:** Safety Awards Banquet

**Date:** Thursday, April 19, 2018

**Time:** Reception - 5:45 p.m.

Dinner and Awards - 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Capitol Plaza Hotel - Emerald Ballroom

**Banquet Reservation Price:** \$45.00 per person

**Reservation Deadline:** Friday, April 13, 2018

**Hotel Room:** \$92.00

**Reservation Line:** (785) 431-7200

### ATTENDEE INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

INCLUDING YOURSELF - HOW MANY GUESTS ARE WITH YOUR PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

REPRESENTATIVE ACCEPTING FLEET SAFETY AWARD (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

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\*PLEASE NOTE PAYMENT MUST BE ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER OF GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COST \_\_\_\_\_

# Life on the road

*Life on the road is a new feature highlighting a driver's experience. Look for additional profiles in future issues of The Dispatch and online at [www.kmca.org](http://www.kmca.org).*

**Driver:** Wayne Rugenstein

**Company:** FedEx Freight

**Years:** 22 with FedEx Freight and American Freightways

**KMCA Involvement:** Member of the Kansas Road Team and competitor at the annual Kansas Truck Driving Championships

Over two decades ago, Wayne Rugenstein was headed toward a career in law enforcement. Having studied criminal justice, he was certain about his future. But like many people, who study for one career and end up pursuing another, Wayne would go on to a successful career as a driver for FedEx Freight.

## **How long have you been driving and who with?**

I've been driving for nearly 22 years and I've spent my entire career with FedEx Freight and American Freightways which is what they were prior to FedEx.

## **What attracted you to trucking?**

From a purely practical standpoint when I was a young dock worker, I was asked to back up trailers to the docks. And oftentimes it was cold and the cab was warm and (laughs) I thought "being a driver you get to be in the warm cab at least."

But as I think about it now, my family has always had a strong thread of working in the transportation industry, be it in railroads or buses. I think that inclination was always in me.

## **How did you become a driver?**

I had the interest and my company had a dock to driver program. I enrolled in that, studied, gained practical experience and eventually migrated to full-time driver.

## **How do you see your role as truck driver?**

We keep the economy moving and get products where they need to go. It's an important job.

## **What do you like best about trucking?**

The freedom. The fact that you aren't behind a desk all day. On the road you are captain of the ship so to speak.

## **What is the biggest challenge in your career and how do you address it?**

The absolute biggest concern for truckers is driver distraction. Too many people are not paying enough attention on the road. It is up to the truck driver to be 100



percent focused all the time. It's very disheartening to see people concentrated on their phones instead of the road. It can be frustrating to accommodate for distracted drivers, but as my dad would say "if you do the right thing, you can't go wrong."

## **We hear about lack of driver engagement and how that affects performance. How does FedEx keep their drivers involved and made to feel part of the team?**

FedEx has frequent meetings where drivers can discuss issues and policies. You feel heard and more importantly, questions and concerns are addressed. We also celebrate safety milestones which involve everyone on a local level.

## **What do you do to maintain a work/life balance?**

I always try to stay connected to my family such as taking a recent Friday off to attend a father/daughter dance. And making time to do family activities on the weekend like bike riding and geocaching.

## **Are you a good dancer?**

I know enough to get me in trouble.

## **What is a misconception about trucking or something you wish the public understood about this profession?**

It may be blue collar, but it takes a good amount of skill and training to be a cautious and productive driver. Another thing would be being aware that many drivers attended college and either have degrees or several credits. It's a good career for many types whether you start young or transition after several years doing something else. We'll always need transportation and it's a good and steady job.

# TAT Training Online

Starting July 1, 2018, training to identify and report human trafficking training will be mandatory for drivers renewing their commercial drivers license.

In 2017, the Kansas Legislature passed a bill that requires CDL holders to take an online course on how to identify and report suspected human trafficking activity.

When a driver is renewing their CDL, they must first watch a 16 minute video and take a short quiz. Then drivers will then present their certificate (which can be printed upon completion) to the renewing entity.

Advocacy groups like Truckers Against Trafficking say these efforts along with initiatives brought by law enforcement, trucking associations and plaza/rest stop owners have resulted in over 1200 calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline (888-373-7888). Truckers have now become one of the fastest growing demographics of callers nationwide.

Kansas is one of six states that require this training before renewal of a CDL. It is anticipated that several other states will soon follow. If you would like to train your staff at one time, email Melissa Kershner at [mkershner@kmca.org](mailto:mkershner@kmca.org) to have a DVD sent to you or join one of the webinars listed in the box below.

## TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

by the numbers

**2009**

year organization was founded

number of trucking employees **166,000**  
TAT has trained

**1-888-373-7888** national hotline

more than **1200** calls to hotline from trucking industry

identifying almost **400** possible cases of trafficking

. . . involving **692** trafficking victims

. . . including **234** minors



## Webinar Dates

March 12, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

April 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

## Make the call, save lives.

1-888-373-7888 (US)

1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)

Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)

[www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org)

# In Memoriam

## Charles W. Gerber

February 22, 2018

Charles W. Gerber, 99, died Feb. 22, 2018, at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

Also known as Charlie, Chas and Chuck, he was born June 11, 1918, at Waterloo, Kansas the eldest son of Marcus and Cressie Frey Gerber. A Kingman County resident most of his life, he was a retired farmer; former owner of the International Harvester and Buick dealership; worked as a sales representative for Fruehauf Trailers and Mack Truck, Wichita; and was currently employed by Bergkamp Insurance, South Hutchinson.



Charlie was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, a 70 year member of the Knights of Columbus and was a 4th Degree Knight; the Kansas Motor Carriers Association; the Kingman VFW; and was a veteran of WWII and Korean Wars.

On January 10, 1948, he married Dorothy Holland at Peoria, Illinois; she died September 4, 2010. Survivors include two daughters, Deb Gerber, and Lish Webster and her husband Russell; sisters Delores Bergkamp and Ida Mae Hanna; 5 grandchildren, Chauna Button, Bryan Steyaert, Tiffany Donaldson, Steven Gerber and Matthew Schwarz; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a son Steve; daughter Mindy; brother Urban; and sisters Marcella Lefevre and Jane Thome.

## New Members

**Enhance your business network and knowledge by joining the  
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Benefits of membership include:

- Truck services assistance with new accounts, KCC and Federal Authority applications, process agent services, renewal processing and IFTA fuel tax reporting
- Safety services including hours of service training, fleet safety contest, informational seminars, and compliance question services
- Discounted supplies
- Publications - monthly Dispatch issues and the annual buyer's guide
- Access to events like the annual convention, Professional Truck Driving Championship
- Advertising opportunities

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## 2017 PEP Contributors

Public Education Program (PEP) is an important tool to deliver positive public information on the Kansas trucking industry. Members are asked to donate an amount equal to one-third of their member dues to fund the educational efforts. We wish to thank those members who have donated to the education efforts of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association.

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# Your per diem questions answered

*Reprinted from ATA State Laws Newsletter*

There have been several questions about driver per diems following the tax reform package Congress passed late last year, so we're reprinting the piece on that issue that appeared in the State Laws Newsletter from January.

**Rules Change on Driver Meal Expenses** – The federal tax reform package that passed Congress December 20 changes the rules for some truck drivers on the expenses they incur for meals and incidentals while they're away from home on travel.



Employee truck drivers whose carrier does not pay them a per diem allowance will no longer be able to take the costs of meals and incidentals as an itemized deduction, as they have in the past. Although this will be hard on some drivers, it may not make a difference to many, since the new tax law also doubles the standard deduction for taxpayers, so that fewer drivers will be itemizing at all. This change is effective now, for 2018 taxes.

Note that owner-operators will still be able to deduct their costs for meals and incidentals, just as they have in the past, since owner-operators are in business for themselves, and those costs are deductible business expenses.

Finally, some carriers pay their employee drivers a separate per diem allowance to cover meals and incidentals. The rules for carriers and drivers in that situation do not change. We might caution, however, that the rules pertaining to per diem programs are complicated and somewhat tricky to implement.



## In Memoriam Mitchell S. Paradis

December 20, 2017

Mitchell S. Paradis, age 66, of North Newton, KS passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 20th, 2017 at St. Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, Missouri. He fought a courageous battle against lymphoma.

He was born November 22, 1951 in Marshall, Minnesota to Clarence Paradis and Dorothy Domine Schultz. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He was a

1969 graduate of Marshall Senior High School.

Mitch was united in marriage to Mary Brand on November 3, 1984 in Lucan, Minnesota. They made their home in Newton, KS where Mitch worked for Floyd Wild Trucking. Mitch's lifelong passion was trucking. Following his many years with Floyd Wild, he worked at Norcraft Companies, Prairie Hills Transportation and eventually became Managing Partner at Kustom Karriers, LLC where he worked until the present time. Besides family, his company was his pride and joy. He was an active member of the American Truck Historical Society where he served as treasurer and so appreciated antique trucks. He enjoyed drinking coffee and discussing politics with his friends at Charlie's table of knowledge. He will best be remembered for his love of family. Anyone who was lucky enough to know him knows what a generous and caring person he was.

He is survived by his wife Mary of North Newton, KS; children: Mallory Paradis of Kansas City, MO, Melissa Paradis of Golden, CO; two brothers and two sisters: Randy Paradis, Jim (Sue) Paradis, Becky (Jim) Turbes and Cindy (Shorty) Sanow.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Keith Paradis.

# FMCSA to Issue Longer MC Numbers

*Reprinted from ATA State Laws Newsletter*

Early last year, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued federal motor carrier number 999999.

