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The MPDA and the MPDA ROADTEAM work hard all year to get this message out to as many people as possible. These two individuals were able to convey the message to thousands of people in just 2 days.

They succeeded in spreading the word about safely traveling the roads with trucks at the same time showing the truck drivers prospective from the seat of his truck. It is certain that more than just a few people were very well educated in driving safety on those 2 days last November.

MPDA and the trucking industry is very appreciative of their efforts in getting this important information out to the driving public. Who knows? They may have even saved a life or 2 by informing car drivers of the importance of staying out of the "No-Zone".

The recipients of the 2004 Special Recognition Award were to reporter, Caroline Cornish, and photo journalist, Kirk Cratty, of WCSH News.

### 2004 RICK ESPONNETTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**Corey Vail** has been a professional driver for over 14 years. For the past 8 years, he has driven tankers for **Poland Spring Bottling** and has participated in 3 Maine State Truck Driving Championships.

A couple of years ago he decided to continue with his formal education and in the Fall of 2004, after much deliberation, he gave up his driving job at Poland Spring and enrolled full-time in the Central Maine Medical Center School of Nursing. He expects to graduate in May 2006.

He continues to be employed by Poland Spring as a security guard and will drive part-time for them during summer break from school.

Good luck, Corey ! It takes a lot of courage and determination to make such a career change and all of us at MPDA applaud your commitment to higher education.

### THE HARRY STIFFLER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This will be the second year MPDA has given this award in honor of Harry Stiffler. Harry was not only a professional truck driver who gave much of his time to bettering the industry. He was also an outstanding person, very active in his family and community.



Harry set the bar so high that it takes someone very special to even be nominated for this award. This years recipient has indeed reached that bar.

As MPDA founding member #22, he started his driving career in 1955 and has hauled as an owner operator for the McCain's Company for more than 20 years.

He has driven millions of miles without an accident and been recognized many times for his achievements during his driving career.

He competed many years in the Maine State Truck Driving Championships, always placing in a top 3 position. He went

on to represent Maine at the Nationals in 1996.

He was named Driver of the year in 1984 and again as MPDA's Driver of the Year in 2001.

He is highly respected in the trucking industry. He teaches by setting a good example. Many younger drivers look up to him as an example of what it means to be a professional truck driver and for taking the time to answer any of their questions as they learn the ropes of their chosen careers.

The recipient for the 2004 Harry Stiffler Lifetime Achievement Award is Ernie York.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There's an old saying, "*Time flies when you're having fun*". Well, time flies whether you're having fun or not. We all have jobs, family and MPDA. At some point we run

out of time to do the things we need to do. Thank God for all the help that I've had keeping things going in this Association.

MPDA is involved in many things. One of them is the State Truck Driving Championships. Many of our members take time to help put this together. The Special Events Committee made up of MPDA members such as chairman **John Waisanen, Alan Paradis, Dick Brown, Fred Thompson, Cliff Gray, Irvin Smith** and myself, plus those members that work the food and ROADTEAM booths as well as the judges all make this a very successful event every year. Just being part of the Truck Driving Championships either as a competitor or someone who helps out, you come away feeling a sense of pride in what you have done. There is more about the championships on the following pages.

MPDA's **Dick Brown** and member **Roger Sproul** are still working with the Turnpike Committee. Have you seen the Turnpike's 4<sup>th</sup> of July ad? It was about cars keeping to the right so trucks could pass. It was excellent !!

**Terry Stuart, Dick Brown, Kevin Battle, Jim & Mona Costa** and **Denis Litalien** are working on the Convoy for Kids coming up in October. And **Denis Litalien** is organizing our part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Charity Challenge.

Members **Dick Brown, Fred Thompson, Clarence Thompson** and yours truly will be part of a workshop being put together by The Maine Department of Transportation.

The workshop will be part of developing the Commercial Vehicle Screening System at Maine's truck weighing facilities in Kittery and York and the border crossing in Calais. It is envisioned that this system would allow compliant vehicles belonging to programs such as HELP and NORPASS to bypass truck enforcement details. Our first meeting is in September and we will keep you informed as to what takes place.

These are just some of the things that MPDA is involved in.



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Come to the next MPDA meeting and you too will be involved.

Have a safe summer.

*Ron Hutchins*

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The next time that you are driving down the highway and you don't think anyone is watching what you are doing, think again. I have talked to many people in the past few years about big trucks on the roads and what do they see from their automobiles while they are driving.

