



Behind the Wheel

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2005 Maine Trucking for Kids Convoy

Got that there 18-wheeler of yours all spiffed up? Got that there great looking pick-up all spiffed up? Got that there new wrecker all

spiffed up? Got that there ole 'stang of yours all spiffed up? Well ya better get at er cause ya only got a couple weeks left to get er in tip-top shape.

The 7th Annual Maine Trucking for Kids Convoy will be hittin the streets of South Portland & Scarborough, Maine on October 2 at 12 noon sharp and ya don't want to be late now do ya? So now's the time to mark or clear ya ole calendar for the best ole convoy Maine has to offer.

Now there ain't no need to get a good hearty breakfast in ya belly before showin up neither. There'll be an ole fashion Pancake Breakfast includin all the fixin's at 7:00 in the mornin to help you get auh goin for a good ole Maine kind'a day of fun, excitement, and good ole socializing for the whole dang family.

So even if ya ain't gonna enter the ole jalopy in the greatest convoy this side of Portsmouth New Hampshire, load er up with the whole dang family and come on down.

If ya would like more information or need any of the forms, they's all on the MPDA website at www.mpda.org/trucking4kids. Ya will find em on the bottom of the webpage.

If ya don't have that new fangled internet stuff, you can call 207-318-7395 and we'll make darn well sure ya get what ya want or need ASAP.

Hope to see Ya all there for a full day of fun and excitement!!!

7th Annual Northeast Charity Challenge



MPDA is again involved in the Northeast Professional Drivers Charity Challenge. After taking a year off the event is coming together on September 25th at Devens

Industrial Park in Devens, Massachusetts. Truck driver associations like ours from all over the Northeast are joining together to raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital while having fun doing it.

Drivers are asked to raise pledges of at least \$75.00 to enter the event, which includes a truck driving competition and a non-CDL driving challenge for people without a commercial drivers license. There will also be kids games, raffles, equipment displays and prizes galore.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded for the top fundraisers and there will be shirts for all participants. There will also be trophies for the best drivers in the competition. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for the driving and at least 3 trophies for the pre-trip inspection. Awards will also go to the Company with the drivers posting the highest scores, a father/son or daughter high score, retired driver high score and a Grand Champion Award.

Registration starts at 7:00am and pre-registration is encouraged. Money should be turned in the morning of the event at the registration table.

More information about this event is available on the MPDA website at www.mpda.org

We do need someone to take the MPDA equipment trailer from Portland to Devens and back for this event. If you can handle this, please call or email Denis Litalien at 468-7373 or dentruck@hotmail.com.




This Month's Sponsor of Behind the Wheel



H. P. Hood

From the Desk of Our President

I hope everything is going well and you had an enjoyable summer. The general membership meeting held on Sept 10th at the Old Country Buffet Restaurant



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was not a total loss. We had five members show up and had a v e r y i n f o r m a t i v e meeting. Alan Paradis is now

chairman of the supporting members TDC and also running for Vice President. Alan is a past President, Thanks Alan. We still have to fill the up coming vacancies we need people for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Legislative Officer. **So please put on your thinking caps.**

Included with this month's issue of BTW is a ballot for you to vote for the Officers.

Also included is the reservation form for the 2005 MPDA Annual Banquet.

Please Stay Safe.

*Sincerely,
Ron Hutchins, President*

From the desk of Our Executive Director

Hello to all. Have you ever stopped to think just how many truck stops and places for trucks to pull into there are between New Hampshire and Houlton, Maine on I-95. I guess that most of you have better things to do, but my being retired I just had to find out.

So one fine day I took my darling wife Linda, and our little dog Simon, and we headed out to find out. Well, after two days of driving and about seven hundred miles we had found fourteen places and I just had to drop into every one of them (no I didn't have a meal at each one!) I did put up posters about the Convoy for Kids and I also left MPDA newsletters and membership applications.

A few days after we had been at the Houlton Irving Truck Stop, Ron Hutchins, President of the MPDA, stopped in with the

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MMTA Training Unit and saw a driver with a newsletter in his hand. He asked Ron if he knew anything about MPDA and how could he get more newsletters. Being the fast thinker that Ron is, he signed this driver up on the spot, and as of last Sunday's meeting he is now a member.

Moving on to another item on my busy agenda today as Exec. Dir. of the MPDA - I was asked by the MeDOT to attend a meeting on the Automated Commercial Vehicle Screening Systems Plan Project. I really don't have enough space in this newsletter to even start telling you all the things that we talked about. It was an Operational Concept Workshop and it started at 9am and ended at 3pm. I can tell you, that if this concept goes though that "Big Brother" will really be watching. Ron and I will be very happy to go into this and explain it the best we can at the next MPDA general meeting.

