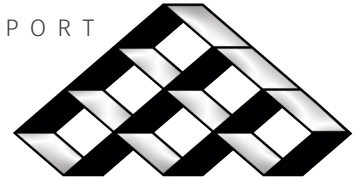


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BY THE NUMBERS: A LOOK AT OUR INDUSTRY

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As we are now into 2024 and reviewing 2023, here are some interesting stats we all thought you would like to see on the state of the overall industry.

- The cost of operating a truck increased approximately 21% in 2023. Without fuel, truck operations cost on average \$1.60 to \$1.70 per mile just to operate.
- Associations across America report and estimate that we are short 78,000 drivers.
- Driver ages: The average age of over-the-road drivers is 46 years of age; and new professional drivers are 35 years of age.



We have received four new trucks this year, and the shop is working to get them on the road.

- Currently, there are over 2.1 million trucking jobs in the U.S.
- Women make up only 8% of the workforce in driving positions.
- 45% of drivers are now racial minorities.
- The industry will need to hire 1.1 million new drivers in the next 10 years to just replace the current drivers who are retiring.

Updates:

At the Willow Springs Rail Facility, we are well underway and have received eight new tanks. Hydro testing for the

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first four was successful. Things are going well with installation, and we are looking forward to further progress.

We have been busy with propane season over the last several weeks, hauling transports and unloading rail cars. We are thankful for the cooler weather and yet ready for spring!

Over the upcoming days/weeks you will start to an increase in asphalt shipments from Willow Springs into the plant at Miller. This is the beginning of our winter fill. Willow Springs and Clinton will also start to see an increase in rail shipments.

We are also in receipt of four new Kenworth trucks. The shop is busy working to get these trucks equipped and ready for the road. We have one more new unit arriving in the upcoming months.

Reminder: The FMC Transport Spring Safety Meeting is upcoming and scheduled for March 23 and will be held here at the Willow Springs FMC Shop. We are cooking breakfast for the drivers and look forward to seeing everyone at this meeting. Notices were emailed at the beginning of February. If you have any questions, please call our Safety Office!

Just a friendly note: The Coastal-FMC and Bear Crossing Annual Company party and dinner is set for September 28, 2024 – mark your calendars!!! More information will be sent out in the upcoming months.

August 1, 2024, is our BPJ Health Insurance renewal for all team members. We are already in the process of working on this renewal. Due to the nature of insurance and business, we are going to be seeing some changes for next year. As we know more, we will provide you with updates.



On March 8, the Coastal-FMC family gathered to wish Brian Smeby well on his retirement after 19 years with the company. We appreciate his work through the years to keep the company running smoothly.

UPGRADES AROUND OUR FACILITIES



Ken Sasse and Robert Cline are pictured installing heat tracing on a new offload line at the Clinton facility.



Tyler Jones has been busy with quality welding at the Miller plant during the off season. Pictured, a stainless steel exhaust pipe for a steam return tank.



UPGRADES AROUND OUR FACILITIES



Eight new tanks have been set at the Willow Springs Rail Facility, replacing six that were removed late last year and two that had been removed previously.

WORK ON THE ROAD



Larry Thompson, Chad Odle, and Shannon McDaniel recently attended the County Commissioners Association of Missouri conference at the Lake of the Ozarks and hosted a hospitality room.

INTERNATIONAL ROADCHECK IS SCHEDULED MAY 14-16

FROM COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY ALLIANCE | CVSA.ORG



The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) International Roadcheck is scheduled for May 14-16.

International Roadcheck is a high-visibility, high-volume commercial motor vehicle inspection and regulatory compliance enforcement initiative that takes place over three days in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. CVSA-certified law enforcement personnel will inspect commercial motor vehicles and drivers at weigh/inspection stations, temporary sites, and mobile patrols to verify compliance with federal, state, provincial, or territorial regulations. Data from the 72 hours of International Roadcheck will be collected and the results will be released this summer.



