



# Behind the Wheel

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## Trek Across Maine Thank You

Fall is my favorite time of year. It causes each of us to pause and give thanks for the large and small occurrences in life and people we have met and embraced as the year comes to a close. This reflection and gratitude brings to mind so many Trek volunteers who provide much needed support to help others breathe easier. I would like to thank the many drivers of the Maine Professional Drivers Association for their longstanding support of the American Lung Association and our mission to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease.

Every Father's Day weekend for the past 14 years, dedicated MPDA drivers once again volunteered for the Trek Across Maine by transporting cyclists and their bikes to Sunday River on Thursday and back home again on Sunday. I can't imagine a Trek without this crew.

There are many ways to support the American Lung Association in addition to riding a bike for healthy air! One of them is assisting us in providing bus and bike transportation from major cities in Maine to Sunday River on Thursday before Father's Day to kick off Trek weekend, by diminishing our carbon footprint of more vehicles on the road. No other volunteer group has the impact of the MPDA.

The Trek Across Maine is the American Lung Association's largest fundraising event in the nation! With the dedication of MPDA in 2015, we were able to raise \$1.7 dollars towards our mission. *We need you!* If you would like to join a great group of drivers while supporting our mission in our fight against lung cancer and other lung diseases, contact **Denis Litalien** at [director@mpda.org](mailto:director@mpda.org) or 207-468-7373. With Gratitude, - *Gale Auclair and the Maine ALA Development Team*

## FMCSA Advisory Committee Recommends Driver Training

This past year a training advisory panel voted 24-2 to recommend a requirement that in addition to classroom time, new truck drivers would be required to complete at least 30 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The requirement also would allow a flexible split that would include a minimum of 10 hours of range driving instruction and at least 10 hours of on-road instruction.

Among the committee's recommendations was a long list of stringent classroom requirements, in addition to the 30 hours of on-road instruction for Class A commercial driver license training. For Class B CDLs, the requirements included classroom instruction and 15 hours of driving instruction, seven of which must be on-road.

In attempting to define an entry-level driver, the committee decided that the agency should not require drivers whose CDL lapsed with a good driving record to take a refresher course before retesting for their CDLs.

Larry Minor, FMCSA's associate administrator for policy, lauded the work of the panel, saying he was convinced this time the panel's recommendations will help the agency formulate a successful rule.

- *From an article by Eric Miller, Staff Reporter, ATA Transport Topics Online*

## Cell Phone Violations Note

Florida is handling cell phone violations pretty stringently. They fine the driver \$500 for the first violation, \$1500 for the 2nd, and \$2500 for the 3rd. In addition, it carries 10 points, which, amounts to 30 points on the company's CSA (no change there). The tickets go before an Administrative Law and they typically don't negotiate these (though our attorneys are willing to try). They may expand this to the entire country. Please share this with the MPDA.

- *Susan G. Margiloff, J.D., PHR, LegalShield*



# Maine State Driving Championships Results 2015

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Straight Truck	1 - Jack Ayer 2 - Garret Bowden 3 - Paul Barnes	Dysart's Transportation Hartt Transportation Systems Walmart Transportation
3-Axle Van	1 - Nelson Girard 2 - Rob Fernald 3 - Adrian Doyon	Con-Way Walmart Transportation Delhaize America
4-Axle Van	1 - Jared Elston 2 - Fred Lindsey 3 - Denis Litalien	FedEx Express FedEx Freight Clifford W. Perham / Shaw's
5-Axle Van	1 - Joseph Smith 2 - Jonathan Roussel 3 - Gene Gravelle	Pottle's Transportation PAF Transportation Walmart Transportation
Flatbed	1 - Rick Magnuson 2 - Charles Fleurant 3 - Cory York	Delhaize America Clifford W. Perham / Shaw's WT Rand Transport LLC
Tank	1 - Ray Bucknell 2 - Ronald Round 3 - James Costa	Irving Oil Terminals Pottle's Transportation Patriot Tank Lines
Sleeper	1 - Jeff Granholm 2 - William Sloan 3 - Larry Wadsworth	Pottle's Transportation Hartt Transportation Systems Hartt Transportation Systems
Twin Trailers	1 - Matt Richardson 2 - Larry Menter 3 - Alan Paradis	Performance Transportation LLC YRC Freight A & A Trucking
Step Van	1 - Robert Cochran 2 - Scott Wickstrom 3 - Jeffrey Thoms	FedEx Express FedEx Express FedEx Ground

