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2008 Truck Rodeo

Team Nevada is pleased to announce that the location for the 2008 Nevada Truck Driving Championship is:

The Main Grandstands at the Stead Airport in Reno

Saturday May 31, 2008

For more information on the NVTDC see the below article

Volunteers Needed for Truck Rodeo

The NMTA has taken over the management of the Nevada State Truck Driving Championships, and we're building a new organization from the ground up.

Steve Bardsley Presented with 2007 Nevada Driver of the Year Award



Steve Bardsley being presented with his award by Governor Gibbons at NMTA's annual convention in Lake Tahoe. Pictured from left to right: Wife Karen, Stephen, Governor Jim Gibbons, and Ed Boe of Conway Freight.

We need volunteers to participate in developing the different committees as well as help out the day of the event.

We are excited about carrying on the excellent tradition the championships have enjoyed in Nevada. If you have experience or are interested in being part of this new chapter, let us know!

Contact Jamie at 775-673-6111 or jamie@nmta.com

**Our next meeting is:
March 14 at 1:00pm at the NMTA
ooffice
8745 Technology Way, Suite E
or
conference call
1. call 1-866-316-1519
2. passcode - 54999938**

New Members for January and February

- *Nevada Petroleum
- *Ed's Place Towing and Recovery
- *Thompson Development
- *Petroleum Distributors, Inc.
- *Adams Enterprises Unlimited
- *Moving Relocation Specialists
- *Desert Crane Services Inc.
- *Ortiz Transport
- *Dayton Valley Turf

Member Stories

Contact us if you would like to be featured in an upcoming NMTA newsletter. Company stories, employee stories and driver stories are welcome!

Contact jamie@nmta.com

Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsels Featuring a One-Day Symposium on Highway Accident Litigation

*Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe
Resort, Spa & Casino
Incline Village, NV
August 10-13, 2003*

**For Further Information,
Call the ATA Litigation
Center at
(703) 838-1865**

Nevada Department of Public Safety

Steve Bardsley began his career with Con-Way Freight in November of 1987. During his career he has worked both the inbound dock, the outbound dock, city P & D, and he has driven in the linehaul operation.

From the beginning Steve has exhibited leadership skills. He is involved in a myriad of company sponsored programs including his facility's *Safety Committee, Quest Team, The Con-Way Core Values Enhancement Team, The New Driver Mentor Program, and the Highway Watch Program.*

His positive attitude and desire to excel at his career have also been recognized by his company as Steve has received practically every safety and leadership award Con-Way has to offer. Including among these awards are the *Quarterly Leader Award, and the coveted Con-Way Freight President's Trophy.*

In 2006 Steve commitment to safety and safe working practices earned him The Con-Way Freight Distinguished Driver Award. This prestigious honor is awarded to drivers who achieve ONE MILLION accident free miles. Stephen is now at 1.3 million accident free miles at Con-Way Freight and 1.8 million accident free miles for his career.

In 2001 Steve began competing in the Nevada State Truck Driving Championships. Once again his continued commitment to safety and professionalism paid off as he took first place in the Twins Class in National Truck Driving Championships with a 20th and 4th place finish respectively. In 2003 he also earned a first place finish in the Twins Class at his company's truck driving championships.

We congratulate Steve on his award and all his many accomplishments.

The Prosperity Project around the Country By Stephanie Herrera Director, Nevada Prosperity Project

A couple of weeks ago I had the opportunity to attend a one-day workshop with dozens of my Prosperity Project (P2) counterparts from around the country. It was very encouraging for me to see the success that is being experienced in states through America. States such as Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Iowa are all witnessing strong influence on the legislative level by the business community. A valuable tool to helping accomplish this goal is the business community's use of their state Prosperity Project websites. Companies that have taken a leadership role in their state have been instrumental in educating the work force, giving them educational tools through their websites, hosting voter registration drives, creating letter-writing campaigns for contacting representatives and overall increasing participation in the legislative process. The results are direct impact on the way legislators vote, higher accountability for creating better business legislation and ultimately the protection of private sector jobs.

The main goal of the Nevada Prosperity Project is to engage the business community and create greater job security for members of the private sector.

Often times, employees are unsure how to create that security for themselves. These days simply working hard and being a dependable employee is not enough. If an employer cannot handle the tax burden a state places on it the obvious next step is the reduction of jobs. As an employer you not only provide your people with a paycheck, but you have a profound opportunity to provide them with the gift of greater job security through education. The more your employees know about the direction Nevada is heading via the decisions made at the Carson City Legislature the greater the chance they will make their voices heard and ultimately as a crowd actually be heard.

