

The FLATBED FLASH

"On time and damage free"



A newsletter published for the Owner Operators, Employees and Customers of Tri-Line Freight Systems LP's Flatbed Division

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Welcome to the fall 2005 edition of "The Flatbed Flash". As usual, the past number of months has continued to throw many challenges at the trucking industry, the most notable being the devastating hurricanes in the Southern USA. My sympathy goes to all the families that suffered losses during these natural disasters and I am thankful that we were fortunate to suffer very minimal problems during the time of the storms.

We have however felt the impact of the storms from a business sense through our Customer closures, traffic delays and spiking fuel prices. Thank you to all of our Owner Operators for your patience and professionalism during this time. As well, thank you to all of our Customers for your support through our Fuel Surcharge program and through the extra efforts to ensure deliveries/pick ups could be made safely though the areas affected by the storm. This allowed our Owner Operators to stay profitable and on the road transporting your freight.

Owner Operators.... Winter is coming fast!!! If you need tires be sure to check the pricing through our National Account programs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our holiday party again this year. This year we will not have a program for Friday or Sunday, just a Saturday get together. Like last year, we will spend some time reviewing the past year and discussing our plans for 2006. As well, we will have a presentation from Caterpillar regarding new engine technology, what is coming for 2007 and how we can be as efficient as possible with the new engines. Stan Dunford, Chairman and CEO of the Contrans Income Fund, our parent company, will be joining us for the day. Stan is an entertaining guy who started in this business as an Owner Operator and still likes to get out on the road whenever he can. Stan looks forward to meeting all of you and I think that you will find his views and outlook on our industry very interesting.

Drive Safely,
Brent

SAFETY MESSAGE...

Once again I find the need to address the changes in U.S. Hours of Service Regulations.

The changes took effect Oct. 1, 2005. Soft enforcement will be in place for the first 90 days.

Simply stated the new rules mean:

- Drivers may drive up to 11 hours in the 14-hour on-duty window after they come on duty following 10 or more consecutive hours off duty.
- The 14 hour on duty window may not be extended with off-duty time for meal and fuel stops, etc.
- The prohibition on driving after being on duty 60 hours in 7 consecutive days or 70 hours in 8 consecutive days, remain the same, but drivers can “restart” the 7/8 day period anytime a driver has 34 consecutive hours off duty.
- CMV drivers using the sleeper berth provision must take at least 8 consecutive hours in the sleeper berth, plus 2 consecutive hours either in the sleeper berth, off duty or any combination of the two.

All the changes have been posted in all Terminals as well as being included in your pay statements. If you have any questions please call or drop by to see me and get clarification.

Completing your log books correctly is not an option, it is a necessity. Non-compliance can be very expensive. Fines for log book violations start at \$250.00 for each infraction and can go as high as \$10,000.00. This means you as a Driver or the Driver and the Company can both be fined separately.

It is also a finable offense to keep more than 7 days logs in your possession at one time. (Original pages that is) If you are not able to get back to a terminal to turn in your logs, simply put the original log book pages in your trip envelope. Do not leave them all in your log book.

Winter weather will be upon us before long so remember you are required to carry chains in some jurisdictions. Please make sure you have them with you by October 15, 2005.

I look forward to seeing you at the party in November. Please be careful and Drive safe,

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ACCIDENT REPORTING

Effective September 27, 2005 accidents will no longer be reported to Brian Dunk. All accidents will be reported to Monte DeMarco.

To ensure all accident claims are handled in a timely and efficient manner they must be reported immediately and followed up with a complete written accident report. Any delays with the reporting procedure may cause slow downs in the settlement of claims.

There will be more information to follow regarding any revisions to the reporting procedures as required.

Any concerns or questions or need to report and accident, I can be reached at the following numbers.

Office: (800) 661-9191

Cell: (403) 471-2905 (during and after business hours)

Thank you for your participation.