## Special Award Winners

Grand Champion	Rick Magnuson	Delhaize America
Rookie of the Year	Michael Chabot	BSP Transport
Pre Trip Inspection	Raymond Rogers	FedEx Freight
Written Test	Ronald Round	Pottle's Transportation
Team Award		Pottle's Transportation

## Student Drivers

1 - James Arnold	Tri-County Technical Center
2 - Devin Hartt	Northern Penobscot Tech Region 3
3 - Ryan Poitras	Westbrook Regional Vocational Center



## Charity Challenge Results

The 2015 Northeast Truck Drivers Charity Challenge was again a huge success as just over \$35,000 was raised for ST. Jude's Children's Hospital. You can see all the details of this event at [www.necharitychallenge.org](http://www.necharitychallenge.org)



## Convoy Again a Success

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Maine Trucking for Kids Convoy was again a huge success, raising over \$16,000! \$14,000 of that went to Camp Sunshine with the balance being split with the Scarborough and South Portland Police Department Youth Programs. A number of MPDA members were on hand for the check presentation at Camp Sunshine, including **Rob and Chris Fernald, Jim and Mona Costa, Dick Brown, Sharon Stetson and Linda Spaulding**, representing both MPDA and the 2 South Portland Lions Clubs.

Michael Katz, the Executive Director of Camp Sunshine writes, "I spoke with Kayley (Walker) this morning and she shared with me that the event was "A huge success"! A big thank you goes out to you and everyone involved for all the hard work and incredible time & effort put forth to create such a fun and amazing program. Please, know that your support is very much appreciated!! Your efforts directly enable us to provide more families with a child suffering from a life-threatening illness the opportunity to experience the 'magic' of Camp Sunshine."

This year a Touch-a-Truck event was added to the Convoy, and Channel 8 News covered the event. You can see the you-tube video at the following link:

<http://m.wmtw.com/news/kids-get-to-touchatruck-at-annual-event/35523490>

## May They Rest in Peace

Two past Presidents of the Maine Motor Transport Association recently passed away.

**Richard Haley** of Haley the Mover served as President from 1973 through 1975 and passed away Jan. 21, while **Arthur Hicks** of CB Kenworth, who served as President from 1981 to 1983 passed away on February 9.



**Rick Wickman**, a driver for Roadway Express, also passed away recently. He was an active member of the New Hampshire Professional Drivers Association and was a 2-time State Champion. He was also named NH Driver of the year in 2004 and was seen each year at the Northeast Charity Challenge. Rick was 58 years old and suffered from Mesothelioma.

## Did you know.....

- \* Based on fatal accident reports, NHTSA data shows that at least 3,154 people were killed in crashes involving all distracted drivers in 2013, including those who were texting and driving. \* \*
- NHTSA estimates that 424,000 Americans were injured in all distraction-affected crashes in 2013.
- \* Ten percent of fatal crashes, 18 percent of injury crashes, and 16 percent of all motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2013 were reported as distraction-affected crashes, which are defined as any crash in which a driver was identified as distracted at the time of the crash.
- \* Ten percent of all drivers 15 to 19 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the crash.
- \* 244 Americans aged 15 to 19 were killed in distraction-affected crashes.
- \* In 2013, there were 480 non-occupants killed in distraction-affected crashes.





## Wreaths Across America

A number of members participated in the Wreaths Across America program this year. Among them were members **Marc Belanger** and **Rob Fernald** with support from a number of member companies, including **Hartt Transportation, Walmart, Hannaford, International Paper, Pottle's Transportation, Cianbro** and many others. We apologize for not getting all of them in print but felt it was important to mention this program.

