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He and his wife Gayle have been married for 37 years and have two daughters and one son. The 2005 Maine Professional Drivers Association's Driver of the Year for 2005 is Paul Beote.



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2005 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



This award is usually given to someone who has demonstrated good sportsmanship in one way or another. And the recipient has demonstrated that this year, getting involved in a number of activities to promote the good in our industry.

He's been involved in a number of convoy events to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. He's competed in the State Driving Championships, winning this year and traveling to Tampa to compete in the Nationals. He also gave of his time to raise funds and participate in the Northeast Truck Drivers Charity Challenge, an event that raised \$19,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital this year.

It was written: "He is very unselfish and wants to see everyone in his company participate in driving competitions and do well. He roots on his teammates and wants to see everyone succeed and is so proud to represent his company. He really cares about people's interest in the (competition) and does whatever he can to help keep it a positive and fun environment and not just a selfish winning attitude! He loves it and cares about all of the people and companies that represent it."

He has been a transport driver for Webber Oil Co. for eight years. During his career at Webber Oil, has delivered over 40,000,000 gallons of petroleum products. Webber Oil is proud to have him as member of their team.

This year's recipient of MPDA's Sportsmanship Award for 2005 is Guy Currier.

GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD



This year's recipient was previously selected in 1998 to receive this award which goes to show that he continues to show the spirit of the Good Samaritan. There are a lot of reasons the committee decided it was appropriate to recognize him again.

Sometimes the worst situations in life bring out the best in people. Our recipient was faced with a number of situations recently that he took control of and used that Good Samaritan spirit to make the best of.

Our recipient is the type of person that always stops to help or stretches to do his part. He is one of the first

to stop when he sees someone in distress. Just a couple of weeks ago, he was reported to have stopped in Newburg, Maine to change a tire for a couple at 7:30 in the evening after a 13 hour day. His brother nominated him and says "Mention his name in a crowd and listen to the response." He is well known for his helpful attitude.

When Hurricane Katrina hit he wanted to help. Only one day passed and the next thing we know he has set up to haul a couple of loads of water collected by the Good Shepherd Food Bank from the Maine Mall to Auburn for them. After hauling these loads he put the food bank in touch with Ron Hutchins to move the product south. His work ethic makes him stand out in the crowd.

These are the kind of individuals that the Maine Professional Drivers Association is proud to recognize. This year's recipient of the MPDA Good Samaritan Award is Ed Fernald.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Every Year we try to recognize one of our members for something that doesn't fall under one of the other categories of awards that get handed out at the Annual Awards Banquet. This year one of our members found himself in an interesting situation.



Earlier this year, one of our members and his wife noticed a young adult riding a bicycle past his home. Their attention was drawn to this because of recent burglaries that had occurred in the area by

someone on a bicycle. He and his wife decided to get in to their vehicle and see if they could figure out where the rider was going. While they initially could not locate the subject, they soon saw him coming out of a long driveway. They then followed the cyclist while getting a full description of the individual as well as his clothing and bicycle.

After following the bicycle for a short distance, the rider went onto a u-shaped road which the member and his wife were familiar with. They positioned themselves at the other end of the roadway but the bicycle did not reappear. Having notified the police department by cell phone, officers soon arrived and were briefed by them. After searching the area, officers located a bicycle which fit the description outside of a residence. When the officers went to the door of the

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residence they were met by an individual that fit the description and was wearing the described clothing.

While interviewing the suspect, officers were given permission to search the residence at which point they discovered items linking the suspect to several area burglaries. Our member's awareness of recent activity in his neighborhood along with his decision to follow the suspect and get a complete description, led not only to the arrest of the suspect but also the recovery of stolen property from a number of recent burglaries and the possible prevention of many more.

This year the Maine Professional Drivers Association recognized Don & Sandy Mitsmenn for their efforts in making the extra effort in keeping their neighborhood safe.

2005 HARRY STIFFLER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award, named after MPDA member Harry Stiffler, was presented at the MPDA 16th Annual Awards Banquet, held at Verrillo's Banquet Center on November 5th.

When we started putting information together about this year's recipient we had a very hard time. Not a hard time getting information, but a hard time keeping



the information down to a size that was manageable. By that we mean that this gentleman has accomplished so much in his driving career that it was hard to keep it short and sweet for the presentation. We can only touch on the things he has done because there really is no end to the amount of stuff he has

accomplished.