During the remainder of 2017 and for the first months of this year, the agency will be issuing new motor carrier applicants with 6-digit MC numbers that were either never issued or were unused. Later this year, however, new 7-digit MC number will start to issue. FMCSA cautions that some systems may need to be changed in order to accommodate the new longer MC numbers, and has asked us to spread the word.

We add that the change to MC numbers DOES NOT affect either already existing MC numbers or any DOT numbers. For more information, contact Ken Riddle at FMCSA, kenneth.riddle@dot.gov.

## In Memoriam

# Harry E. Kiehl

January 31, 2018

Harry E. Kiehl, Jr. 69, of Atchison, KS, passed away Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Mosaic Life Care Center, St. Joseph, MO.



Harry married Delores Cline on December 30, 1967, she survives of the home.

Additional survivors include three sons; Harry (Jennifer) Kiehl, III, Atchison, KS, Tony (Kim) Kiehl, Atchison, KS, Chris (Tabitha) Kiehl, Atchison, KS, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Harry's trucking career included employment with SMX Inc. and Midwest Grain Products. He was also a longtime competitor at the annual Kansas Truck Driving Championships.

## Renewal time checklist

Renewal season is upon us. Before you visit the Kansas Motor Carriers Association office to pay your renewal fees, please use the following checklist to make sure you have everything you need.

### CMV

- Renewal packet (make sure all vehicles and weights are correct)
- Paid 2290 for all power units over 54,000 lbs. (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) Must have a stamp or "efile" on the page from IRS (Make sure 2290 is in the vehicle owner's name)
- US DOT must be updated within the past 24 months
- Lease agreement
- Insurance card with expiration date listed

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- IRP
  - Renewal packet (make sure all vehicles and weights are correct)
  - Paid 2290 for all power units over 54,000 lbs. (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) Must have a stamp or "efile" on the page from IRS (Make sure 2290 is in the vehicle owner's name)
  - US DOT must be updated within the past 24 months
  - Lease agreement
  - Mileage by state for time period between July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017
  - Paid 2017 UCR if interstate carrier

### ***Haven't filed your 2290 yet?***

*Kansas IRP deadline is March 1, 2018 and you must provide proof of your 2290 to renew.*

*Visit [www.KMCA2290.com](http://www.KMCA2290.com) to e-file your 2290 in minutes!*

# Safety Council Meeting

March 6, 2018

Topeka

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Safety Management Council is all new and improved for 2018. The meetings will be from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The meetings will feature educational sessions, networking discussions, and lunch.

Unlike previous years, an RSVP is required to attend. All KMCA Members are welcome to attend and lunch is provided at no charge. As of this time the March 2018 Safety Council Meeting is full but mark your calendars for these future dates.

**May 8, 2018 - Hays**

**August 14, 2018 - Wichita**

**December 11, 2018 - Salina**

*To inquire about an opening for the March meeting, please contact Melissa Kershner to be added to the wait list.*

## Agenda

**10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Compliance Safety Manager – Brenda Craig, Craig Safety Technologies

Compliance Safety Manager saves time, money and liability exposure by providing accountability and risk management for both personnel and equipment assets across organizations in multiple industries. This automated compliance safety software solution is important to the organization and implementation of your safety and compliance programs because: You receive a proven and sustainable framework for information and regulatory compliance tracking – for employees and equipment. You can capture and utilize all compliance and regulatory information, including training, licenses, certifications, inspection, permits and expiration alerts on all critical due dates.

**11 a.m. – 11:40 p.m.**

FMCSA and Kansas Highway Patrol ELD and Enforcement Update – Captain Chris Turner, KHP Michael Christopher, FMCSA & Jeff Ellett FMCSA

Receive an update on enforcement and regulations on ELD's and other hot topics. This update will include a question and answer session to ensure you are up-to-date and ready to roll.

**11:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

*Conversation Topic: What is Your Safety Strategy?*

Lunch will be catered in to KMCA. The time will be flexible to ensure our minds get a break or allow attendees to handle other business. We will provide conversation topics at each table if you're interested in sharing ideas regarding safety with others during this time. LUNCH IS SPONSORED BY: Kansas Sand & Concrete, Inc.

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**12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Active Shooter – Kansas Highway Patrol – Lt. Terry Golightley

The Kansas Active Shooter Mitigation (KASM) course teaches active shooter awareness and training. This program provides critical information in a timely manner on what to expect in the event of an active shooter, as well as potential options and considerations to mitigate that threat.

## KMCA Offers Tag Services

The Kansas Motor Carriers Association offers commercial vehicle tag services.

We can help you with the following anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (closed between noon and 1:00 p.m. for lunch) Monday through Friday.

- Opening new IRP accounts
- Collecting and approving title transfer documents
- Issuing IRP temporary registrations
- IFTA mileage and fuel reporting
- UCR and DOT # applications
- State/Federal Authority applications
- IFTA/IRP applications
- IFTA fuel tax reporting service
- IRP/IFTA/UCR registration renewals
- IRP Temporary Registrations

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