Some of them see things that scare them, like driving too fast, tailgating, or talking on the cell phone in heavy traffic, you know what I mean. Then some of them tell me about the nice things that they see, like the truck drivers who waves at the kids in the car, the truck drivers who gives a few friendly toots on the air horn or the truck drivers who stop and help someone out. I always tell these people that the truck drivers who upset them are few and far between and the ones who made them feel safe on the highway are the truck drivers that are the majority out there and make the industry look good just by acting the way that they should. And the MPDA thanks you drivers for that.

I also tell them that if they want to see some of the real professionals that they should come the State Truck Driving Championships (TDC) at Dysart's in May each year.

This past May at the TDC we not only had good food and a great ROADTEAM booth set up, we had great weather and a lot of really professional drivers competing and the spectators were very well entertained. You will find the names and scores elsewhere in this newsletter.

The eight class Champions where invited to attend a skills practice at **Emery-Waterhouse** in Portland on Sunday, July 10th.

MPDA member **Dave Littlefield** coordinated the practice session for the State Champions. Dave had some quality help on hand that day; he had **Warren Lewis** helping set up the practice course and **Denis Litalien** taking the Champions though a pre-trip inspection.

MPDA members **Terry** and **Dave Stuart** and myself made sure that the guys and gals had coffee and donuts in the morning and with the loan of



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a gas grill from **Rob Fernald**, we put on a nice cookout at noon for all the guys and their guests. Thank you to Emery-Waterhouse for the use of your place !!

At this point I want to wish all the State Champions and Warren Lewis good luck at the nationals.

Let's talk about the Trek Across Maine. This is the third year MPDA has played a part in the success of the Trek. Members in Freeport - **Charlie Nadeau**, Portland - **Denis Litalien**, **Andy Holmes**, **Dick Brown**, Augusta - **Cliff Gray**, and Bangor - **Mike Conroy**, picked up the bikes with **Ryder** trucks and hauled them to Sunday River to start the three day 183 mile Trek to Rockland.

At the conclusion of the event three MPDA members (**Dave Gagne**, **Martin Jordan** and **Cliff Gray**) picked up the bikes and returned them to Portland and Augusta.

This is a big fund raiser for the Maine Lung Association, this year raising over one million dollars. The MLA just sent the MPDA a very nice thank you letter for our help and listed us as Contributing Sponsors in all their materials.

Let me end this message by thanking those who take the time to get involved and by asking each and every one of you to PLEASE attend the MPDA meetings! We need you!

*Thank you, Dick Brown*

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Upcoming are many activities of MPDA: driving competitions, truck shows, "blind spot" demos, legislative issues etc.

We are proud of all the work our members put into these activities. MPDA is always looking for more members and volunteers to continue our efforts to make the public aware of professional drivers and the important tasks they perform on a day to day basis.

Our membership is strong with many members being involved since being established in 1989. We do need MORE members to achieve our goals. I have been a

member since 1994 and feel proud to be a part of this organization. Our membership to date is several hundred strong.

We need your help in recruiting new members to make us even stronger. MPDA has more to offer these days, with an improved website ([www.mpd.org](http://www.mpd.org)), more frequent and informative newsletters, and access to training and industry information to help our members with their jobs or own businesses.

Please take a minute to encourage a friend or co-worker to join in our efforts to make driving safer. You can download applications from our website or drop us an e-mail at: [membership@mainepda.org](mailto:membership@mainepda.org) or regular mail to: Maine professional Drivers Assoc., P.O. Box 5672, Augusta, ME 04332-5672, or



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Thank you for being a part of our organization,  
*Pete Mortensen, MPDA Membership Officer*

## MPDA RECOGNIZES ... MMTA'S DRIVER OF THE MONTH

MPDA member **Mylan Stoddard** was named Driver of the Month for February 2005 by the Maine Motor Transport Assn. Mylan drives for **Hannaford Trucking Co.**

Mylan has driven for Hannaford since 1983, recording over 3.8 million miles. He has served on Hannaford's Safety Committee for 10 years, and for the past 3 years chaired the committee. He is also instrumental in organizing the company truck driving competition and the Annual Great Grocery Grudge Competition.

Mylan will be one of 12 drivers recognized at MMTA's Annual Shipper's Night at the end of this year and will be eligible to be named Driver of the Year. Congratulations to Mylan on all his achievements during his driving career !!



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## TCA FLEET SAFETY AWARD

MPDA Supporting Member **Pottle's Transportation** was recently recognized by the Truckload Carriers Assn. (TCA) for its safety record. TCA annually presents the National Fleet Safety Awards and Pottle's received an award in Division III for carriers running between 15 and 25 million miles. The awards are determined by accident frequency per million miles and verified by an independent expert.

