

K & J CONVOY

A Newsletter for the Drivers of K & J Trucking, Inc.



We went a little crazy for Independence Day this year! We hope you all have a safe and happy fourth, whether you are on the road or enjoying some well-deserved home time!

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

GENNADIY PACHECO - 6 (1 YR)
GARY MAIER - 7 (7 YRS)
BRAD HENDRIKS - 8 (17 YRS)
DAVE KIRCHNER - 17 (3 YRS)
RICK MEYER - 19 (5 YRS)
JOE LITTLE - 27 (11 YRS)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JOSH WORTHINGTON - 6
BRYAN LAUTT - 7
KELVIN WYNN - 8
LAURIE CAMERON - 13
JOE GUM - 18
WAYNE BEYENHOF - 20
MARK BEATTY - 22
JOSH BECKER - 23
FRANCISCO ILLOLDI-RANGEL - 26
BONNIE HENDRIKS - 30

"Check Your Freaking Tires"

Its summer time and it is hot out. Please be paying attention to your tires!!!

We have had several steer tire failures. This is not good and not safe. When you get up from Sleeper Berth and your tires have not been driven on yet, the tire PSI should be 120 PSI plus or minus 5 PSI. The PSI should be the same on right and left steer tires. If you have questions or issues with this, call Lou.

We have also been having a lot of trailer tire failures. Keep in mind, most failures have had a warning! That warning is the tire remote white light on the left front corner radius panel located next to the refer remote status light.

If the white remote status light has come on while going down the road and the light stays on for more than 5 minutes, there is an issue. If the light comes back on in less than 45 minutes there is a REAL BIG tire issue. Please stop and, as Shelley says, "check your freaking tires", as a tire is ready to explode.

Rent a Truck Detailing Kit

The shop now has a detail cleaning kit for you to use to clean & vacuum the cab of your truck! It has a ton of great cleaning supplies and rags for you to use. June will lend the kit to you just like she does with the driver cars.

If you are a company driver it is free. If you are an owner-operator or drive for an owner operator and you pay shop rent, it is \$20.00, if you do not pay shop rent then it is \$30.00. For fleet drivers, check with your fleet owner on how they want you to approach it.

To rent out the kit, please schedule with June so we know to leave a bay open for you to work in.



JULY 2021

A Note From Dispatch

Good July Everyone, and Happy 4th of July to all. Summer is definitely here! I hope you all are getting a chance to enjoy it. Speaking of 4th of July, which falls on Sunday, so Monday the 5th is the "office" holiday. Our dispatch team does not plan to work on Monday the 5th, so it will be a 3 day holiday, with on-call dispatch. The on-call dispatcher may have his work cut out for him, but will be here if you need us. We'll work our tails off to keep you moving to the best of our abilities. We are still trying to collect information on who is shipping, receiving, and who isn't, and we'll adjust as we get closer.

If you are working that weekend, and others, I have some reminders for you as you've seen in the weekly videos.

Please remember to leave the dolly handle OUT of the cradle when dropping trailers. If its put into the cradle, when the trailer is getting loaded, it can then get lodged into the undercarriage. Leave it hang free, and all is well.

If you're hauling a Smithfield load that has a lumper fee, we have a short window of opportunity to turn in the lumper receipt for payment. Turn your bills and lumper receipts in within 24 hours following delivery, or you may risk not getting reimbursed.

One bold prediction. The Phoenix Suns. Your 2021 NBA Champions.

Thank you for everything.

Mike & Dispatch

More Audits Will Likely Come

We went through a non-rateable audit in April this year. It was not rateable because all that was checked was our Drug & Alcohol program and participants, the DQ files for some of the most recent hires and our hazmat loads. We passed. (Means no fines assessed.) There is a bigger one coming I am sure. When that one comes I want to be able to have the same outcome: a pass.

I am auditing our logs a bit more because I can see that there are some places where more coaching is required. You will notice that you may get a note from me with log violation listed and asking how I could help to keep this from happening again.

This needs to be done because of the information that is going to be asked for right away when they knock on our door. There will be a request for an Unidentified Miles Report, a Violations List Report, a Yard Move Miles Driven, and PC Miles Driven.

From there they will start to match arrival and departure times to your logs and what you mention for reasons for yard move and personal conveyance. Being proactive is the most profitable. The fines from them have increased and go from \$580 up to \$\$ thousands. I tried to figure how they figure the fine but it is not a set rate. It goes by how many violations, how much went into the violation, how often the company DIDN'T address it with the driver etc. (My eyes crossed reading all of the requirements.)

Is there going to be a time that you go over your hours, yes. It just can't be several times per month. If you have questions or want some help with hours of service call and let me know when you will be in and I will put a few things together to discuss and hopefully clarify them for you.

Jennifer

DON'T FORGET VEHICLE USE TAX - AUGUST 31!

Attention owner operators who DO NOT lease your truck! You will need to file your form 2290 Heavy Vehicle Use Tax by August 31. If you have questions or need any help please see Brenda.