More information about the program can be had at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)



Pictured above: **Marc Belanger** with International Paper truck at Arlington National Cemetery.

Pictured below: **Rob Fernald** and his family with Walmart truck at Arlington National Cemetery.



## Retired

Member **Mickey Rafeal** recently retired from YRC. Mickey and his wife Linda will reside in Northwood, NH. Mickey was often seen at our State Championships and our Trucking for Kids Convoy. A number of MPDA members attended his retirement party, held at the New Hampshire Motor Transport's Office in Concord, NH. Mickey served as President of the New Hampshire Professional Drivers Association for many years and is still active in their projects. He is also heavily involved in the Northeast Charity Challenge each year.

## DVIR News

As a reminder of the following rule change regarding DVIR's:

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced last year that professional truck drivers will no longer have to comply with a burdensome daily paperwork requirement. Eliminating DVIRs when no safety defects or mechanical deficiencies are identified will result in time savings valued at \$1.7 billion dollars annually without compromising safety.

Commercial truck drivers will still be required to conduct pre- and post-trip inspections of their vehicles to identify any safety defects or maintenance concerns. The final rule removes the requirement that drivers file a report when equipment problems or safety concerns are not identified. Even with the rule in effect, companies may still choose to require documentation but will not be required by law to do so.

## Interesting Note from a Member....

Wednesday afternoon (last month) I had a phone call from Buxton police while I was working. They were curious why I had 9 igps pallets. I told them I had gotten them from the dump trailer at work over 5 years ago to stack my fire wood on. Little did I realize they have tracking chips imbedded in the corners of the pallets. Pharmaceutical companies use those pallets to track customers' orders all over the world. Funny thing is after 5 years somebody showed up with the police to pick them up because they wanted them back. No charges to be filed, thankfully!

## Splitshifting

I had a unique experience last year, attending the Mid-America Trucking Show in Louisville, KY. I got to attend the ceremony where MPDA Life Member **Rob Fernald** was named one of five "Citizen Drivers" by TA/Petro TravelCenters. This was really special. But something even more special, also involving Rob, was the parking lot outside the show, beside the Papa John Stadium where an estimated 750 truckers parked their rigs while attending the show.

Rob spent all of his spare time working with a group of people who took it upon themselves to make sure all the truckers in the parking lot were fed throughout the week of the show. None were turned away and all were grateful for the free chow. Along with Rob, **Lawrence** and **Jan McNeil** organize this food booth through the generosity of many people. **Jim** and **Mona Costa** were also on hand to help cook and serve for the crowds. There were also a number of other volunteers (LW III, "Mac" Chris, "Blue", Debbie, Guy, Brittany and a number of others) who gave of their time, talent and treasure for this free feed. After the show, one attendee texted Rob the following message, "I personally would like to thank you ALL for the great food. If it wasn't for you I would starve. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!!"

Walking through this huge parking lot, the feeling you got from hearing the idling of the trucks, was really like the "heartbeat of America", to steal a slogan from Chevrolet. The lifeblood of the country was sitting here this weekend, making friends and connections and letting off a little steam. There were showers provided by TA/Petro, concerts thanks to OOIDA, and a number of other activities from various non-profit and for-profit groups. It opened my eyes to another segment of our industry and to the generosity of my fellow truckers.

The trucking show itself was so huge that it was almost impossible to see it all. There were 1,060 exhibitors inside besides the custom trucks on display outside! Over 80,000 people went through the show in three days. For those who remember the old New England Truck Show, that was a backyard party compared to this one. If you have never been to MATS, you should put it on your bucket list. I'm glad I did!