## TDC UPDATE CHAMPIONSHIPS RULE CHANGE

This year brought a rule change in the State and National Truck Driving Championships. In past years, drivers who won two years in a row were not allowed to compete the third year. The new rule allows a driver to compete, but only if they have won in the same class for two years, they must compete in a different class for the following two years.

Following is the complete text of the rule from American Trucking Association's rulebook:

*Champions shall be invoked to encourage participation by greater numbers of eligible drivers in accordance with the provisions set forth below :*

*A contestant, who has appeared, competed and/or won the same class of competition in two (2) consecutive ATA National Truck Driving Championships, shall not be eligible to compete in that class of competition at the following two (2) consecutive ATA National Truck Driving Championships. After the required period of retirement has elapsed, the past National*

*Champion may again enter a Truck Driving Championships and compete in the class of competition from which he/she was retired, provided he/she is otherwise eligible.*

*A contestant who has won the same class of competition in two (2) consecutive State Truck Driving Championships shall not be eligible to compete in that class of competition at the following two (2) consecutive State Truck Driving Championships. After the required period of retirement has elapsed, the past State Champion may again enter a Truck Driving Championships and compete in that specific class of competition from which he/she was retired, provided he/she is otherwise eligible.*

For example, if Driver A, from Kansas, competed and won the 3-axle class of competition in 2005 and competes and wins the 3-axle class of competition again in 2006 (whether he wins at the State Truck Driving Championships alone or both the State and National TDCs), Driver A cannot compete in the 3-axle class of competition in 2007 and 2008 (at either the State or National TDCs), but may compete under a different class of competition in 2007 and 2008 at both the Kansas Truck Driving Championships and at the National Truck Driving Championships. Driver A may then choose to compete in the 3-axle class again in 2009.

## 2005 MAINE STATE TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2005 Maine State Truck Driving Championships were again held at **Dysart's** Truck Terminal in Hermon. The folks at Dysart's have been gracious to us over the past 12 years in allowing us to bring the competition to the greater Bangor area by using their facility for the driving and pre-trip inspection portions of the Statewide competition. The Maine Motor Transport Assn. conducts the Maine State Truck Driving Championships with assistance from the Maine Professional Drivers Assn.

Many companies were involved this year in providing equipment and personnel to make sure this competition went off without a hitch. And what a success it was! While space limits us from thanking all those who helped put this event together, we want them to know that we appreciate the efforts that each and every one of them put out to make this happen.

Sixty-four drivers competed for the title of Maine State Grand Champion and to be the State Champion in each of eight different classes of trucks. Robert Kierstead, an owner-operator with FedEx Ground took home the Grand Champion title and will travel to Tampa in August to represent Maine in the Twin Trailer class at the ATA National Truck Driving Championships. Other winners are listed elsewhere in this

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edition of the newsletter.

A terrific time was had by all that converged on the city of Bangor and surrounding areas to participate. Activities started on Friday, May 20th, as company officials, MMTA staff and MPDA members set up the driving course at Dysart's. On Friday evening **Everett MacMaster** and his wife **Shirley** hosted a hospitality room at the Bangor Motor Inn along with other MPDA members to welcome all the participants to the event.

Saturday saw the contestants start their day with the written test portion at the Bangor Motor Inn and the pre-trip inspection test at Dysart's before going on to the actual driving competition. The weekend was capped off with a huge awards banquet held at the Bangor Motor Inn on Saturday evening. Many families stayed over into Sunday to enjoy the area and to return home at their leisure.

Elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter is all the information about scores, contestants and other tidbits. All contestants are being sent a copy of this edition, whether they are an MPDA member or not. We encourage those of you who are not members to fill out the coupon for membership that is part of this edition and mail it in to join in our efforts to promote what is good about our industry and promote safe and professional driving among all drivers.

### UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| August 16-20 | ATA National Truck Driving Championships              |
| August 28    | H.P. Hood Driving Competition<br>Concord NH           |
| September 10 | Charity FunDrive<br>Lehigh Plaza, Lexington, Virginia |
| September 17 | Emery-Waterhouse Driving Competition<br>Portland      |
| September 24 | Northeast Charity Challenge<br>Devens, Mass.          |

### CHAMPIONSHIPS SCORING NOTES

#### Top Written Test Scores


(Award sponsored by Maine Professional Drivers Assn.) (Out of possible 80)

Bill Butland - 72  
Ronald Round - 68  
Greg Johnson - 68  
**Dave Littlefield** - 68  
6 Drivers scored 66

#### Top Pre-Trip Scores

(Award Sponsored by United Insurance) (Out of possible 60 plus bonus)

Peter Johnson - 69  
Edward Abbott - 69  
Bill Butland - 68  
Peter Brewer - 67




### HOOD INTRODUCES

#### Carb Countdown

Hood's "Carb Countdown" is the dairy solution for those counting their carbs!