The Trucking for Kids Convoy is coming up on Oct. 2nd maybe if you attend the convoy and I can get together with you for a few minutes I can go over some of the highlights of the concept.

Drive safe and I will see you at the convoy!

*Dick Brown
MPDA Executive Director*

From the desk of the Membership Officer

Fall is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about winter driving again! As Maine Professional Drivers, it is our responsibility to be alert to the changing road conditions and adjust our driving accordingly. Let's be careful on the highways in Maine and throughout New England.

We are looking for active members who have moved or changed their addresses. If you know of any members that have moved etc., please get in touch with them so they can notify us of their change to keep them up-to-date. We will try to post a list of members on our website. You can check there to see if there is anyone you know. (www.mpd.org). Don't forget, you can go online and update any of your information too, or you can cut out on the last page of this newsletter and mail it to the address on the coupon.

As always you can contact us by e-mail at: membership@mainepda.org or regular mail to: Maine professional Drivers Assoc., P.O. Box 5672, Augusta, ME 04332-5672, or call us at: 207-318-7395.

Thank you for being a part of our organization,

*Pete Mortensen,
MPDA Membership Officer*

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Maine Turnpike News

Maine Turnpike officials are hoping that their new highway safety campaign causes people to do a double-take. That's why their new 30-second television spot and newspaper ads featured full-grown adults stuffed into miniature vehicles purchased right off the shelves of Toys R Us.

The ads appeared on television and newspapers at the beginning of the summer and again around the Labor Day Weekend, the two busiest times of the year on the highway. The campaign also promoted the same message in a series of radio ads.

"We have important messages to deliver and we're willing to get a little silly to make them stick," said Maine Turnpike Executive Director Paul E. Violette. "Having made major investments to improve and modernize the Maine Turnpike, we want to see our customers use it safely and efficiently," he said.

The campaign emphasized three basic points for driving on the Maine Turnpike: (1) It is the responsibility of vehicles entering the highway to yield to traffic already on the highway. (2) Slower moving vehicles should stay to the right, and (3) Be aware that trucks are prohibited from using the left lane on the new three lane sections of the highway, so allow them to pass safely in the middle lane.


"These are very basic rules of the road, but they are too often disregarded, creating unsafe conditions and driver frustration," said Violette. "Many people seem to be uncertain about how they should merge onto the highway and what lane they should travel in once in the flow of traffic. Of course the prohibition of trucks from the left lane is relatively new to all of us," he said.

The three driving tips were selected after surveying Turnpike drivers and discussing the matter with Maine State Troopers who patrol the Turnpike




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every day. Violette said excessive speed is also a major issue and one that Turnpike officials and State troopers

will continue to address through enforcement and messaging. But the focus of this ad is to provide drivers with very specific techniques to make the Turnpike safer and more efficient during the busy tourism season.

President Salutes Truck Drivers for Appreciation Week

President Bush sent a letter saluting professional truckers for their efforts as part of this years Truck Driver Appreciation Week and the just-completing two national truck driving championships.

The president said truckers "hard work and dedication" helped trucking advance the U.S. economy and that truckers' "commitment to excellence increases efficiency and production."

Following is the text of President Bush's letter saluting professional truck drivers.

The White House
Aug. 10, 2005

I send greetings to those celebrating National Truck Driver Appreciation Week.

Across America, professional truck drivers keep our economy moving and support our citizens as they conduct business. Our nation relies on the men and women of the transportation industry to sustain critical networks of commerce and advance our economy.

Our transportation system also is vital to our national security. My administration has taken important steps to protect our nation's bridges, tunnels and highways to help keep our citizens safe and our economy running smoothly.

I applaud professional truck drivers and their motor carrier employees for your hard work and dedication to promoting high standards of safety.

Your commitment to excellence increases efficiency and production across our nation and advances American prosperity. Your efforts also reflect the values that make our country strong.

TDC Update U.S. Professional Truck Driver Championships

When last month's issue of BTW went to print, we did not have the results of the USPTD Championships. Below are the standing for the Maine competitors (MPDA members are in bold text) are as

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3rd **Fred Schenk** Exxon / Mobil

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Sleeper Berth

2nd **Greg Johnson** Hannaford Trucking

Tank Truck

7th **Guy Currier** Webber Energy Fuels

Twins

3rd **Fern Richard** Yellow Transportation

You all are winners and congratulations to you all !!