Oh yeah, and as part of the award that Robbie received at the show, the TA Travel Center in Willington, Ct. will be named after him. The "Robert Fernald Travel Center". How cool is that? Rob is certainly well deserving of this honor as most of you know who have seen him at so many charity events throughout his career. Not many have given as much as Rob has for their industry, their community, their fellow drivers, and society in general to make life a little better. There were 72 nominees for the award and after the preliminary assessments, 35 advanced then 19 finalists were judged by an elite industry panel, who narrowed it down to the 5 honorees. Travel Centers President Tom O'Brien said the award is established to help the public be more aware of truck drivers and gives us a chance to set a better light on the industry. He repeatedly thanked all truck drivers for what they do as "the image of trucking is on the drivers shoulders." Congratulations to Rob for this well-deserved achievement and for all he does on our behalf!

The above article was written after last year's Mid America Truck Show and never published, so here it is. I am adding this note as I pack to go to the show this year. At press time Debbie and I are preparing to go back and be part of the food booth that Jan and Lawrence have established. Rob is preparing to ship 100 lobsters to feed the troops this year and raise money for the St. Christopher Fund! We hope to see a lot of old friends there. Maybe we'll even see you there!

..... Before I sign off, I want to thank the following for getting our equipment trailer ready for a busy year....

**Dick Brown** for making arrangements for moving it with **Delhaize/Hannaford** equipment, Atlantic Great Dane for the inspection and maintenance and to Maine Motor Transport Association for the annual registration. We also have it decal'd with all the new dates for our 2016 events. Also, thanks to **Rob Fernald** and **Walmart** for getting it to the Student Competition this coming week. Sounds like it's ready to go for whatever our members need it for!

*- Denis Litalien, Executive Director*

## Board Appointments

Member **Ron Round** was appointed to the Advisory Board at the Northeast Penobscot Tech Region 3. This allows them to get Ron's 27 years of driving and experiences into their truck driving school training. This happened as a result of the help Ron and other MPDA members provided for the annual student driving competition and his willingness to help the kids get ready for the State Driving Championships last spring.

Also, for those who don't remember, a bill passed many years ago requires MPDA to be represented on the Motor Carrier Review Board, a State level Board that reviews motor carrier records and recommends action against carriers whose records indicate they have become unsafe. Member **Dave Littlefield** has been re-appointed to this Board and represents MPDA in any reviews. Dave has been involved in representing MPDA for many years, having served as our Legislative Officer in the past.

## Student Driving Competition

The Dick Dolloff Memorial Student Driving Competition will be held on April 13 at the Augusta Civic Center. This competition is for high school students enrolled in commercial truck driving classes at various vocational schools in Maine. This event is organized and run by **Vicki Kimball**, an instructor at the Tri-County Technical Center, and sponsored by an association of these schools with assistance from the Maine Motor Transport Association, the Maine Professional Drivers Association, members of the Maine State Police and the State License Examiners.

The event is named in memory of **Dick Dolloff**, a former truck driving instructor at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. Dick was instrumental in starting this competition years ago as a fun and educational way for students interested in the transportation field to sharpen their skills and learn safe habits. This past year Vicki also started presenting the Chris Broderick Memorial Pre-Trip Inspection Award, in honor of **Chris Broderick**, a Westbrook instructor and MPDA member who continued Dick's efforts in the competition.

Last year, fifty-five students tested their skills in the two part competition last year and Vicki is hoping for at least as large a turnout this year. Students will have to maneuver around obstacles similar to what is required for them to pass the driving test to obtain a commercial drivers license and what they might encounter on a daily basis while driving. They will also have the pre-trip portion where they conduct a thorough pre-trip safety inspection. They compete in two classes; class B - straight truck, and class A - tractor-trailer.

The winners receive trophies and the top two finishers in each class from each school will move on the Future Truckers Competition to be held on May 21 in conjunction with the Maine Professional Drivers Championships in Bangor where students will compete side by side with professional drivers from across the state.

Vicki is looking forward to having the students compete alongside the professionals in Bangor and says, "I am really excited for Bangor, this is a priceless opportunity for these young operators and I can only hope they will realize the great influence the people they will meet can have on them, I know I certainly do."

MPDA plans to continue its program of "adopting" each of the schools and their students and having our members drop in to work with the students on the coming competition in Bangor and to develop a mentoring program. A number of drivers have already signed up for this great opportunity.

