



AS THE WHEEL TURNS

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DRIVE SMART

STAY SAFE

Winter Driving

According to the U. S. Department of Transportation, more truck crashes occur during the winter season than the other three seasons combined. Driving too fast for prevailing road conditions and improper space management contribute to over eighty percent of the collisions that occur during the winter season.

The first step in preventing unnecessary incidents is to make sure equipment is ready for the first unexpected freeze or storm. Inspect radiators and all fluid levels, tires, wiper blades and wiper fluid reservoir, heater and defroster, lights, brakes, exhaust system, battery, fifth wheel lubrication, windows, and mirrors. The pre and post-trip inspections are important steps in your daily tasks. During winter conditions, these inspec-

tions are critical.

There are six primary hazards associated with winter driving. Poor traction, reduced ability to stop, starting and stopping,

slippery surfaces including **black ice**, reduced ability to see and be seen, and loss-of-control (jackknife) hazards.

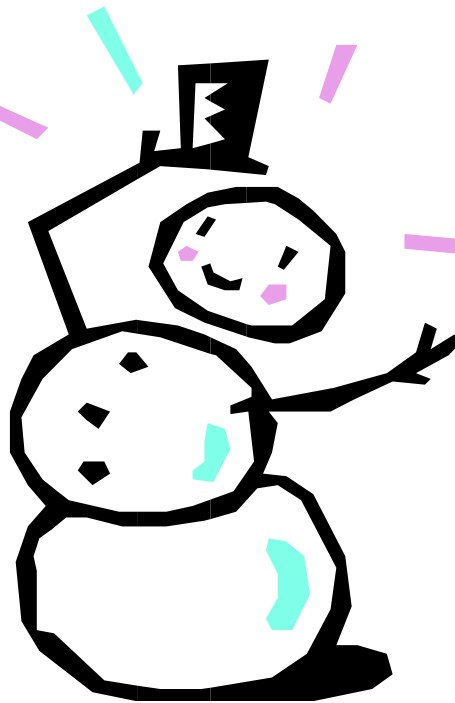
Here are some tips for combating the hazards of winter driving from veteran drivers:

Check the weather forecast before leaving. Leave earlier than usual. Make sure your vehicle is in excellent operating condition. During the trip, check for changing weather forecasts, listen to local radio stations, and CB.

Before and during the trip, clean lights, mirrors, windows, and windshields. Reduce speed to increase vehicle control. Back off from what you "feel" is a safe speed.

Increase following distance to compensate for the increased stopping distance.

Never expect your vehicle to perform beyond its



safety limitations or its traction capability. Watch for ice including **"black ice"** on the roadway, especially on bridges, overpasses/underpasses, and at intersections. Use extra caution when driv-

ing in mountains, on bridges, on overpasses, in curves, and on entrance and exit ramps. Be prepared for gusting winds. Do not use cruise control or engine brakes on slippery roadways.

Yield the right-of-way to snowplows and emergency equipment. If conditions are too dangerous to drive, pull off the roadway at the first safe location and wait for conditions to improve.

Upcoming Important Dates

- *December 14–18, 2009: Holiday open house at Wilder Terminal*
- *December 17, 2009: Compliance start date of Intermodal equipment Inspections*
- *January 2010: New safety Incentive program starts*
- *March 25-27: Mid America Truck Show*
- *July 2010: Nationwide implementation of CSA 2010*

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OPS NEWS (from the desk of Mike Eglan)

When there is a need to have a road service call for our trailer tires, when it is possible, put the old tire/rim in the tire rack located on our trailers. When you notice a repair that needs to be done while at a truck stop such as a mud flap or a flat tire, please call dispatch and get a purchase order number and a com-check code to pay for repairs. Disregard calling Truck way if you can have the repair done on the spot. Do not forget to provide a receipt for the repair work and scan it in with your paperwork.

The corporate fuel program in Wilder is providing consistent savings for our owner operators. Please take advantage of the savings whenever you are here.

Our last safety campaign in October that included light inspections by your fleet managers was a success. Please be aware that light violations are the number one inspection violation in our company. Check your lights daily.

Don't forget about our CVSA program. Earn yourself some extra money by having a safe rig and have it inspected as much as



possible. A clean CVSA earns you \$25 plus gets your name in the year end drawing for \$500.

You may not be aware of the scale we have here in the Wilder lot. When loading at Sara Lee in Alexandria, KY please come use the scale here in our lot. You will need to write down the weights, and then come inside to get a scale ticket filled out by your dispatcher that will serve as your scale ticket. Do not drive all the way to the truck stop when you can come right here to Wilder.

RWI ANNIVERSARIES

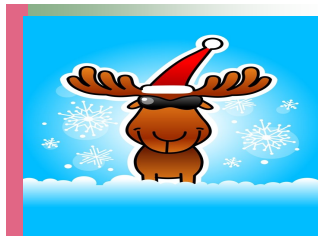
The following individuals celebrate(d) Anniversaries with RWI in October, November or December:

31 years— Mary & Don Brechler

12 years— Max Toss

8 years—Leslie Pusok

7 years—Darlene & Gary Greene



5 years—Valerie Refalo, Edwin Nantes, Sukhdev Singh

4 years—Wayne Keys, Isidro Lizarraga-Acosta, Surjit Singh

3 years—Rafael Perez, Jose Siordia Sr., Jose Siordia Jr., Jack Coleman, Gabriel Aguilar, Arthur Lyall, Aleta Keck, Andy Morski

2 years—Gonzalo Rivera, Isabel Toss, Greg Salinas, Abraham Delgadillo, George Toss, Danny Cross, Reynaldo Ramirez

1 Year—Ricardo Romero, Charles Starling, Doug Loeb, Charles Prather, Robert Barr, Michael Kelly, Francisco Soto, Jose Torres-Nunez, Wayne Conley, Mary Guzman, Luis Mendoza Gonzales, Rhonda & Moshe Sharon

IN THE WORKS

The moves of both the Bloomington, Ca and Gulfport, Ms terminals are completed. We have also had a successful installation of trip scanning in Bloomington. We plan in January to look at the feasibility of installing a scanning station at Gulfport and to finalize an installation packet for those owner/operators interested in scanning their trip paperwork from their homes.