We also received an article from one of the competitors spouses. We thought it would be nice to let you hear some of their thoughts of how a national TDC is from their perspective.

I enjoyed the experience of going to the National Truck Driver Championships in Tampa, Florida. I had never been in an airplane before so that was an experience all of it's own. Being a wife of a driver is sometimes difficult and you worry a lot in the winter month's, but I support him 100%. This is why I flew to Florida with him even though I was scared to fly.

The humidity level in Florida was 80% and the temperature was 102 degrees. I don't see how anyone could get used to that. Everyone we met there, the Drivers and their wives, and other people at the Nationals were very nice to us.

The competition was great, Drivers would wish each other good luck and congratulate one another after it was over.

The Windham Harbor Hotel was a very nice place too stay. And the Tampa Bay Convention Center was the perfect place to have the competition.

I hope that the Drivers that get to attend the championships next year have as good a time as we did. I think that the championships should continue, because it is such a good thing. I'd like to thank Hannaford Trucking for giving my husband (Greg Johnson) and myself the opportunity to go.

Anne Johnson

Editors Note: We would like to thank Anne for taking the time to write this article. This illustrates how much a spouse can be of help to a Professional Driver in their career. Thank you Anne from all of us!!! GREAT JOB

ATA National Truck Driving Championship

Rick Herbert, professional truck driver for Yellow Transportation based in Illinois, became the 2005 National Truck Driving Grand Champion Saturday.

The annual truck driving championships, held this year in Tampa, Fla., are sponsored by American Trucking Associations. The contestants were the state champions in eight truck types from all 50 states. Collectively, they have driven over 484 million accident-free miles.

The Pennsylvania state truck driving championship team took the honors as the highest scoring state team.

Herbert topped the other 362 contestants who gathered in Tampa for three days of intense competition leading to the drive-off. The competition capped a process that started earlier this year, with more than 6,550 drivers nationwide.

The 52-year-old Herbert said he and his 17-year-old son Greg would rise early on weekends and drive to the Yellow yard in suburban Chicago where they had set up a practice course. Yellow Transportation is a unit of Yellow Roadway Corp., No. 3 on the Transport Topics 100 listing of U.S. and Canadian for-hire carriers.

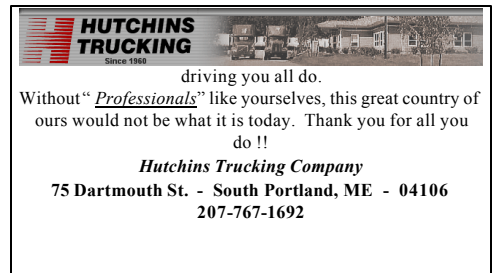
As Herbert spoke, his wife Sandy, daughter Krista and son Greg stood behind him. "I am really proud of him," Sandy said. "He worked long and hard and practiced on just about every day off to get here."

In their respective classes, they tested their expertise in the driving skills they use daily. The competition course inside the Tampa Convention Center included a scale stop, a rear-line stop, a rear-dock parking exercise, a measured tight right turn, a front-line stop, and straight-line driving along a narrow path of tennis balls.

Herbert, of Villa Park, Ill., also won the individual four-axle truck driving competition. He succeeds Wayne Crowder, of FedEx Freight in Louisville, Ky., as the national champion.

Joining Herbert as champions in their respective classes were:

- Five-Axle: Ryland Hogan, Wilson Transportation, Stuart's Draft, Va.
- Five-Axle Sleeper: Larry Warr, Wal-Mart Transportation, LaGrange, Ga.
- Tank Truck: Michael Lomastro, Publix Supermarkets, Lake Worth, Fla.
- Three-Axle: Brent Darnold, Linde Gas, Parkersburg,



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- W.Va.
- Twins: Darrell Kimbrell, FedEx Freight, Bessemer, Ala.
- Flatbed: Mark Church, Con-Way Southern Express, Winston-Salem, N.C.
- Straight Truck: Robert Dolan, Con-Way Central Express, Catasauqua, Pa.

from Transport Topics Online,
Staff Writer Daniel W. Guido

Editors Note: Congratulations go to Mickey Rafeal. Mickey placed 3rd in the Twins Class. Great Job Mickey!!!!

HP Hood's Company Competition

This year was the first combined roadeo for HP HOOD LLC that included Portland ME, Agawam MA, Taunton MA, Barre VT. and Concord NH.