## Maine Trucking News

Brian Parke, President & CEO of MMTA writes, "The Maine Motor Transport Association would like to offer gratis access to our online newsletter to all members of the MPDA. This only makes sense in keeping with our conversation about sharing information so that your members can keep up-to-date with regulatory and legislative happenings that we send to our members. Your members can sign up online by clicking **HERE** or by copy and pasting this address in your browser: [http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?](http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=0016QJmXVl66KqWW6wxfl4oWkzWM8NzGK0c7YclblKFAMIOM06iD0MhiY3l501zxlrIoJwqSDfi5jT6r1LDKNDYH6bESg07731qh02xJq4hML2wsrX0V2wkE5Qam91ft58GMbpd57DWCJoWfqAJSy6QydG7Qou3hZcL)

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When they do, please make sure they put "MPDA" in as the *Company Name* and *Are You A Member of MMTA* so we know not to follow-up with a solicitation for MMTA membership dues and so we know what subset of e-mail communication to send them.

We very much appreciate what you do and what your organization does for highway safety and driver professionalism and look forward to working together to accomplish both objectives.

- Brian Parke, President and CEO, Maine Motor Transport Association

**MPDA Calendar of Events – 2016 (As of 4/4/16)****April**

- 9 **Trucking 4 Kids Convoy Meeting** – HomeTown Buffet, Maine Mall- 8:00am - contact Kevin Battle at trucking4kids@aol.com or 831-6962 (www.mpda.org/trucking4kids)
- 10 **Charity Challenge Committee Meeting** – Giuseppe's Grill, Northboro, Mass. – 12:30pm – contact Fred Schenk @ 781-469-5988 - charitychallenge@comcast.net (www.necharitychallenge.org)
- 12 **Hannaford/D.A.T. Truck Driving Championships** – Schodack Landing, New York – contact Dick Brown at 482-5665 or 415-4734 or email at gbrown@hannaford.com
- 13 **Dick Dolloff Memorial Student Driving Competition** – Augusta Civic Center – contact Vicki Kimball at vkimball@aos94.org or 343-1149 (www.mpda.org)

**May**

- ?? **Student Driver Competition Practice** – Westbrook High, Westbrook – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com (www.mpda.org )
- 14 **Linde Driving Competition Set-up** – Kittery – contact Barry Mullen at 207-475-3109 or Barry.Mullen@linde.com
- 14 **The Children's Center Touch-a-Truck** – Papa John's, Forest Avenue, Portland – 9:00am to 1:00pm- contact Stephanie Walsh at 797-9366 or info@tccmaine.org (www.tccmaine.org)
- 20 **Truck Driving Championships Set Up Day** – Dysart's Truck Terminal, Hermon - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 21 **Maine State Truck Driving Championships** – Dysart's Truck Terminal, Hermon - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 21 **Future Trucker Championships** – Dysart's Truck Terminal, Hermon - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 21 **Professional Technician's Skills Competition** – Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 21 **Linde Driving Competition** – Kittery – contact Barry Mullen at 207-475-3109 or Barry.Mullen@linde.com
- 22 **MPDA Members Meeting** – White House Inn, Hermon – 8:00am – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com (www.mpda.org )

**June**

- 4 **New Hampshire State Truck Driving Championships** – Location TBA - contact NHMTA at 603-224-7337 or Vera Tucker at 603-415-8311 - (www.nhmta.org)
- 5 **Massachusetts State Truck Driving Championships** – New England Tractor Trailer Training School, N. Andover, Mass. - contact Fred Schenk at 781-469-5988 or fschenk@jandstrans.com (www.mass-trucking.org)
- 7-9 **28<sup>th</sup> Annual CVSA Roadcheck Nationwide Inspections** – www.cvsa.org
- 11 **Maine State Champions Meeting** – MMTA Office, Augusta – 8:00am – contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com
- 16-19 **Trek Across Maine / Am. Lung Assn. Rally**, Sunday River – contact Denis Litalien at 468-7373 or president@mpda.org (www.lungne.org)