Justin Robertson is pictured getting into a new Kenworth recently.

Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations. This year, International Roadcheck will have two focus areas – tractor protection systems and alcohol and controlled substance possession.

Controlled substance and alcohol possession/use remains a significant concern for motor carriers, drivers, and the general public. The number of prohibited drivers listed in the U.S. Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DACH) has been increasing. This alarming trend poses a threat to all motorists who travel on roadways throughout North America.

This year's International Roadcheck will serve as a reminder to motor carriers to establish and strictly enforce clear policies to prevent controlled substance and alcohol possession or use in the workplace. In addition, U.S. motor carriers should regularly query the DACH to ensure their drivers are not in prohibited status. Commercial motor vehicle drivers are reminded to adhere to their company's policies and to not possess, use or be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances while on duty. Inspectors are reminded to be vigilant in the detection and interdiction of such driver violations during every inspection.

In addition, by focusing on the tractor protection systems, International Roadcheck aims to increase awareness for drivers, motor carriers, technicians, and enforcement personnel of these critically important vehicle components; specifically, the tractor protection valve, trailer supply valve and anti-bleed back valve, which may be overlooked during trip and roadside inspections. To assist drivers and motor carriers in the proactive assessment and maintenance of those components, CVSA has provided an inspection bulletin outlining the steps on how to properly check tractor protection systems.

Over the three days of International Roadcheck, inspectors will conduct their routine North American Standard Level I Inspection, which is a thorough 37-step inspection procedure consisting of the examination of vehicle components and driver documentation and requirements.

During the vehicle portion of the Level I Inspection, inspectors will ensure the vehicle's brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft components, driver's seat, fuel and exhaust systems, frames, lighting devices, steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, wheels, rims, hubs, and windshield wipers are compliant with regulations. In addition, inspections of motorcoaches, passenger vans, and other passenger-

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carrying vehicles will also include the examination of emergency exits, seating, and electrical cables and systems in the engine and battery compartments.

A vehicle that successfully passes a Level I or V Inspection without any critical vehicle inspection item violations may receive a CVSA decal, which is valid for three months.

If out-of-service violations, as outlined in the North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria, are found during an inspection, the vehicle will be restricted from operating until all out-of-service violations have been properly addressed.

During the driver portion of an inspection, inspectors will check the driver's operating credentials, hours-of-service documentation, DACH status (in the U.S.), seat belt usage, and for alcohol and/or drug impairment. If an inspector identifies driver out-of-service violations, such as not possessing a valid or necessary operating license or exhibiting signs of impairment, the inspector will restrict that driver from operating their vehicle. For International Roadcheck, in case of inclement weather or other limiting circumstances, instead of a Level I Inspection, a jurisdiction or an inspector may opt to conduct a Level II Walk-Around Driver/Vehicle Inspection or Level III Driver/Credential/Administrative Inspection, neither of which are eligible for a CVSA decal.

CVSA is a nonprofit organization comprised of local, state, provincial, territorial, and federal commercial motor vehicle safety officials and industry representatives in Canada, Mexico, and the US. The Alliance aims to prevent commercial motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities and believes that collaboration between government and industry improves road safety and saves lives. Its mission is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and



NEW TEAM MEMBER: DAVID SNYDER

POSITION: LAB TECHNICIAN

LOCATION: MILLER LABORATORY

David has joined the team in the lab at Miller. He has spent 30 years in quality control, materials testing, and pavement designs. He also has done lab management for a civil engineering firm and highway paving contractors.

He and his wife, Keri, have been married 35 years. They have four children, Amanda, Jack, Jason, and Jonathan; five grandchildren, Emery, Ezekial, Elam, Ella, and Barrett; and son-in-law Jacob and daughter-in-law Hannah.

David says his hobbies include trying to keep up with 9-year-old Jonathan, and his love for playing sports, along with doing everything a "paw paw" can do for grandchildren and children.