It was held in Concord, NH on a beautiful day with great food served by Fathers Restaurant of Bellows Vt.

The MPDA and NHPDA along with the help of Ryder did a great job of setting up the skills course and the truck pre-trip inspection.

We have to thank the New Hampshire Professional Drivers Association and the Maine Professional Drivers Association for the great job that they do for us in putting on this roadeo. Without their help it would be much more challenging.

We are grateful for the turnout of employees and drivers. This shows who the professional drivers are and their eagerness. We look forward to many more wonderful outings like this in the future.

The following are the winners of this years roadeo:

Class A

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| William Flood | Agawam, Ma. |
| Dan Roberts | Barre, Vt. |
| Charles Teasley | Agawam, Ma. |

Class B

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| Matthew Eagan | Portland, Me. |
| <i>(Matthew will be going to the Nationals)</i> | |
| Marty Waterhouse | Portland, Me. |
| Andre Rosenberg | Taunton, Ma. |

Pre-Trip Perfect Scores: Class A

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| Edgar Beaulieu | Portland, Me. |
| John Meredith | Agawam, Ma. |

Pre-Trip Perfect Scores: Class B

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| Andre Rosenberg | Taunton, Ma. |
| Scott Hotaling | Agawam, Ma. |
| Scott Parker | Taunton, Ma. |

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Skip Woods

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OOIDA petitions for changes to new HOS rule

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) filed a petition Monday, Aug. 29, asking the government to reconsider the recently revised hours-of-service regulations for truckers. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published the revised hours-of-service regulations in the Federal Register Thursday, Aug. 25.

Despite FMCSA Administrator Annette Sandberg's downplay of the changes in the revised regulations, OOIDA has identified specific changes that will have a significant impact on truckers and their operations.

"We are filing for two common sense changes to the new hours-of-service rule," said OOIDA President and CEO Jim Johnston.

The new rules are set up in a way that if a trucker chooses to split up the required 10 hours of off-duty time, one of the two periods must be at least eight consecutive hours in the sleeper berth. The eight-hour rest period stops the 14-hour clock. The other two hours of off-duty time can be taken consecutively, either in the sleeper or out, to fulfill the 10-hour off-duty requirement, but does not stop the 14-hour clock.

FMCSA stresses the importance of the two-hour portion of the split-sleeper berth provision in its final rule for the trucker's

ability to take a nap or rest break, which FMCSA has encouraged as 'an important tool in combating fatigue.'

Despite the encouragement in the rule for truckers to cash in on the opportunity for a nap or short rest period, the fact that the two-hour break does not stop the 14-hour clock is a disincentive for truckers to utilize the break.

"We're simply asking that those two hours would also stop the clock, that the driver could take those off-duty and not count against his working time," Johnston said. "We think its common sense because it's

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consistent with the 10-hour off-duty requirement.”

Johnston points out that allowing truckers to take a two-hour midday break to tend to personal affairs –eating, showering, etc. is totally consistent with the rest of the regulation and should not count against the 14-hour on-duty clock.

“We think it’s practical and makes plain common sense to do it that way,” Johnston said.

The other change OOIDA has petitioned for involves split-sleeper berth provisions for team drivers. Under the new HOS regulations, team drivers would each have to take a minimum of eight consecutive hours off in the sleeper berth.

“That’s impractical for most team operations,” Johnston said. “We’re asking in our petition that FMSCA retain the current sleeper-berth exemption, which allows the drivers to take sleeper berth time in whatever increments they want as long as no period is less than two hours.”

OOIDA contends that FMSCA’s abandonment of the sleeper-berth exemptions, at least as far as team drivers go, was based in part on the assumption that a schedule, such as the one where the driver goes on duty for five hours and then off duty for five hours, only gives a driver a five-hour window of opportunity to obtain rest.

“This is simply not the case with team drivers,” OOIDA’s petition states. “Often the period of a driver’s rest is a combination of the length of the other (team) driver’s driving period plus that other driver’s breaks to take care of business.”

The revised hours-of-service regulations go into effect Oct. 1.

ATA Unveils ‘Share the Road’ Web Site

American Trucking Associations has unveiled a new “Share the Road” Web site aimed at educating motorists about the safest ways to drive alongside tractor-trailers.

The site’s objectives are to teach the motoring public about large blind spots that surround 18-wheelers. It also educates drivers on safe following and stopping distances when traveling near large trucks, which require more space and time on the highways.