**July**

- 16-17 **Antique Truck & Aeroplane Show** – Owl's Head Transportation Museum – Owl's Head – contact info@ohtm.org – (www.ohtm.org)
- 17 **MPDA Members Meeting** – Owl's Head Transportation Museum – 8:00am – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com or 468-7373 (www.mpda.org )

**August**

- 8-12 **North American Inspectors Competition** – Indianapolis, Indiana - contact cvsahq@cvsa.org or 301-830-6143 (www.cvsa.org)
- 10-13 **ATA National Truck Driving Championships** – Indianapolis, Indiana - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.trucking.org)

**September**

- 10 **Charity Challenge Set-up Day** – Devens, Mass. – contact Denis Litalien at 468-7373 or president@mpda.org (www.necharitychallenge.org)
- 11 **18th Annual Northeast Professional Truck Drivers Charity Challenge** – Devens, Mass. - contact Fred Schenk at 781-469-5988 or charitychallenge@comcast.net (www.necharitychallenge.org)
- 17 **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity FunDrive** - LeeHi Travel Plaza, Lexington, VA (I-81, Exit 195) - contact Rick Cates - info@maptda.com or 336-516-5188 (www.maptda.com)
- 18 **MPDA Members Meeting** – Delhaize Transportation Office, S. Portland - 8:00am – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com or 468-7373 (www.mpda.org)
- 18 **March of Dimes Touch-a-Truck** – Cabela's, Scarborough – 10:00am to 2:00pm- contact Jannelle LoSciuto at 289-2080 or jlosciuto@marchofdimes.com
- 24 **Trucking 4 Kids Convoy Set Up Day** – HomeTown Buffet Rest., Maine Mall- 9:00am - contact Kevin Battle at trucking4kids@aol.com or 831-6962 (www.mpda.org/trucking4kids)
- 25 **Maine Trucking 4 Kids Convoy**, 8:00am to 4:00pm – Scarborough Downs, Scarborough - contact Kevin Battle at trucking4kids@aol.com or 831-6962 (www.mpda.org/trucking4kids)

**November**

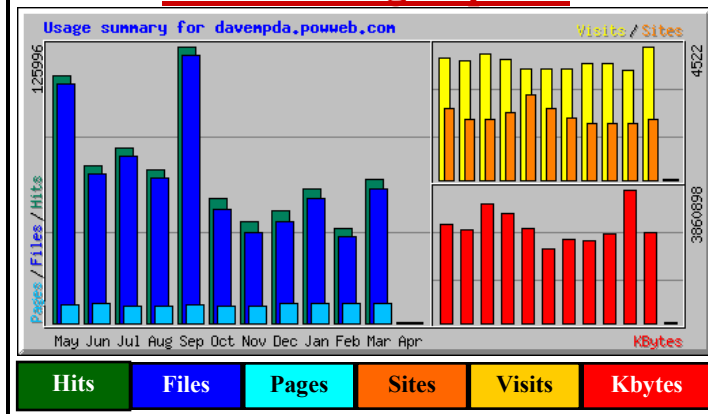
- 20 **MPDA Members Meeting** – MMTA Office, Augusta – 8:00am – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com (www.mpda.org )

**December**

- 17 **Wreaths Across America Day** – Arlington National Cemetery – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com or info@wreathsassamerica.org (www.wreathsassamerica.org)



## Website Usage Update



## Membership Anniversaries

**25 Years:** Warren Lewis, Dick Brown,  
Alan Paradis, Barry Mullen, Bill Welsh  
**20 Years:** Fred Thompson, Mike Coulombe,  
Richard Horton  
**15 Years:** Chris Libby, Jeff Gondeck,  
James Coburn, Casey Gray  
**10 Years:** Paul Beote  
**5 Years:** Larry Menter

**New Members:** (2015) Ray Bucknell, Matt Lovell,  
Reggie Ward, Mike Rust, Mike Siracusa, Josh White,  
Lawrence McNeil, Jan McNeil, Charlene Gendreau,  
Ken Duncan, Collin Clough, Sharon Stetson

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