David Snyder and wife, Keri

WILLOW SPRINGS CHAMBER BANQUET



The Willow Springs Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards banquet was held Saturday, Feb. 3, at the beautiful Pine Meadows Venue. Left, attendees were entertained with an evening of amazing music by Bear Crossing's own Brady Walton. Center, Philip Chafin was named the Willow Springs Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year at the banquet. Right, Erik Montgomery accepted the Willow Springs Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award for Jim Plowman on behalf of the Plowman family.

SUCCESSFUL BIRD HUNT

Shane and Jackson Lee had a successful day hunting on March 17 with Joe Blankenship and his dog Willow at Ozark Wings Hunting Preserve in Caulfield.



NEW ADDITIONS TO COASTAL-FMC FAMILY



Philip and Gayla Chafin welcomed their first grandchild on Jan. 10, 2024. Callahan Thatcher Marlin Chafin was born at 7 p.m. in Cox Hospital in Springfield. He was 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Cory and Amber Chafin are the proud parents, living in Colorado Springs where Cory is a first lieutenant in the Space Force and stationed at Space Base Peterson. Philip says the baby is “the next generation of Chafins and our pride and joy.”

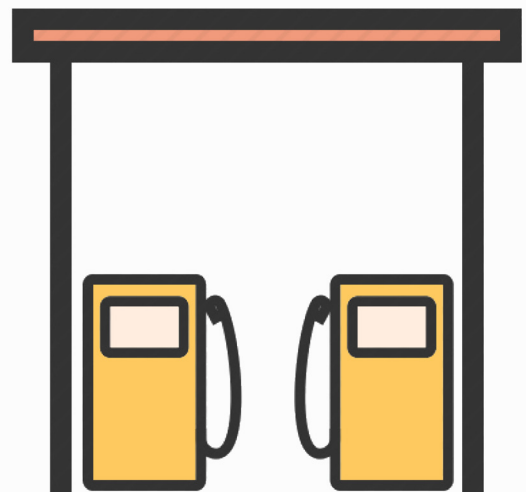


Seth Amankrah from the Miller laboratory and his wife, Abigail, recently welcomed a son. Levi Yaw Adu Amankrah was born Dec. 21, 2023, and joins siblings Evelyn and Piper.

FMC TRANSPORT PREFERRED FUEL STOPS

Each month, we will feature a list of preferred fueling location as we work to negotiate better fuel savings with various fuel stops. We are working on additional fuel stops that can better suit some of the drivers in KS and AR. More updates in 2023.

1. Sapp Brothers – Harrisonville, MO
2. Loves Travel Center – Willow Springs, MO
3. Loves Travel Centers – all other locations
4. FMC Transport Fuel Island – Miller, MO: This location has DEF and Winter Treatment. If you have questions, call Joe or Allen.
5. Lamar Travel Center
6. Casey's Locations: This is not our best option, but we do have some discounts offered.
7. FMC Transport Fuel Island – Willow Springs, MO: Please only use if you are unable to use the Loves across the street.



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2 – Scott Grant, Steven Hackworth

March 7 – Deborah Birk

March 8 – Todd McDaniel

March 19 – Philip Chafin, Shane Lee

March 20 – Jordan Rutledge

March 25 – Ben Holloway

March 27 – Wendy Altermatt

March 29 – Jonathan Baker, Jon Little

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 4 – Jerry Courtney

April 6 – Nathan Ross

April 8 – Joshua Ennis

April 10 – David Snyder

April 12 – Sherry Venneman

April 13 – Ken Sasse

April 29 – Tye McCoy

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 3 – Chris Thomas

May 4 – Doug Gimpel

May 11 – Michael Johnson, Trey Oravec,
Kent McAbee

May 13 – Randall Perry

May 17 – Dustin Miller, Billy Vanderbilt

May 19 – Lisa Sanders

May 21 – Brady Walton

May 23 – Ray Brotherton, Jackson Lee

May 29 – Larry Thompson