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Wayne Berube - 66  
David Crockett - 66  
(tie-breaker was time)

### Top Rookie of the Year Scores

(Award sponsored by Maine Commercial Tire, Inc.)

Rick Lamontagne - 274  
Robert Demchak - 255.5  
Jimmy Franklin - 250.5  
Dottie West - 230.5

### Grand Champion Scores

(Award sponsored by Hartt Transportation, Inc.)

Robert Kierstead - 385.86  
Earland Luce - 346.62  
**Rick Magnuson** - 345.6  
**Randy DeVault** - 327  
**Ronald Round** - 324.36

### FUN CHAMPIONSHIP FACTS

- **Irving Oil Corporation** sponsored the trophies in each class of competition this year.

- Next year's Maine State Truck Driving Championships will be held again in Bangor with the competition being held at **Dysart's** in



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We would like to thank all the Professional Drivers for keeping our streets and highways safe.

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**"SAFETY, WHAT WE'RE DRIVING FOR IN 2005"**

- Hermon and all the other activities again being held at the Bangor Motor Inn. Mark the date, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, on your calendars.

- 2005 marked the 56th anniversary of the first Maine State Truck Driving Championships held in Maine. The first Championships were held at the old Portland Stadium (Fitzpatrick Stadium) in the grass on September 17, 1949 with only two classes competing: tractor semi-trailers and straight trucks. The Truck Rodeo, as it was then called, was put on by the Maine Truck Owners Association, the forerunner of today's Maine Motor Transport Association.
- Over 200 people were involved in organizing, judging, competing and peripheral activities of this year's championships.
- Out of 64 contestants, 16 were MPDA members while over 40 of our members were involved in helping make this event a success. Five of the Maine Champions are MPDA members.
- There were 18 rookies this year. Rookies are drivers who have never competed in an MMTA sponsored State Championship. Rick Lamontagne of Land Air Express was named the Rookie of the Year at this year's competition. Maine Commercial Tire, Inc. sponsored this award.
- MMTA usually invites the Vermont drivers to join Maine's drivers in this competition where each State's drivers receive their own trophies and qualify to go to the Nationals. Vermont does not hold its own competition. This year Vermont's drivers competed in New Hampshire to qualify for

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# MAINE MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION



## WISHES TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE WINNERS AND CONTESTANTS IN THE 2005 MAINE STATE TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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~ Straight Truck ~

Fern Richard of Yellow Freight

~ 3 – Axle ~

Randy DeVault of Roadway Express

~ 4 – Axle ~

Jimmy Franklin of FedEx Express

~ 5 – Axle Van ~

Earland Luce of Associated Grocers of Maine

~ 5 – Axle Sleeper ~

Gregory Johnson of Hannaford Trucking

~ 5 – Axle Tank ~

Guy Currier of Webber Oil

~ 5 - Axle Flatbed ~

Rick Magnuson of Hannaford Trucking

~ Twin Trailers ~

Robert Kierstead of FedEx Ground

**Best Pre Trip Inspection**

Peter Johnson

**Company Team Champion**

Hannaford Trucking Company

**Grand Champion**

Robert Kierstead

**Rookie of the Year**

Rick Lamontagne

**Top Written Test**

Bill Butland

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the Nationals.

