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# AS THE WHEELS TURN

The Official Newsletter of PD&S



## New Trucks Coming Next Month

PD&S is Growing!! We have recently been informed of 4 trucks coming into the PD&S Fleet at the end of this month/beginning of March! Which will open up positions for new drivers!

We are adding 2 more route drivers & another Regional position! (If you know anyone looking, there could be a referral bonus in it for you!).



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"Coming Together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is Success!"

-Henry Ford

# Reasons to Keep a Clean Truck

By Amanda Barr

As a professional driver your list of things to accomplish everyday can seem endless. Which is why it can be tempting to put off cleaning your truck. However not cleaning your truck would be a big mistake! Here are a few reasons why keeping a clean truck is worth it;

1. You may be less likely to be pulled in for a full inspection. Anecdotal evidence suggests that DOT Officers have a negative perception of dirty trucks & are more likely to go over them with a fine tooth comb. In their minds a dirty truck signals a lazy driver who may have missed things on the pre-trip inspection. So keeping your truck clean may very well save you time.

2.. It displays professionalism! One of the most important reasons to keep a clean truck is that it shows that you take pride in your job and yourself. A clean truck gives a positive impression of the trucking industry and PD&S everywhere you go!

3. Less Distractions! A cluttered cab can be distracting and dangerous! Not only can it be smelly and messy looking, but studies show that it decreases your driving performance.

4. Your Truck is your home away from home. Taking care of the mess in your truck is taking care of yourself! Keeping your area clean and organized will make you feel better.



5. A Clean Truck is a Healthy Truck! A dirty truck can be full of health hazards like mold, bacteria, & viruses!

6 New Trucks! PD&S is growing!! Drivers who fail to properly maintain a clean truck will miss out on the luxury of a new one!

## Your Opinion Counts!



The real purpose of our new company newsletter is to help all PD&S employees better connect with each other & management. One of the best ways for us to accomplish this is simply by asking for your opinions & ideas!!

In each issue we plan to include a survey question along with results from the previous survey

As warmer weather approaches planning has started for our first annual company picnic. What are some things you would like to see included?

You can submit your suggestions by writing it down and turning it in with your paperwork, texting 812-204-0031 or emailing [accounting@pdsagent.com](mailto:accounting@pdsagent.com)

# Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Greg M. - March 2  
Mark F. - March 11  
Brian S. - March 12  
James M. - March 24  
Ryder B. - March 27  
Jodie Y. - March 30

Tony T. - Feb 26 (7 years)  
Mike G. - March 2 (1 year)  
Ryder B. - March 18 (2 years)  
Jeremy C. - March 22 (1 Year)  
Nathan L. - March 25th (1 year)

## A letter from Ryan

It seems cliché to say that drivers are the backbone of the company, but it could not be more true for us here at PD&S. You are all valued, and during this time of the year with winter weather closing in on us we want to express more than ever the importance of safety and truck maintenance. With these colder temperatures settling in please make sure to park your trucks with full tanks and if the truck will be down for more than 12 hours please add diesel treatment to prevent gelling. If you can plug them up at night please do so, and double check all fluids each morning and get the trucks to their respective service locations to make sure everything is topped off each day. OK the truck maintenance info is out of the way now the important part.

While on the road you are the captains of your ships, we here at the office tell you where to go, but if the seas are too dangerous, we rely on your good judgement as to how and when to sail them. We understand winter driving and understand that everyone has their own level of confidence in their abilities. You know your skill level, our request here is as always to keep us informed. Reach out and tell us what kind of troubles you are having, and we will work to ensure your safety. During this time of year, we are always more concerned about all of you, we are a team and will work as a team to ensure we can all perform our duties to the best of our ability and to help each other when things aren't going as planned.

Most importantly stay safe out on the road, there is no load out there worth getting injured over!





## Photos & Content

A big thank you goes out to Jayson, Mark, & Amanda for the photos included in this article. If you have any photos or content ideas for next months newsletter or our social media, please submit to Amanda by texting 812-204-0031 or emailing [accounting@pdsagent.com](mailto:accounting@pdsagent.com).

Thank you for all you do to help make PD&S an incredible company to work with!

## Employee of the Month Spotlight

Ryder has been a valued member of our team since early 2019. With almost 2 years of safe driving, we are blessed he is part of the PD&S family, and are proud to showcase him as our driver of the month. Keep up the good work Ryder, and thank you for all you do.



There was a man driving down the road behind an 18 wheeler, at every stoplight the trucker would get out of the cab, run back and bang on the trailer door. After seeing this at several intersections in a row the motorist followed him until he pulled into a parking lot. When they both had come to a stop the truck driver once again jumped out and started banging on the trailer door. The motorist went up to him and said, "I don't mean to be nosy but why do you keep banging on that door?" To which the trucker replied, "Sorry, can't talk now, I have 20 tons of canaries and a 10 ton limit, so I have to keep half of them flying at all times."