Starting in January, we will no longer be

providing annual tractor inspections at the Wilder terminal. When your annual comes due, you will now need to get it done on your own. We have contracted with Bray's down the road from the terminal to do them for \$50.00, which can be settlement deducted.

Leading up to the July start of CSA 2010, we will be holding regular



informational meetings at all terminals to get us all ready for the changes that are to take place.

In our continuing effort to control costs and improve efficiencies, we are currently looking at installing trailer tire banks in Gulfport and Bloomington.



OWNER OPERATORS OF THE MONTH

RWI Owner/Operator of The Month

September

Team: Reginal & Vicky Mosher
 Long Haul Solo: Blaine Sparrow
 Regional Solo: Jamie Fugate

October

Team: Moshe & Rhonda Sharon
 Long Haul Solo: Andy Morski
 Regional Solo: Tom Long

November

Team: Don & Linda Mitchell
 Long Haul Solo: Gabriel Aguilar
 Regional Solo: Richard Curtis

R&O Owner/Operator of The Month

September

Fleet 120: Doy Mitchell
 Fleet 140: George Vincent III
 Fleet 160: Ed Hollyday



October

Fleet 120: Tyrone Hewitt
 Fleet 140: Tom Cornish
 Fleet 160: Mike Mollohan

November

Fleet 120: Willie Taylor
 Fleet 140: Clair Muth
 Fleet 160: Davis Rhoades

We congratulate all these individuals for all the hard work and dedication they have shown!

R & O ANNIVERSARIES

The following individuals celebrate(d) Anniversaries with R&O in October,

November or December:

10 years—Jerry Friend, Reginald Penton

9 years—Jimmy Campbell

8 years—Charles Harman



7 years—Nathan Brooks

6 Years—Wesley Cudworth

5 years—Fred Ahlberg Sr., Thomas Davies, Carl Mills, Michael Mollohan, George Daniel, Gino Giocondi

4 years—Marc Holladay, Richard Broom, Robert Strong

3 years—Daniel Spencer, Donald Roth Jr.

2 years—Michael Goss, Earl Simmons, Edward Hollyday, John Foskey

1 year—Daniel Killins, Dexter Gray, Duane Nielsen, Jeffrey Boley, William Carroll

NEWS BRIEFS

If you haven't already, the next time in Wilder, please extend a warm welcome to Michael Lense, our new Director of Safety and Compliance. He has extensive transportation safety experience and has a firm yet understanding attitude. With Michael at our safety "helm", you will see many positive changes to the safety culture at our companies. (Please see back page "Final Words", for information about a new incentive starting in January that

was his brainchild.)

For the first three months of our corporate fueling program in Wilder, we have averaged a \$.09/gal fuel savings over the cash pump price at the Flying J in Walton. Some daily savings has been as high as \$.19/gal!



ATTABOY AWARD

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to November's Fleet 160 Owner/Operator of the month: David Rhoades. His artistic help and energies at the new Wilmington yard has benefited all who utilize that facility. Again, thanks David!

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Do IT Right The First Time, Every Time

FINAL WORDS

Sneak Peek— In a continuation of the safety initiative "Drive Smart/Stay Safe", in January we will be announcing a new Safety Incentive where the grand prize will be a new pickup truck! (A real one, not a toy)

And finally... During this holiday season, we wish the very best in health and happiness to you and yours...

Editor's Note: We would like to thank Dick Cabbage of Great West Insurance for allowing us to reprint and use his article on winter driving.

December 17, 2009—Intermodal Equipment Final Rule

The FMCSA's "roadability" rule, which became effective on June 17, 2009, becomes a compliance requirement on December 17, 2009

The new regulations make intermodal equipment providers (IEPs) subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for the first time, and establish shared safety responsibility among intermodal equipment providers, motor carriers, and drivers.

The new rule will enhance the safety of the nation's intermodal transportation system by improving maintenance which should result in fewer breakdowns and crashes involving intermodal chassis and fewer chassis being placed out of service. Service brake components that are readily visible The rule adds an inspection requirement for drivers. Drivers preparing to transport IME must make an inspection of the following components, and must be satisfied they are in good working order

before the equipment is operated over the road. Drivers who operate the equipment over the road are deemed to have confirmed that the following components were in good working order when the driver accepted the equipment:



Service brake components that are readily visible to a driver performing as thorough a visual inspection as possible without physically going under the vehicle, and trailer brake connections;

Lighting devices and reflectors;

Tires;

Coupling devices;

Rails or support frames;

Tie down bolsters;

Locking pins, clevises, clamps, or hooks; and

Sliders or sliding frame lock.

Please note: for those of you who pull banana containers, a packet of information including inspection forms and instructions will not only be available in Wilmington, Wilder and Gulfport but are also being mailed to your residences.