- There were 15 past State Champions in this year's Maine competition. Four out of eight State Champions this year are first time winners. **Randy DeVault** is the only repeat winner from last year. Out of this year's Champions, **Fern Richard** ('85,'89,'90,'93,'94, '96,'97, '01), **Rick Magnuson** ('89,'98,'02), **Robert Kierstead** ('91), and **Randy DeVault** ('92,'93,'95,'98, '99, '01,'04) are past Champions. Past State Champions who also competed this year include: **Donald Mitsmenn** ('92,'94,'99), **Everett Macmaster** ('92,'98,'00,'02), **Dave Littlefield** ('94,'97,'02,'03), Jon Burr('96), Jared Elston('99), Jeff Bellfleur('01), **Michael Frith**('02), **Nelson Girard**('03), Peter Johnson('03), Clinton Wakefield('03), and Scott Crane ('03).
- **Denis Litalien** and **Charlie Nadeau** are tied for the record among Maine drivers for winning the most State Championships, both having done it 10 times. (Charlie retired last year and no longer competes and Denis did not compete this year.) Following close behind are **Fern Richard** with 9 wins and **Randy DeVault** with 8 wins.
- Maine has three past National Champions. **Mark Coriveau** of **Hannaford Trucking Co.** (2-time National Champion) has retired from competition and **Everett Macmaster** of FedEx Express, who finished 3rd in this year's competition, are past Champions at the ATA National Truck Driving Championships. Also, **Warren Lewis** of **Hannaford Trucking** is a past Champion at the U.S. Professional Truck Driving Championships. He did not compete this year.
- Fourteen companies had 3 or more drivers in the competition. **Sysco of Northern New England** entered 6 drivers while Pottle's and LandAir Express each entered 5. Along with those two, **Associated Grocers**, R. F. Chamberland, **Hannaford Trucking**, Overnite Transportation, and **Clifford W. Perham, Inc./Shaw's**, each had four, making them all eligible for the Team Trophy.
- **Hannaford Trucking Co.** took the award this year after their drivers finished 1st, 1st, 5th and 6th in their respective classes with an average score of 263.75. Those drivers included **Greg Johnson**, **Rick Magnuson**, **Vincent Cote** and Tom Pooler. JJ Keller & Associates sponsored the award.
- **Clifford W. Perham, Inc./Shaw's** took second place in the Team Award with an average score of 231.25 while LandAir Express took third with an average of 224.25.



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### GREAT PUBLICITY

As part of the Championships Weekend in Bangor, the Bangor Daily News ran a supplement in their weekend edition ti-

tled "On The Move". This supplement contained a centerfold section on the championships with advertising throughout from supporters of the State Truck Driving Championships. There were also a number of articles in the supplement about the trucking industry.

One article featured the Maine Professional Drivers Association and its efforts to educate drivers on sharing the road with trucks. There were a number of quotes from a number of members of the MPDA ROADTEAM.

### NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ATA National Truck Driving Championships will be held August 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> in Tampa, Florida.

Officials for the competition will begin laying out the course on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> while contestants are expected to be at registration at 11:00am on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Tampa Convention Center. It is recommended that drivers arrive in Tampa at least on Tuesday, to have time to settle in and be ready for Wednesday to take into consideration any delays that may occur. Points are deducted for not being on time. Spouses of contestants will also register on Wednesday.

The written test and equipment selection will be held on Wednesday for the drivers while the driving, interviews, and pre-trip inspections will be held Thursday and Friday. The Truck Driving Championship finals will be held Saturday morning with the awards banquet to follow on Saturday evening.

There is also a National Truck Driving Competition being held in Tampa this year called the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Professional Truck Driver Championships from July 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. As the ATA Nationals are only open to drivers who work for companies that are members of American Trucking Associations, the U.S. competition is open to all other drivers (actually, all state champions are eligible for the U.S. Professional Truck Driver Championship regardless of company memberships). The schedule of events will be similar to the ATA nationals.

2005 marks the 5<sup>th</sup> year that a National Championship is held for those drivers who would otherwise not have the opportunity to compete at the national level. The event will also be held at the Tampa Convention Center while the headquarters hotel will be the Wyndham Harbour Island.

The skills test will be administrated in the Tampa Convention Center; this will also include pre-trip inspection and written exam

Anyone interested in going to either competition should contact **Cliff Gray** at MMTA for information or details of the events, rooms and transportation. There are discounts available. You can reach him at 623-4128 or [grayc@mmta.com](mailto:grayc@mmta.com). At this time a number of people besides the State Champions have already made reservations.

All Maine attendees usually meet for dinner on Wednesday evening as a group when attending the nationals.

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**MASSACHUSETTS TDC RESULTS****Straight Truck Class**

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Roger Castell      | Con-Way Central Exp |
| 2. Michael Washington | Roadway Express     |
| 3. John Hoffman       | Hallsmith Sysco     |

**3-Axle Van Class**

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Rich Seeney  | Con-Way Central Exp |
| 2. James Brown  | Roadway Express     |
| 3. Kevin LaRose | Roadway Express     |

**4-Axle Class**

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Kenneth Doane | Jevic Transportation |
| 2. Steve Norbeck | Roadway Express      |
| 3. Joseph Potter | A. Duie Pyle         |

**5-Axle Van Class**

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|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Brian Singleais | A. Duie Pyle  |
| 2. James Boudreau  | Sygma Network |
| 3. Richard Beinier | Exxon Mobil   |

**5-Axle Flatbed Class**

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Fred Schenk   | Exxon Mobil         |
| 2. F. P. Noel    | Roadway Express     |
| 3. Brent Gendell | Con-Way Central Exp |