After spending a few years at a number of driving jobs, he landed at Hannaford Trucking and spent 25 years there. He was involved in every aspect of doing things that benefited truck drivers and not only with Hannaford, where he served on the safety committee there and was the chairperson for 13 years.

He was one of the first drivers to get involved with the MPDA when it was founded and eventually became President and also became a ROADTEAM member. And he is one of the main reasons that MPDA is the viable organization that it is today.

He has been recognized over the years with just about every award that a driver can acquire, including MPDA Driver of the year back in 1993 and MMTA Driver of the Year. He also received MPDA Good

Samaritan Award in 1995. This guy is no lightweight!

When he no longer drove for a living, he started training drivers and even created a driver-training program for Hannaford. There are a lot of younger drivers out there who owe their driving professions to this man. And now, even in his retirement he is still one of the most, if not the most, active MPDA member. We've all seen him at the Championships, the Convoy for Kids, here, there, and everywhere. There is not one of our Supporting Members who doesn't know this man.

He lives in South Portland with his wife Linda, has two grown children and spending time with his grandchildren.

The recipient of this year's Harry Stiffler Lifetime Achievement Award is Dick Brown.

RICHARD ESPONNETTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Richard Esponnette Memorial Scholarship was presented to Stephanie Neales. Dave Stuart of the Scholarship Committee presented a check for \$500.00 to Stephanie who is member Rob Fernald's niece.

MAINE TRUCKING 4 KIDS CONVOY

October 2nd was the day and Convoy was the word of the day! Nearly 60 trucks and other vehicles convoyed through Scarborough and South Portland to raise funds for local kids. South Portland and Scarborough Police and motorcycle riding officers from the Gardiner Police Department escorted the Convoy through the street and roads around Scarborough and South Portland. This year's event started at Scarborough Downs, went around the Maine Mall, over to Route 1 and then wound its way back to Scarborough Downs.

The proceeds from the 7th Annual Maine Trucking for Kids Convoy totaled \$10,700.00! This amount came very close to breaking the record for this event, which in 2000 raised \$11,700. These funds were presented to Camp Sunshine and the local D.A.R.E. and Officer

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check presentation event at their new restaurant. Representatives from each organization were on hand at the Fry Guy Restaurant in Gorham for the official presentation of the funds. It was interesting to hear the two Explorer Officers explain how the funds help youth in the community in the Explorer Program, the Officer Friendly Program and the Drug Education



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Program. It was also pointed out that our donation to Camp Sunshine would allow 4 kids and their families to take advantage of the Camp's

programs for a whole week next summer.

South Portland Police Officer Kevin Battle, who is also chairperson of the event, did the honors of emceeding the Convoy, which included plenty of things to do.

Jim Costa and the MPDA crew put on the Charlie Mansfield Memorial Truck Driving Competition before the Convoy started and continued after the Convoy ended. Winners of that event were: 1) **Everett Macmaster** of FedEx Express, 2) **Randy DeVault** of Roadway Express, 3) **Mickey Rafeal** of Roadway Express, and 4th) **Adrian Doyon** of **Sysco of Northern New England**. While this was going on, Charlene Gendreau and other members of the Convoy Committee were doing the registration of drivers.

Dave and Terry Stuart were busy cooking at the Scarborough Downs site all day, starting with a terrific pancake breakfast ready at 7:00am for all the setup people as well as those who arrived early for the event. They also had a huge barbecue to feed all the drivers when they arrived.

Dave also put together the event booklet for this year's event. It was in the image of a newspaper this year and it was titled "*Convoy Times*". It carried the program for the day as well as advertising for all the sponsors of the event. It was a unique attention-getter!

An auction and raffle were held at the event to help raise funds. A couple of items were also raffled off to raise additional funds. One of those items was a beautiful afghan donated by the New Hampshire Professional Drivers Assn. It was decorated with the logos of all the New England Drivers' Associations as well as the logos from the Convoys around New England and the Northeast Charity Challenge.