By visiting the site, www.atastr.org, motorists can learn how to avoid the hidden dangers

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of driving on busy highways and city streets. The site has four sections focusing on such hazards as distracted driving, blind spots, following too closely and passing.

“Improving highway safety is the most important mission that ATA can have. Share the Road has been a big part of our effort, and we believe that this new Web site will further spread our message and help save lives,” ATA President Bill Graves said in a statement.

The Share the Road program, sponsored by Mack Trucks and Chevron DELO, visits 24 cities a year delivering driving tips through television, radio and newspaper coverage.

“Over the past decade, we have been very successful reaching out to people over the airways and in print media, but this new Web site lets us go the extra step in bringing this life-saving message to even more Americans,” said Ellen Serrano, the program’s national field director.

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RYDER TRANSPORTATION HAS NAMED 2004 'DRIVERS OF THE YEAR'

Wednesday, May 04, 2005

One of Ryder Transportation's most prestigious recognition programs, the "*Driver of the Year*" award, honors those drivers who have demonstrated exemplary safety performance, customer service and citizenship throughout their careers. The top awards this year were presented to two drivers employed by Ryder and a customer-employed driver for one of Ryder's Fleet Management Solutions accounts. These three drivers combined, have driven over 8,000,000 preventable collision-free miles and have almost 89 years of professional driving experience.

Each recipient received a five-day, four-night cruise to the Bahamas, a trophy, ring and watch, and was inducted into the Ryder "*Driver Hall of Fame*."

On May 4, 2005, Ryder announced and presented these three drivers with the "*Driver of the Year*" awards. All three drivers, accompanied by family members, were honored at a luncheon banquet held in their honor near Ryder's headquarters in Miami. Ryder Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Greg Swienton, accompanied by several key Ryder executives and the drivers' local managers, were on hand to personally congratulate the honorees.

Among these three drivers is a Maine driver, and he's also one of 'our own'.

H. P. Hood LLC is proud and honored to have Paul Beote inducted into Ryder's "*Driver Hall of Fame*".



NOTES OF INTEREST

MPDA Budget Meeting

October 21 - 6:00pm - Yarmouth Lumber, Gray - contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

MPDA Officers Meeting

October 29 - 8:00 am - Hannaford Trucking Office, S. Portland - Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

2005 Calendar Events

September

22-25 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 NE 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

1 Trucker’s Day – Cumberland Fairgrounds, Cumberland - Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

2 2005 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

21 MPDA Budget Committee Meeting – 6:00pm – Yarmouth Lumber, Gray – contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

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>

29 MPDA Officers Meeting – Hannaford Trucking Office, S. Portland – 8:00am - Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

November

5 16th Annual MPDA Awards Banquet - Verillos - 6:00pm - contact Terry Stuart at 727-3704 or <tstuart@mainepda.org>

January 2006

14 MPDA Officers Meeting – Cole Farms Restaurant, Gray –7:30am - Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

14 MPDA General Meeting – Cole Farms Restaurant, Gray – 9:00am - Contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or <ronh@mmta.com>

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16TH ANNUAL MPDA BANQUET RESERVATION & NOMINATION FORM

Dear Member,

Please join us for dinner at our 16th *Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet* on Saturday, November 5th, 2005 at 6:00PM. A great program is being put together for your enjoyment and we are looking forward to seeing a large turnout from our membership.

For many of our members who can't otherwise make it to our meetings or other activities, this is the perfect opportunity to come out and socialize with your fellow members. A chance to take your spouse or companion out for a great dinner, see what your association has done in the past year and recognize some of your fellow members for their accomplishments.

We have an excellent Italian Buffet this year at Verillos Restaurant in Portland, Maine located right off the turnpike exit 48, (old exit 8). The menu will consist of –Caesar Salad, Marinated Mushrooms & Roasted Red Peppers, Pasta Salad with Tortellini, Salami and Vegetables, Roast Top Sirloin of Beef with Bordelaise Sauce, Breast of Chicken Al'Alba with mushroom and provolone and white wine, Baked Ham with Pineapple Honey Glaze, Italian Sausage and Peppers, Baked Haddock with Lemon Butter Crumbs, Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Lasagna, Oven Roasted Vegetables, Oven Roasted Potatoes with Garlic & Rosemary, Rolls & Butter and Tiramisu for dessert. The cost is **\$25.00** per person or **\$50.00** per couple complete - covering tax, gratuity, entertainment and the cost of the facility. Not a bad deal for a night out with such great company !

