



SAFETY COMES FIRST



With the added traffic on the roads for summertime travel we all need to be extra cautious and courteous on the roadways. The following safety tips are provided by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

- ▶ **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!** Remember, hours-of-service violations are serious and can threaten your livelihood or even your life. Stay healthy and well rested, or don't drive!
- ▶ **MAINTAIN YOUR VEHICLE!** Inspect your vehicle before each trip and check your brakes regularly.
- ▶ **BE AWARE OF YOUR**

"NO ZONE"! Other drivers may not be aware of the size of your blind spots. One third of all crashes in a CMV take place in the No-Zone.

▶ **SLOW DOWN IN WORK ZONES!** Stay alert and watch out for highway construction. Take your time going through work zones and give yourself plenty of room. Expect the unexpected!

▶ **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!** Always leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you. If you hit someone from behind, you are typically considered "at fault" regardless of

the situation. Take advantage of your height of vision and anticipate braking and other emergency situations.

▶ **FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT!** Buckle up for safety and control. If you are in a crash, a seat belt can save your life and those around you. It will keep you in your seat and allow you to maintain control of your vehicle.

▶ **DRIVE DEFENSIVELY!** Avoid aggressive drivers. It is estimated that each year two-thirds of all traffic fatalities are caused by aggressive driving behaviors. Keep your distance and maintain a safe legal speed. The only thing speed will increase is your chance for a crash

FUEL DISCOUNTS

- *Travel Centers of America (TA's) - Cost plus 3 cents.*
- *Petro—Cost plus 3½ cents.*
- *Jack's Fuel Stop (exit 304) - you will get a 3 cents per gallon discount off the cash price.*
- *Dodge City Travel Center (exit 299) - you will get a 3 cents per gallon discount off the cash price.*

Discounts are not shown at the fuel pump but will be reflected on your settlement.

OUR NEW PHONE SYSTEM

As many of you are aware, we have changed over to a new and more up-dated phone system. The new system will allow us to transfer calls between our separate locations as well as allowed our Safety & Recruiting office to have voice-mail. Please note that this new system will not allow anyone to "set" on hold for a long period of time. If the person you are calling is unavailable, please leave a voice message—they WILL call you back. We appreciate everyone's patience as we become accustomed to a different way of doing things.



IMPORTANT JULY DATES

BIRTHDAYS

7/1	William Price	JAS
7/6	Carson Redding	304
7/8	John Wilbourn	JRS
7/8	Harold Mobely	JAS
7/9	Mike Arnold	Dispatch
7/10	George Knott	JAS
7/10	Greg Quick	Dispatch
7/10	Pete Raynes	JAS
7/11	Debra Doyle	JAS
7/11	Kenneth Seiber	JRS
7/18	Maggie Owens	JRS Office
7/18	Wade Blalock	JRSL
7/20	Roland West	JAS
7/20	Michael Thibodeau	JAS
7/21	Ricky Smith	JRS
7/26	Vince Berry	JRS
7/27	Joe Morgan	JRS
7/29	Kenneth Bevil	JRS
7/30	Janice Watson	JRS Office

COMPANY ANNIVERSARIES

14 yrs	Maggie Owens	JRS Office
11 yrs	Ron Dickey	JAS
6 yrs	Frank Comer	JRS
4 yrs	Sonya Hancock	Log Dept
3 yrs	William Parker	JAS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

38 yrs	Jimmy & Layne Hicks
28 yrs	Mike & Vicky Reynolds
17 yrs	Robert & Joan Vereen
15 yrs	John & Teresa Wilbourn
12 yrs	Mitch & Penny Reynolds
	Jerry & Peggy Clardy
	James & Faye Lowry



**Have a Safe
& Happy 4th!**

In a note from M L Truck Brokerage, dated June 8th, to JRS Dispatcher Jim West: "MLG Truck Brokerage would like to thank you for the driver and his service on our Power Only move this weekend. We have had some problems with the carriers we have been using to service this account and it was refreshing as a broker to hear from the customer that: *The driver you sent was very professional and courteous.* Thank you JRS and Jim West and Mitchell!!!

**James R. Smith Trucking would like to recognize and thank the
Owner-Operator - Mitch Reynolds, truck #2433**

AMAZING FUEL DISCOUNTS

We took one week and a sampling of various TA & Petro fuel discounts to give you an idea of the savings coast to coast. This is what we found.

	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun
TA - Tuscaloosa, AL	0.129	0.168	0.168	0.168	0.239	0.184	0.204
TA - Mt. Vernon, MO	0.086	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.199	0.176	0.204
TA - Troutdale, OR	0.415	0.46	0.44	0.44	0.466	0.456	0.492
Petro - Eloy, AZ	0.13	0.152	0.142	0.142	0.175	0.121	0.149
Petro - Hammond, LA	0.137	0.177	0.177	0.177	0.257	0.201	0.221
Petro - Waterloo, NY	0.19	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.298	0.263	0.288