It should be noted that all the money raised from

driver pledges, driving competition, food sales, raffles, auctions, 50/50 and any other donations go directly to the charities. Sponsors pay all expenses so that we don't have to take any of the funds that the drivers bring in. For example: Maine Motor Transport Assn. sponsors the trophies, Northeast Technical Institute sponsors the driving competition awards, **Clifford W. Perham, Inc./Shaw's** sponsors the tent, **Hanscom's Truck Stop**, Oakhurst Dairy and others sponsor door prizes, **Hannaford Trucking**, Pepsi, **Sysco** and **H. P. Hood** sponsors some of the food, **Cumberland Farms** sponsors the event booklet, etc.

The event, again this year, was a joint endeavor involving the Maine Professional Drivers Assn., the Lions Club of South Portland, the Thornton Heights Lions Club, Scarborough Downs and the South Portland Police Patrolmen's Assn. all working together. The Committee would like to specifically thank the families of the committee members for supporting the activities and putting up with all the time the members put into making this event a huge success. Next year's event will be held on October 1, 2006. The initial organizing meeting for 2006 will be held at the Old Country Buffet Restaurant at the Maine Mall on January 18th at 6:00pm. Anyone is invited to come and get involved.

Special awards were presented this year to John and Charlene Gendreau and also to Connie and Ralph Gilman. These folks have been instrumental in making this event a huge success. Both couples are members of the Lions Club.

Top Fundraiser awards were presented to Sue Ellen Civiello of Portland Air Freight, Joe Alger of Trailer Diversified and Jewell Williams of Oakhurst Dairy. Sue Ellen raised over \$1,100.00 and was presented with an XM Satellite radio system and service subscription for her efforts. An award was given to the most patriotic vehicle in the convoy, which went to the vehicle driven by Fred and Judy Peckham. Seacoast Motor Transport was given an award for having the most vehicles (5) in the event and **Rob Fernald** in the Trolley from Mainely Tours was presented with the Kid's Choice Award.

Other winners were as follows:



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1st Mark Hynes	Wood Structures
2nd Corey Crawford	McCain Transport

Straight Truck

1st Ivory Carney	Oakhurst Dairy
2nd Larry Clark	J&F Trucking

Tractor-Trailer/Van

1st Clarence Thompson	Thompson & Thompson Trans.
2nd Ed Fernald	Shaw Industries

Flatbed

1st Jeff Wakem	Seacoast Motor Transport
2nd Thomas Hans	Seacoast Motor Transport

Tanker

1st David Beaudoin	Seacoast Motor Transport
2nd Roger Cloutier	H. O. Bouchard

Heavy Equipment

1st John Chretien	Bob's Garage
2nd Jeff Bailey	Fred Hunnewell

Antique

1st Dan Francis	
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Most Unusual

1st Roger Bryan	Casco Bay Trans.
2nd Bob Snow	Northeast Concrete

Pick-up Truck

1st Rebecca Doane	Sunnybrook
2nd Fred and Judy Peckam	

Wrecker

1st Bubba Stewart	R. Stewart Trucking
2nd Ron Bozzuto	Maietta Construction

Alternate Mode

1st Armand Banville	Casco Bay Trans.
2nd Mona Costa	Cumberland Farms

Vendors set up during the morning to provide some extra interest for those attending. A number of vendors also set up to provide information and services to participants of the event. Oakhurst Dairy had a table with a lot of information as well as bringing a number of prizes for the raffle table. And the Scarborough Fire Department put on a great safety demonstration.

Special thanks go to John Gendreau for acting as DJ for the day, playing popular tunes for the crowd all day. National truck driving champion Everett MacMaster was in attendance, trying out the driving competition (Yes, he won!). He also provided the stage trailer from FedEx.

It was gratifying to see so many MPDA members

show up for this event. Thanks to efforts of the Committee, at least two TV stations carried very positive trucker news stories on the 6, 10 and 11 o'clock news. The Portland Press Herald also did a great story about the event in the "Neighbors" section in the week previous to the event and the American Journal covered the presentation event and published a terrific story.


We accomplished our three goals that we set forth for this event: To raise funds for children's charities and to generate some positive publicity for truck drivers and to have some fun!

NORTHEAST TRUCK DRIVERS CHARITY CHALLENGE

This event is always a crowd-pleaser as it is a fun filled event for all attendees as well as a great fundraiser. This year the event raised over \$19,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This made the total for the past 7 years of the event total over \$130,000!