Whether you attend or not, please take the time to fill out and return this nomination form on the bottom of this sheet, taking a few minutes to nominate someone for these awards and include as much information as possible. With all the negative publicity the trucking industry seems to attract, these awards present an opportunity to put some of our finest people on display and recognize them for their efforts.

We encourage all members to attend this year's Banquet and to invite others who may be interested in what we do.

Hope to see you all there! ...

In the meantime... Drive Safely!!!!

MPDA Banquet Committee

Your Name _____
Number attending: _____ @ \$25.00 per person / \$50.00 per couple \$ _____

Please include your check, **made payable to MPDA**, and send to:

Terry Stuart
366 Saco Road
Hollis, Maine
04042

Please return by October 28, 2005 as we will need a head count for Verillos.

Thank you

16TH ANNUAL MPDA AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(Please use reverse side if you need more room)

Driver of the Year

Should go to a driver who stands above the crowd in the trucking industry through his driving record, attitude, industry activities, and/or recognition for special achievement. Reason for nomination: list as much as possible (use reverse side if necessary)

Good Samaritan Award

Should go to anyone who has demonstrated the qualities of a good Samaritan, especially helping motorists or drivers who are stranded or otherwise need help on the highways. Reason for nomination: list as much as possible (use reverse side if necessary)

Sportsmanship Award

Should go to someone who has been a good sport about our activities. Could be someone who has done a lot to help our association without asking for thanks, or used to recognize someone who is otherwise deserving. Reason for nomination: list as much as possible. (use reverse side if necessary)

Special Recognition Award

Should go to someone who has done something especially outstanding toward the trucking industry, toward drivers, or might otherwise have done something special that we should be thankful for. Reason for nomination: list as much as possible (use reverse side if necessary)

Harry Stiffler Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is not only for someone that has been outstanding in our industry, but who also active in their community. (for example - church, civic organizations, etc). Family values, helpfulness, caring and understanding will be points looked at. They should have done something special in their lifetime as well. Reason for nomination: list as much as possible (use reverse side if necessary)

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RICHARD ESPONNETTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

What type of scholarship?	A \$500 scholarship awarded to a student for the second semester of an accredited school or a certified truck driving school.
Who is eligible?	Members, spouses, children, and grandchildren will get first consideration, if there are no applications any eligible student will be awarded.
What are the judging rules?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Scholastic record* Participation in school and community* Personal interest* Financial need
What is the selection procedure?	The applications will be reviewed by members of the association.
Are there any obligations or restriction	Yes. The scholarship will only be awarded to a student who is entering a second semester. The student must notify the organization so that payment can be made to the school.
Can a student reapply the next year?	Yes. Previous applicants may reapply and will be considered on an equal basis with the new year's applicants.
When will we know?	Announcement will be made at the MPDA Annual Banquet.
Where can a student get information and an application?	Contact: Maine Professional Drivers Association Attn. Pam Rogers 275 North Road Yarmouth, Maine 04096

Deadline for submitting this application is **October 28th, 2005**

Please mail application to:

Pam Rogers

Maine Professional Drivers Association

275 North Road - Yarmouth, Maine - 04096

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RICHARD ESPONNETTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Home address: _____

Telephone number: (_____) - _____ - _____

Name of MPDA sponsor: _____

Relationship (if any): _____

School presently attending: _____

Date graduated: _____

School activities: (athletics & clubs) _____

Community activities: _____

Hobbies & interests: _____

Have you been employed? Yes _____ / No _____

Give a brief description of your job: _____

Name & location of school that you plan to attend: _____

Please enclose a letter with this application stating why you would like to receive this scholarship and mail to:.

Pam Rogers
Maine Professional Drivers Association
275 North Road - Yarmouth, Maine - 04096

**2005 Maine Professional Drivers Association
Election of Officers Ballot**

Please check you choice for each office and return this ballot by October 28th, 2005

Please mail to:

Pam Rogers

275 North RD.

Yarmouth, Maine 04096

President —

Rob Fernald []

Dave Stuart []

Write in _____

Vice President —

Alan Paradis []

Write In _____

Secretary —

Write In _____

Treasurer —

Write In _____

Publicity Officer —

Roger Sproul []

Write In _____

Membership Officer —

Pete Mortensen []

Write In _____

Legislative Officer —

Dan Schweitzer []

Write In _____

TDC Officer —

Cliff Gray []

Write In _____

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Pam Rogers
275 North RD.
Yarmouth, Maine
04096

STAMP

MPDA Officer Election Ballot
366 Saco Road
Hollis, Maine
04042

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