Part of the benefits of membership with an association such as the Nevada Motor Transport Association is the knowledge that you have a representative fighting for you in the halls of the Nevada Legislature. However, when that voice is backed up by

TRUCKER TIP #14
**YOU CAN'T MAKE
 A LIVING WHEN
 YOU'RE DEAD.
 BUCKLE UP.**

A message from the Nevada Department of Public Safety
 and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Nevada Department of
Public Safety

Click here for more information

letters, emails and phone calls voicing the opinions of business your association representative has a greater chance for success.

We encourage you to take full advantage of the information found on your P2 website. If you have questions, need ideas for disseminating information to your people or simply getting them involved please contact me at **775.742.9378** or Stephanie@nevadaprospertyproject.org. It is my privilege to help you engage your employees.

Nevada Motor Transport Association's 2008 Annual Convention in Lake Tahoe

New Convention is a Success



NMTA chose to change the format of our annual convention this year. The convention was held at Harrah's Lake Tahoe Resort for the first time. The location was beautiful and offered many activities outside the convention, from skiing to the resort spa, there was not enough time to fit everything in! We also added more information, workshops, speakers and vendor information to our event. There was an excellent turnout and we had positive feedback from all who attended.

The Speakers were engaging and interesting and the vendors did a great job of providing information and goods to our members.

Our welcome reception offered a great forum to talk with other members as well as legislators. Another first was the vendors were able to set up a booth if they chose to. The reception was a great time to browse the booths and talk with the vendors.

The speakers covered a wide range of topics and were both motivating and educational. Dan Baker, "The Man on the People's Side of the Trucking Industry", spoke at our opening breakfast. Using his years of experience with the trucking industry, and a few "volunteers" from the crowd, he did a great job presenting the difficulties business owners face in this day and age, and how to best handle these challenges. He intertwined his amazing life experiences into the presentation, not only keeping us laughing, but also causing a few teary eyes in the crowd. Mike Mullane, a retired Astronaut, spoke at our closing luncheon. As a veteran of the earliest flights of the American Space Shuttle program, he was able to use his experiences with NASA and his many space adventures to demonstrate the importance of team work. His informative and humorous description of an astronaut's life was extremely inspiring and interesting to say the least.

We also offered two General Sessions (workshops). The first workshop was "Making Taxes Less Taxing", with Jeanne Martin, Senior Stake Holder Liaison, IRS. It was a very educational program for business owners. The program really focused on the many facets of tax laws that business owners should know about. NMTA has partnered with the Small Business/Self-Employed Division of the IRS to help keep our

members informed. The second workshop was the "Legislative Perspective". The legislative panel produced great discussion among members and legislators. The panel included; Senators John Lee, Bob Beers and Mark Amodei, as well as Ray Bacon, director of the Nevada Manufacturers Association. They all did a great job presenting thoughts on our next legislative session and answering different questions from members.

Our annual Awards Dinner for our Driver of the Year (see article above) offered a great turnout including the attendance of Governor Jim Gibbons.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors once more. Without their support our convention would not have been as well attended or as enjoyable.



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Federal and National News

National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission Releases Report

After almost one and a half years since its first meeting the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue released their final report called Transportation Tomorrow. Below are some of the reports findings:

- Currently the nation is spending at least 40% less revenue on surface transportation than is needed.
- A continued strong federal role in transportation is required.
- The next federal transportation spending bill must completely restructure the federal role and focus on bringing systems into a state of good repair; address freight needs; address mobility in large metropolitan areas by reducing congestion by 25% by 2025 from today's levels; address rural and small community access needs; reduce fatalities by 20% by 2025; and address energy, environmental and federal lands highways needs.
- Streamline project reviews to shorten approval times.
- Subject project funding eligibility to performance standards and cost-benefit review.
- Establish a permanent commission similar to the base-closing commission to ensure federal funds are used to address national priorities and to recommend revenue levels and rates of taxation to Congress for an up-or-down vote.
- Multiple revenue sources will be needed to address current and future needs, including a 25-40 cents increase in the federal fuel tax, a new freight fee and greater use of tolls, private financing and congestion pricing.
- Placed limitations on tolling and private financing designed to protect the public interest.
- Over the long term, begin to explore methods for replacing the fuel tax as vehicles begin to use alternative energy sources.
- Capacity on all modes must be expanded and productivity must be improved.

FMCSA seeks comments on Hours of Service

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has announced that the public comment period on the commercial motor vehicle drivers' hours-of-service Interim Final Rule has been extended until March 17, 2008, to provide interested parties an opportunity to provide further comment and supporting data.