Chair Fred Scheck thanks all the sponsors of this event that make it possible for all the driver pledges to go directly to St. Jude's. Dozens of sponsors from all over New England and other northeast states cover all of the expenses and then some.


A huge door prize table which included many items that truckers can use, not to mention all the toy trucks that draw a lot of attention were available for the raffle while a bike rodeo was



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held for the kids who attended. A blind spot demo was held along with a driving course set up for non-CDL drivers where a tractor trailer with an automatic transmission was used on a course set up with barricades and barrels for drivers without CDL's could drive around with a licensed co-driver and get a "feel" for what drivers go through. This activity was a big hit!

An obstacle course was set up for the truck driving portion of the event which required drivers to negotiate 10 different problems and attempt to score 50 points on each of the problems. There was also an optional pre-trip inspection and a written test on trucking rules and regulations was available for those who wanted to further test their professional skills.

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Every year the event committee recognizes 4 companies for their support. This year's recipients have all been supporters for all 7 years that this event has taken place. They are: Ryder Transportation Services, Stop & Shop Corp., Clifford W. Perham,



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FedEx, Kris-Way Truck Leasing, Stagecoach Trading and Hannaford Trucking. All of these companies have provided equipment, food personnel and financial support for this event over the years.

Also recognized by St. Jude's Children's Hospital for their years of efforts in this event were Fred Schenk, Nate & Anna Marie Lewis, Bill Blanchette and Don & Sandy Herzog. Past recipients include Denis Litalien and Bob & Candy Darling.

Driving Competition Awards Straight Truck Class sponsored by

Kris-Way Truck Leasing

- 1st - Karen Tierney of FedEx, WV - 330
- 2nd - Paul Cauldwell of Jevic Trans., MA - 320
- 3rd - Ben Zadrozny of Roadway Express, MA - 290

3 Axle Van Class sponsored by Ryder Transportation Services

- 1st - Kevin Lawson, Retired, MA - 380
- 2nd - Roland Bolduc of FedEx, CT - 365
- 3rd - Frank Degeorge of Yellow Freight, CT - 350

4 Axle Van Class sponsored by A. Duie Pyle

- 1st - Dale Willson, Retired, CT - 335
- 2nd - Steve Norbeck of Roadway Express, MA - 305
- 3rd - Ken Doane of Jevic Trans., MA - 285

5 Axle Van Class sponsored by Bozutto's

- 1st - Warren Lewis of Hannaford Trucking, ME - 320
- 2nd - Don Crowley of Ashland Chemical, MA - 300
- 3rd - Bill McMahon of Stop & Shop, CT - 295

5 Axle Sleeper Class sponsored by Wal-Mart

- 1st - Steve Allison of Wal-Mart, PA - 325
- 2nd - Pete Mesick of Air Products, NY - 225
- 3rd - Jack Cronin of Stagecoach Trading, MA - 220

5 Axle Tank Class sponsored by BOC Gases

- 1st - Mike Weir of Yellow Freight, PA - 395
- 2nd - Mike Bortnick of Roadway Express, CT - 325
- 3rd - Rich Bernier of Exxon Mobil, MA - 275

5 Axle Flatbed Class sponsored by Stagecoach Trading

- 1st - Mike Shea of Mid State Mgmt., MA - 310
- 2nd - Ralph Mauro of Air Products, NY - 295
- 3rd - Jim Davies of Transgas, MA - 290

Twin Trailer Class sponsored by FedEx

- 1st - Jim March of Yellow Freight, PA - 435
- 2nd - Sean Campos of Yellow Freight, NY - 340
- 3rd - Mickey Rafeal of Roadway Express, NH - 235

Tri-Axle Dump Truck Class sponsored by Exxon/Mobil of Providence, RI

- 1st - Nate Lewis of Wal-Mart, NH - 400
- 2nd - Bob Lyman of Air Products, NY - 335
- 3rd - JR Noel of Roadway Express, MA - 235

Pre-Trip Inspection Award sponsored by P.A. Marston/Abenaki Carriers

- 1st - Rick Bernier of Exxon/Mobil, MA - 80
- 2nd - Karen Tierney of FedEx, WV - 79
- 2nd - Chris Lamauk of Abenaki Carriers, NH - 79

Written Exam sponsored by Stop & Shop Corp.