**5-Axle Tank Class**

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|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Joseph Austin | Exxon Mobil |
| 2. Bruce Rogers  | H.R. Ewell  |
| 3. Carl Martin   | Exxon Mobil |

**5-Axle Sleeper Class**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Joseph Houlihan   | Con-Way Central Exp     |
| 2. William Suprenant | Sygma Network           |
| 3. Jason Frey        | Overnite Transportation |

**Twin Trailer Class**

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Donald Boileau      | ABF Freight Systems |
| 2. Anthony Fairley     | Con-Way Central Exp |
| 3. David Breckterfield | Roadway Express     |

**Pre-Trip Inspection Award**

Joseph Potter      A. Duie Pyle

**Rookie of the Year Award**

Brian Singleais      A. Duie Pyle

**Team Trophy**

Roadway Express

**Brad Rayworth Award**

Bill Pooler

**Grand Champion**

Rich Sweeney      Con-Way Central Exp

**NEW HAMPSHIRE TDC RESULTS****Straight Truck Class**

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Neil Nogues   | Yellow Transportation |
| 2. Daniel Allard | Penske Logistics      |
| 3. Chris Carrazo | Rivco                 |

**Tank Class**

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Chris Lemauk | P. S. Marston         |
| 2. Paul Hebert  | Yellow Transportation |
| 3. Wayne Farmer | WalMart               |

**Twins Class**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mickey Rafeal   | Roadway Express       |
| 2. Albert Mason    | Yellow Transportation |
| 3. Thomas Sullivan | CCX                   |

**3-Axle Van Class**

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Thomas Hartt     | Roadway Express |
| 2. Richard Russell  | WalMart         |
| 3. Jasmin Hasanovic | CCX             |

**4-Axle Van Class**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Joe Bertini  | FedEx Freight   |
| 2. Lutfo Sehic  | CCX             |
| 3. Rick Wickman | Roadway Express |

**5-Axle Van Class**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Robert Gaudette | FedEx Express         |
| 2. Mike Cloutier   | WalMart               |
| 3. Sam Ketchum     | Yellow Transportation |

**Sleeper Class**

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Peter Allen  | FedEx Express |
| 2. Steve Silver | WalMart       |

**Flatbed Class**

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Paul Robichaud | FedEx Express |
| 2. Lyle Stenersen | WalMart       |

**Grand Champion**

Chris Lemauk      P.S. Marston

**VERMONT TDC RESULTS**Held in conjunction with  
New Hampshire Championships**Twins Class**

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Stephen Slack  | CCX           |
| 2. Gerald Charron | CCX           |
| 3. Curtis Pinney  | FedEx Freight |

**3-Axle Class**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. William MacDonald | Roadway Express         |
| 2. Walden Sackovich  | Overnite Transportation |
| 3. David Fontaine    | FedEx Express           |

**4-Axle Van Class**

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|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Leonard Trifaro | CCX           |
| 2. John Foran      | UPS           |
| 3. Kenneth Black   | FedEx Express |

**5-Axle Van Class**

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Christopher Novak | FedEx Express       |
| 2. Brian Alfonso     | Brattleboro Haulage |

**Sleeper Class**

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Mark Rose     | RSD           |
| 2. Chris Goddard | FedEx Express |

**Flatbed Class**

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|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Paul Bullard | RSD |
| 2. Ken Conrad   | RSD |

**Straight Truck Class**

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Carrolle Bean | FedEx Custom Critical |
| 2. Dora Bean     | FedEx Custom Critical |

**Grand Champion**

William MacDonald      Roadway Express

**2005 MPDA ELECTIONS**

Elections for the next term for the board of directors will be held in September. The following positions be voted on:

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| President            | Vice President     |
| Treasurer            | Secretary          |
| Publicity Officer    | Membership Officer |
| Legislative Officer. |                    |

These volunteers will be stepping down and nominations are needed for all positions. Please consider throwing your hat

in the ring and becoming a member of the board of MPDA. You can make a difference in the industry one step at a time without a huge chunk of your time.

If you are interested, I encourage you to attend the general meeting on September 10th @ Old Country Buffet in South Portland. The meeting will begin at 9AM. Please come and see what you can do to help make this organization remain a strong one. It is definitely worth the effort. When you arrive, just tell them you are attending the MPDA meeting in the back room. If you would also like to have breakfast as well, you can purchase it at this time.