On December 17, FMCSA published in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 71247) an [Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#) and [Request for Comments regarding hours of service](#) for commercial motor vehicle drivers. It was issued in response to a July 2007 decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The IFR retains the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations allowing commercial motor vehicle drivers up to 11 hours of driving time within a 14-hour, non-extendable window from the start of the workday, following 10 consecutive hours off duty (11-hour limit). This interim rule also allows motor carriers and drivers to restart calculations of the weekly on-duty time limits after the driver has at least 34 consecutive hours off duty (34-hour restart). The IFR is effective December 27, 2007, and comments are due no later than March

17, 2008.

If you are interested in sending comments to the FMCSA please contact Paul Enos at 775-673-6111.

Truck-Involved Fatal Crash Statistics Fall to All-Time Low

Motor Carrier Commitment to Safety Making a Difference

ARLINGTON, Va. - Three of the primary measures of large truck safety fell to record lows in 2006, according to figures released by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Newly released Federal Highway Administration vehicle mileage figures, used to determine annual crash rates, showed that the large truck-involvement rate in fatal crashes, the fatality rate and the fatal crash rate for large trucks each declined to its lowest level since the U.S. Department of Transportation began tracking large truck safety records in 1975.

"These figures illustrate the effectiveness of the trucking industry's continuous efforts to increase safety on the nation's highways," said ATA President and CEO Bill Graves. "The motor carrier commitment to safety and industry outreach efforts are playing major roles in improving highway safety for all drivers."

The 2006 fatal crash rate for large trucks stood at 1.93 fatal crashes per 100 million vehicle-miles-traveled. This breaks the previous low of 1.97 fatal crashes per 100 million vehicle-miles-traveled in 2002.

The large truck-involvement rate fell to 2.12 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, down from 2.21 a year earlier. The fatality rate declined to 2.24 per 100 million vehicle-miles-traveled, down from 2.34 in 2005. The fatal crash rate measures the number of fatal crashes involving large trucks per 100 million miles traveled. The large truck involvement rate measures the number of trucks involved in fatal crashes per 100 million miles traveled. The fatality rate measures the number of deaths in truck-involved crashes per 100 million miles traveled.

Improving safety figures are set against a backdrop of an increased number of vehicles on the nation's roadways. According to FHWA, there were nearly 3 million more registered cars and trucks in 2006 than in 2005.

NMTA N-STEP TRAINING

We are Training on a Saturday!

We are holding a special Saturday session of the popular training below

*****Space limited to first 16 applicants*****

The USDOT Annual Inspection

Many members have asked for training on the weekend so personnel that are too busy during the week can attend. This class by Lee Lewis of Lewis Commercial Compliance has turned out to be the most popular and well attended training in years (Recent

sessions in Reno, Elko and Las Vegas were booked solid). This first session is in Reno but classes are planned for Elko and Las Vegas. The class description and schedule is below.

PROFESSIONAL LEVEL

*USDOT ANNUAL VEHICLE INSPECTION TRAINING

Learn the proper procedures and the proper documentation for conducting the USDOT annual inspection. This training will include an in-depth review of the USDOT/FMCSA safety regulations pertaining to the annual inspection. The session will start with Part §390.5(d) defining what a commercial vehicle is and then go through Part §396 and Appendix G.

While you will learn how to perform a USDOT annual inspection and why these inspections are necessary, this class will not serve as a certification for conducting the annual inspection. It can be used along with experience and other training to complete your annual vehicle inspector qualification.

The class will be *conducted by Lee Lewis of Lewis Commercial Compliance*. Lee has an extensive background in commercial vehicle safety including 20 years experience as a diesel mechanic, 20 years experience as a fleet service manager and 6 ½ years experience as a Nevada Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector. Lee's classes are well presented and interesting for the novice as well as the master mechanic.

*This class is open to supervisory personnel and maintenance personnel with at least one year experience in conducting commercial vehicle inspections and/or maintenance.

DETAILS:

▶ **Certificated Training:** Yes, certificates of attendance will be issued

▶ **Time:** 4 hours 8:00AM until 12:00PM
(Coffee and donuts will be served)

▶ **Locations/Dates:** Reno, Saturday, March 1st, 2008

NMTA Office:

8745 Technology Way, Ste # E

Reno, NV 89521

Time: 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Phone: (775) 673-6111

For directions go to our website:

www.nmta.com

▶ **Cost:** \$ 75.00 NMTA Member

\$ 125.00 Non Member

- ▶ **Materials:** A copy of the FMCSR, Management Edition (a \$15.00 value) is included, along with pen and paper.
- ▶ **Reservations:** Are required -- please call Jamie @ 775.673.6111 to register.

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