- General Knowledge
Jim March of Yellow Freight, PA - 88
- Hazardous Materials
Jim Roddy of Maclellan Cement, NH - 92
- Overall High Score
Steve Allison of Wal-Mart, PA - 170

Top Retired Driver Award sponsored by Rim Rock Trucking

Kevin Lawson, MA - 380

Father & Son Drivers Awards sponsored by Roadway Express

Nate Lewis of Wal-Mart, NH - 360

Warren Lewis of Hannaford Trucking, ME - 320

Top Management Driver Award sponsored by Air Products

John Plumer of Wal-Mart, NH - 245

Setup Team Award sponsored by Air Products Fred Schenk of Exxon/Mobil, MA - 310

Grand Champion Award sponsored by Exxon/Mobil, Everett, Mass

Jim March of Yellow Freight, PA - 500.25

Team Trophy sponsored by

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- 1. Yellow Freight - Avg. Score - 380.00 pts
(Jim March, Mike Weir, Frank Degeorge, Sean Campos, Charles Payne, Ed Moore, Tom Kelley, Robert Maybee, Jeff Green, John Dorman)

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Other teams:

2. FedEx	311.25 pts
2. Roadway Express	311.25 pts
4. ExxonMobil	270.00 pts
5. ABF Services	261.25 pts
6. Hallsmith-Sysco	260.00 pts

Top Fundraiser Awards

1st Place Award sponsored by FedEx

John Hoffman of Hallsmith-Sysco, MA - \$2,579.00

2nd Place Award sponsored by Sweeney Transportation

Ozzie Bartlett of Bozzuto's, CT - \$1,750.00

3rd Place Award sponsored by Hauser Trucking

Frank DeGeorge of Yellow Freight, CT - \$1,600.00

4th Place Award sponsored by Price Chopper/Golub

Lowell Crouse, Retired, MA - \$1,163.56

5th Place Award sponsored by United Tractor Trailer School

Don Crowley of Ashland Chemical, MA - \$600.00

6th Place Award sponsored by Yellow Freight

Luke Keller of Garelick Farms, MA - \$554.00

For a complete list of all the results you can visit <http://webpages.charter.net/roadeo/05NECCScores.htm>

ADMINISTRATIVE

MPDA Elections

Elections were held by mail this year so no one would be left out of the opportunity to vote for the officers for the 2006 - 2007 years.

The announcements and introductions were made at the MPDA Annual Awards Banquet held at Verrillo's Banquet Center on November 5th.

Dave Stuart and **Rob Fernald**, whose terms ended and were not re-elected to their most recent positions, were presented with certificates of appreciation for their service. President **Ron Hutchins** was given a plaque of appreciation for his service as President for the past two years.

The new officers will technically take office on January 1st, 2006 but will officially take office at the January meeting. **Roger Sproul** was elected to the position of Publicity Officer, but declined to accept the position for personal reasons. The President will appoint someone to that position at the January meeting.

Following are the results of the election:

Election of 2006 - 2007 MPDA Officers

President	Dave Stuart	61% of votes
Vice-President	Alan Paradis	93% of votes
Treasurer	Pam Rogers	41% of votes
Secretary	Terry Stuart	41% of votes
TDC Officer	Cliff Gray	89% of votes
Legislative Officer	Dan Schweitzer	81% of votes
Membership Officer	Pete Mortensen	93% of votes
Publicity Officer	Open	

EVERY LITTLE EXTRA SPACE HELPS

Even though member Roger Sproul is no longer driving a truck, he still finds ways to help us in his position with the State Department of Transportation. Roger is a former Legislative and Publicity Officer for the Association and now works doing appraisals for the State.

Although he has a soft state job, he hasn't forgotten his old truck driver friends who still work for a living. He says, "*I do what I can "in house" to make life easier for them.*"

He recently lobbied the department to add more room for trucks to maneuver through constructions zones and the "S" curves that appear when setting up temporary jersey barriers in those zones. He pointed out to the powers to be that designs that allow for 40-foot rigs are never enough to accommodate 48 and 53-foot trailers with cabs that add at least 20 feet to the total length.