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## 2005 Maine State Truck Driving Championship Results

### Twin Trailers

|     |                              |                           |
|-----|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 327 | <b>Robert Kierstead</b> (*1) | FedEx Ground              |
| 223 | Dottie West                  | FedEx Ground              |
| 209 | Gregory Deterding            | Overnite Transportation   |
|     | Ray West                     | FedEx Ground              |
|     | Nicholas Bessett             | <b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b> |
|     | Clarence Shifflett Jr.       | <b>Yellow Freight</b>     |

### Straight Truck

|     |                      |                        |
|-----|----------------------|------------------------|
| 273 | <b>Fern Richard</b>  | Yellow Freight         |
| 270 | Edward Abbott        | Downeast Energy        |
| 268 | <b>Carroll Berry</b> | <b>Downeast Energy</b> |
|     | Rick Lamontagne(*4)  | Land Air Express       |
|     | Darrell Watson       | Downeast Energy        |

### Three Axle Van

|     |                          |                           |
|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 327 | <b>Randy DeVault</b>     | Roadway Express           |
| 286 | William G. Butland(*3)   | <b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b> |
| 255 | <b>Everett Macmaster</b> | FedEx Express             |
|     | John J. Dionne           | <b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b> |
|     | Frank Smith Jr.          | Overnite Transportation   |
|     | <b>Nelson Girard</b>     | Con-way Central Express   |
|     | Adrien Doyon             | <b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b> |
|     | Peter Brewer             | Con-way Central Express   |

### Four Axle Van

|     |                          |                                  |
|-----|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 242 | Jimmy Franklin           | FedEx Express                    |
| 236 | <b>Eric Foster</b>       | Land Air Express of NE           |
| 203 | Lester Lord              | FedEx Freight                    |
|     | <b>David Littlefield</b> | <b>Clifford W. Perham/Shaw's</b> |
|     | Vincent Cote             | <b>Hannaford Trucking(*5)</b>    |
|     | <b>Michael Swallow</b>   | Overnite Transportation          |
|     | Guy Carroll III          | Land Air Express of NE           |
|     | Steve Broughton          | Land Air Express of NE           |
|     | <b>Lawrin Demo</b>       | Con-way Central Express          |
|     | Dennis Carver Sr.        | <b>Pottle's Transportation</b>   |
|     | Kevin Carroll Sr.        | <b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b>        |
|     | Andre Raven              | FedEx Express                    |

### Five Axle Van

|     |                     |                                  |
|-----|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 327 | <b>Earland Luce</b> | <b>A.G. of Maine</b>             |
| 306 | <b>Ronald Round</b> | <b>Pottle's Transportation</b>   |
| 281 | Jon Burr            | <b>Clifford W. Perham/Shaw's</b> |
|     | Jared Elston        | FedEx Express                    |
|     | Jeffrey Bellfleur   | <b>A.G. of Maine</b>             |
|     | Tom Pooler          | <b>Hannaford Trucking(*5)</b>    |
|     | Patrick Carroll     | Central Maine Transport          |
|     | <b>Mike Frith</b>   | <b>A.G. of Maine</b>             |
|     | Clinton Wakefield   | Currier Trucking Corp.           |
|     | Eric Bickford       | Overnite Transportation          |
|     | Jack Adams          | Paradigm Windows                 |

Clark Dubois

R.F. Chamberland, Inc.

### Five Axle Sleeper

|     |                        |                                |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 280 | <b>Gregory Johnson</b> | <b>Hannaford Trucking(*5)</b>  |
| 247 | Robert Demchak         | <b>Pottle's Transportation</b> |
| 230 | Rickie Waning          | Paul O'Halloran, Inc.          |
|     | Roland Dubois          | R.F. Chamberland, Inc.         |
|     | Reginald Day           | <b>Pottle's Transportation</b> |
|     | <b>Ransford Begin</b>  | R.F. Chamberland, Inc.         |
|     | Colby Ewing            | R.F. Chamberland, Inc.         |

### Five Axle Tank

|     |                          |                           |
|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 246 | Guy Currier              | Webber Oil                |
| 246 | <b>Donald Mitsmenn</b>   | <b>Cumberland Farms</b>   |
| 205 | Scott Carter             | <b>J&amp;S Oil Inc.</b>   |
|     | Roger Martin             | Webber Oil                |
|     | <b>David Glendenning</b> | <b>H.O. Bouchard Inc.</b> |
|     | David Crockett           | Currier Trucking          |
|     | Shawn King               | <b>J&amp;S Oil Inc.</b>   |