Monte DeMarco



Safety Awards for 2004

<i>Accident Free</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Accident Free</i>	<i>Years</i>
Rick Baker	6	Sonny Hinz	9
James Beckett	7	Don Jones	6
David Bergen	5	George Kellner	15
Andre Bordier	7	Carl Kriwez	1
Stephan Boulianne	1	Jeannie Leer	4
Don Brown	19	Gordon Lewis	7
Ken Byers	1	Keith Linton	1
John Carduner	12	Rick Lintick	1
Blair Corrigan	1	Bill McMillan	4
Henry Corrin	8	Robert Randell	8
Ivan Crnkovich	10	James Reavie	11
Eugene Daoust	9	Diane Reibin	1
Cal Davidson	3	Michael Reibin	1
James Eagles	6	David Rithaler	14
Harold Fenton	11	James Russell	1
Michael Florek	10	Ken Rye	1
Phil Gawluk	2	Johnny Smith	12
Robert Genest	1	Darral Snyder	1
Larry German	15	Dave Spaulding	33
Thelma German	14	Raymond Stewart	17
Garry Giesbrecht	1	Willie Stewart	6
Randy Gilewich	1	Roger Vanderlee	1
Dirk Gordon	8	Tony Vanderlee	1
Michale Graham	15	Allen Watt	1
Vern Grams	13	Gary Weinrich	10
Gord Hebdon	4	Terry Wheeler	24

Tri-Line Freight Systems has a Safe Driving Program. For every year you are Accident Free, you earn awards. These awards will be presented at the Summer BBQ

*Thank you for your commitment to Safety
Keep up the Great Work*

From the Payroll Department...

Well I can't believe how fast this year has gone now we are already in to fall; next thing winter will be here. There a few things I thought I would bring to your attention in this issue.

Great West Life

As you know we have Great West Life for our Benefit program through the company and I have had a few challenges this year with **"Out of Country Claims"** For those of you who do run into the U.S. it is very important that you make sure you have on your person the Global Assistance card. When you suffer an injury and are in need of treatment it is very important that you produce this card at the clinic or the hospital where you are being treated. This enables the U.S. companies to deal directly with Great West for Payment. Things are handled much smoother and more quickly for each party all the way around and you won't receive a bill from the U.S., which I am sure can be quite shocking.

I have also sent forms home in your pay statements so you can also be set up with Great West Life for direct deposit. This will make it more convenient for you in the long run.

If you do not have a Direct Deposit form please let me know and I will mail one directly to you and have you set up. Also please check for the Global Assistance Card. If you are missing that I will need to order that for you as well.

If you have any questions about claims or any benefit questions you can call Great West Life direct at 1 800 263 5742, or give me a call and I will try to help you out.

Payroll Process

Welcome to all our new Owner Operators that have joined our Tri-Line Family. As you know we have two cut offs for your pay, these are the 15th and the 30th of every month, with one additional day and needs to billed in two days after each cut off period.

All trips can be faxed in within these time frames for pay. When doing so please make sure your Unit Number and Order Number is clearly marked on the paperwork. These can be faxed into the Calgary Office at 1 866 279 6616. I would really like to thank Lee in Regina and Eva in Edmonton for helping me to gather all the paperwork for payroll. We work as a good team. Ladies let me say thank you for all your help.

Also it is getting close to the end of the year, and we will be doing the T5 reports for holdback interest in January. If you have a change of address in this time period please let me know as soon as possible, so I can update your information in our system.

Staying Connected...

Tri-Line Freight Systems is now offering In Cab Email Service for you convenience. You can send and receive text only email from friends and family members If you are interested come see me and we'll get you joined up and start emailing right away, or if you have any questions about the program give me a call.

Hope to see you all at the annual Holiday party, for dinner and dancing. Take care and be safe out there.

Thank you

Cindy

Congratulations

Ken Byers has won the Third Quarter Steer Tires draw for recruiting Mike Stephani

Driver Profiles

Mike Graham ~ Mileage



I came to Tri-Line in December of 1990 after working in Grand Cayman as a scuba instructor. Some might question my choice of career change... LOL. I did a lot of questioning early on myself, but stuck it out and have found my niche in life. I have lived in Regina since 1970 other than the Grand Cayman part... and now enjoy boating and taking it a little bit easier now that the truck is paid for. I have enjoyed my 15 years here and at Tri-Line through thick and thin... and enjoy working for some great people now.

Terry Wheeler ~ Mileage



I started to work for Tri-Line in October 1980, I was 19 years old. I ran Canada, Manitoba-BC until I was 21 and have been running south ever since. I have had 6 trucks in 25 years here. I married once, divorced, have 4 children, and have been on my own with them

for the past 14 years. My Mother deserves most of the credit there, as she is there with them when I am out of town. As for hobbies, the job, kids, truck and the upkeep on my home and property pretty much keeps me busy. Although I have been known to cut loose from time to time!!