While some areas still have a length limit that is less than the 53 plus 20 foot length of many units, there are times when those units will find their way through those areas. In those cases the vehicles must have a way to get through, hence the concern for those longer design criteria. Those design changes include allowing more room and using "Cape Cod" type curbing that allow trucks to run over them without causing tire damage when space does not allow maneuvering a turn without going over the curb.

Miscellaneous

In the October 2005 Land Line Magazine a question was asked:

Question - Do safety classes and truck roadeos held on the weekend have to be logged?

Answer - It depends. There is an interpretation that is published - Question 19 to Part 392. The guidance states: "*May the time a driver spends attending safety meetings, ceremonies, celebrations or other company-sponsored safety events be recorded as off-duty time?*"

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Act Contains 'Good Samaritan' Measure to Avoid Lawsuits

A \$30.8 billion Department of Homeland Security appropriations measure signed into law by President Bush would give an additional \$4.8 million grant to American Trucking Associations for ATA's Highway Watch program.

The bill also contains a "Good Samaritan" clause that provides protection for persons who have completed the Highway Watch awareness training, designed to train truckers to watch for suspicious or potential terrorism on U.S. roads, ATA said.

When a participant reports a suspicious situation, activity or incident, that person *"shall not be liable for damages in any action brought in a federal or state court which result from any act or omission unless the person is guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct,"* the bill stated.

ATA President Bill Graves said in a statement that act's provisions were vital because Highway Watch members *"deserve to be protected from those who would sue for malicious intent."*

- By Transport Topics

THOSE WERE THE "GOOD OLE DAYS" ... OR WERE THEY?



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1/25 scale model of a 1979 Kenworth wrecker from Revell with a scratch built cat 3406 and a lengthened chassis to add the bunk.



This shot shows the scratch built Cat 3406 engine.



1/25 scale log hauler owned by the Hull Family of Bellfountain, Oregon



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NEXT MPDA OFFICER'S MEETING

January 14th - MPDA Officers Meeting - Maine Motor Transport Association (MMTA) - Augusta, Maine - @ **7:30am**. Contact Dave Stuart <dstuart@mainepda.org> or call 221-3198 for more information. The agenda will include discussion of MPDA events, activities for 2006 and future direction of MPDA.

NEXT MPDA GENERAL MEETING

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2006 CALENDAR EVENTS

January

- 14 MPDA Officers Meeting** – MMTA, Augusta, Maine – 7:30am - contact Dave Stuart at 221-3198 or <dstuart@mainepda.org>
- 14 MPDA General Meeting** – MMTA, Augusta, Maine – 9:00am - contact Dave Stuart at 221-3198 or <dstuart@mainepda.org>
- 18 So. Convoy Committee Meeting** – Old Country Buffet Rest., Maine Mall - 6:00pm - contact Dick Brown at 318-7395 or <rbrown9@maine.rr.com> or <trucking4kids@aol.com>

May

- 19 TDC Set-up Day** – Dysart's Truck Terminal, Hermon – Noon - contact Cliff Gray at <grayc@mmta.com> or 623-4128
- 19 MPDA Hospitality Get-together** Room 230 (for everyone involved in competition), Bangor Motor Inn – Contact Everett MacMaster at 797-6330 or <emac@maine.rr.com>
- 20 Maine State Truck Driving Championships** – Dysart's/Bangor Motor Inn – 5:30am - contact Cliff Gray at <grayc@mmta.com> or 623-4128

June

- 15 -18 Trek Across Maine Lung Assn. Rally**, Sunday River – contact Denis Litalien at 468-7373 or <dentruck@hotmail.com>

September

- 30 Trucking 4 Kids Convoy Set-up Day** – 8:00am – Old Country Buffet Rest., Maine Mall – contact Dick Brown at 318-7395 or <rbrown9@maine.rr.com> or <trucking4kids@aol.com>
- 30 Trucker's Day** – Cumberland Fairgrounds, Cumberland - Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

October

- 1 Maine Trucking 4 Kids Convoy**, 7:00am to 4:00pm – Scarborough Downs, Scarborough - contact Dick Brown at 318-7395 or <rbrown9@maine.rr.com> or <trucking4kids@aol.com>