### Five Axle Flat

|     |                       |                                  |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 320 | <b>Rick Magnuson</b>  | <b>Hannaford Trucking(*5)</b>    |
| 282 | Kevin Smit            | <b>Clifford W. Perham/Shaw's</b> |
| 175 | Peter Johnson Sr.(*2) | <b>Carlen Transport</b>          |
|     | Joseph Lovejoy        | <b>Wood Structures, Inc</b>      |
|     | <b>Wayne Berube</b>   | <b>Clifford W. Perham/Shaw's</b> |
|     | Seth Fontaine         | <b>Wood Structures, Inc.</b>     |
|     | Curtis Buchanan       | <b>Carlen Transport</b>          |

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- \*1 Grand Champion
  - \*2 Pre-trip Inspection Award Winner
  - \*3 Written Test Award Winner
  - \*4 Rookie of the Year
  - \*5 Team Award
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### Note

All contestants are listed in order of finish

Anyone wanting their individual scores should contact Cliff Gray or Denis Litalien.

Bolded names are members of the Maine Professional Drivers Association.

## MPDA Officers Meeting

8:00am - MMTA Meeting Room, Augusta

Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

## MPDA Officers & General Meeting

8:00AM - Old Country Buffet - South Portland

Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

### 2005 CALENDAR EVENTS

#### AUGUST

**6 MPDA Officers Meeting** – 8:00am – MMTA Meeting Room, Augusta – Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

**13 Quebec Provincial Truck Driving Championships.** CFTR, Saint-Jerome, Quebec - Call Quebec Trucking Association at 800-361-5813 or see [www.carrefour-acq.org](http://www.carrefour-acq.org)

**16-20 ATA National Truck Driving Championships** – Tampa, Florida - contact Cliff Gray at 623-4128 or <grayc@mmta.com>

**28 H.P. Hood Driving Competition** – (combined company competition) - Portland & Rockingham, VT - 7:00am – Concord NH (Hazen Drive – Concord NH / NHDOT Facility) - contact Andy Reed at (603)-433-5880 or <Andrew\_C\_Reed@ryder.com>

#### SEPTEMBER

**10 MPDA Officers & General Meeting** – Old Country Buffet – South Portland, Me - 8:00am - Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

**10 Tentative 2004 Charity FunDrive (Charity Fundraiser)** Lehigh Travel Plaza, Lexington, VA (I-81, Exit 195) – contact Larry Davis (336) 924-1751 or <info@maptda.org>

**17 Emery-Waterhouse Driving Competition** – Portland - contact Andy Reed at (603)-433-5880 or <Andrew\_C\_Reed@ryder.com>

**18 Wishes on Wheels Convoy** (Charity Fundraiser) – Willington, CT. – contact Roland Bolduc at 413-525-0764 or <roadeo@charter.net>

**22-24 Canadian National Truck Driving Championships** – Moncton Coliseum Complex - Moncton, New Brunswick - contact Chris McKee at 506-855-2782 or <cmckee@apta.ca>

**24 Charity Challenge Set-up Day**

**25 7th Annual Northeast Professional Truck Drivers Charity Challenge** – Devens, Mass.- contact Fred Schenk at 508-453-3632 or <fschenk@comcast.net>

#### OCTOBER

**1 Trucking 4 Kids Convoy Set-up Day** – 8:00am – Old Country Buffet Rest., Maine Mall – contact Jim Costa at 727-5349 or <jcosta@sacoriver.net> or trucking4kids@aol.com ([Note date change](#))

**2 Maine Trucking 4 Kids Convoy**, 7:00am to 4:00pm – Scarborough Downs, Scarborough - contact Jim Costa at 727-5349 or <jcosta@sacoriver.net> or trucking4kids@aol.com ([Note date change](#))

**23 11th Annual N. H. Truckers Drive for Kids** – (Tentative date) - Steeplegate Mall, Concord to Hopkinton Fairgrounds – 7:30am - Contact Linda Rafeal at 603-435-6366 or <LndaRfl@nhpda.com>

#### NOVEMBER

**5 16th Annual MPDA Awards Banquet** - Location to be announced – 6:00pm - contact Terry Stuart at 727-3704 or <tstuart@mainepda.org>

## US PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE

Just as this issue of Behind the Wheel was being prepared to go to print, we received a phone call... about the US Professional TDC.

**Rick Magnuson placed 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Greg Johnson placed 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Warren Lewis placed 3<sup>rd</sup>**

We will have a complete list of how all the participants faired in the next issue of BTW.

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### “WAY BACK WHEN” ANSWERS

1. Brooks Transportation - Hemingway Transport of New Bedford, MA bought Brooks Transportation in 1962.
2. Novick Transfer Company - based in Winchester, VA, was purchased in 1965 by Hemingway Transport of New Bedford, MA.