Through the years I've enjoyed it here and done alright for myself. The work has always been there and I expect it to remain that way.

Jim Eagles ~ Mileage



Jim (Jim Dandy) started with Tri-Line April 16, 1998 as a Lease Operator then bought his own truck and became an Owner Operator. Jim is married and lives in Edgerton, AB with his wife Elizabeth. He has enjoyed his time here at Tri-Line. Jim enjoys golfing, and when he is not out on the road, he is out helping some of the old farm boys at home with their farming.

Welcome New Owner Operators

300390 Bill Haines
310122 John Luchenski
300410 Mike Stephani
310339 Floyd Wild
310595 Ed Siemens

New Faces at Tri-Line



Nerin Wylie

Intermediate Accountant - Calgary

Hello Everybody,

My name is Nerin Wylie, and I'm the newest and youngest face in the accounting department. But don't let that fool you. I've already spent time at University, traveling and even a few years working! This is my first time in a trucking company though and I am hoping to get a chance to ride with one of you guys sometime. (I was one of those annoying kids miming the pull of an air horn at every truck I saw). I may not get the chance to work directly with you drivers in the day-to-day so when you stop by the Calgary office, please say, "Hi" (You'll find me beside Leo). This company has a great feel and I'm really excited to be here.



Eva Martinek

Reception/Admin - Edmonton

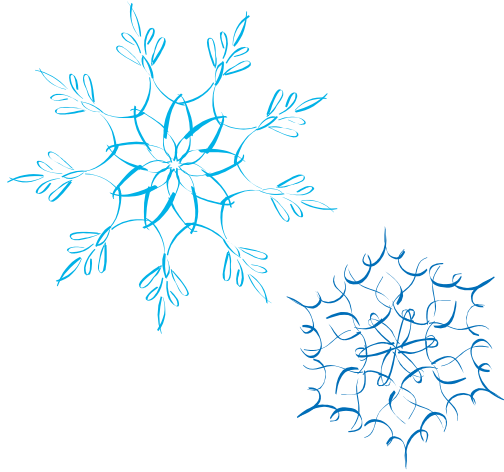
After working 13 years in the manufacturing industry I needed a change. When an opportunity came to work for Tri-Line, I took it. I am a new kid on the block. I started at Tri-Line in July 2005. The work is quite different from what I did previously. I have to learn everything from scratch which is enjoyable. Sherwood Park, AB is where I call home, and is just around the corner from work. I have two daughters and our dog Ben. So far I am having a good time and am enjoying myself here.



Gary Nagasaka
Calgary CSR

I am married and moved to Calgary 4 years ago. My wife and I are originally from Winnipeg but were both transferred here. We have five children with three grandkids and the fourth one due in late September or early October. I have been in the transportation business for over 25 years.

Welcome to Tri-Line



It's the Season for Dining and Dancing

Tri-Line Freight Systems and Tri-line Carriers cordially invites you to join us,:

November 26, 2005

*Cocktails at six o'clock
Followed by a buffet supper and dancing
At
The Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport
In the
Rocky Mountain Ball Room
2120 16th Ave NE*

*Please reply to Cindy or Jen by
November 1- Hotel Accommodations
November 25th –Buffet
"Come and Join us for Dancing at Nine
O'clock
800-661-9191*

*"Toys for Tots Toy Drive" was a huge success
last year and we are doing it again.
Thanks for you donations; they are deeply
appreciated to make a child's Christmas.*

Saturday's Program

I am pleased to announce that Stan Dunford, Chairman and CEO of Contrans Corp. will be joining us at our holiday festivities this year.

Our Saturday program will be as follows

- 10 am - 12pm – 2005 in Review
– 2006 The Year Ahead
- 12pm - 12:45pm – Lunch
- 1:45pm - 2pm – Break
- 2 pm - 3pm – Stan Dunford presentation and questions and answers.

Spouses are welcome to attend.

Hope to see you all there,

Brent



2nd Annual Safety BBQ



Jim Eagles (deer caught in the headlights)
Cal Davison, Jen Wiens



Stephan Boulianne and Brent Ryan



Joe Kardash, Vern Grams, Dave Stremick



Lorraine Spaulding , Joe Kardash



Garry Geisbrecht and Denise Roberts



Monte DeMarco (Stampede BBQ)

Everyone had a great time at the BBQ at the Tri-Line Calgary yard. Hope to see you all again next year.