



# *Behind the Wheel*

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## **Message from the President**

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. It looks like we are over the winter hump and soon construction season will be upon us. I had the privilege of attending the Maine Motor Transportation Association annual banquet in January and would like to congratulate all of the award winners. It was truly a wonderful evening.

We are in the planning stages for the upcoming year's events. I would urge any of you to please take a look at the calendar of events and if you could lend a hand at any event please do so. We, as any volunteer organization, could use the help. It looks like the Mid-America Trucking Show will be our first event. We will be in Louisville assisting **Jan & Lawrence McNeil** in their "Cause We Can" kitchen. If you plan on attending the show please stop by the Papa John's Parking Lot to lend a hand or just drop by for breakfast or dinner.

Next, we will again be assisting in the Dick Dolloff Memorial Student Driving Competition in Augusta in April. This is when the high school students enrolled in commercial driving courses get to show off their skills. If you have any questions about the future of the trucking industry in Maine, they get answered here. Every year I'm impressed with the professionalism and commitment to safety they show.

Please be safe in all you do!  
*Rob Fernald*

## **50 Years of Truck Driving**



On December 22, 2016, member **Danny Sullivan** achieved 50 years of service as a driver for **Hannaford/Delhaize Transportation**. He has been involved for many years on Hannaford's Safety Team, doing blind spot demos and is the only Hannaford driver recognized for 4 Million Safe Driving Miles. And while Danny was not a contestant, he probably has been to more truck driving competitions that most drivers, always there as a judge or helping out in some fashion. The Hannaford drivers threw a party for him to recognize this amazing achievement. Congratulations to Danny!



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## Kimball Named Teacher of the Year

MPDA Member **Vicki Kimball** was recently named Teacher of the Year at the annual conference of tech center educators in Maine. Kimball's leadership has helped to make Maine the only state in the union where eighteen-year-olds can train to drive eighteen wheeler trucks.



*Vicki Kimball Named CTE Teacher of the Year*

During a statewide learning conference at Lewiston Regional Technical Center, Vicki was named Maine's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year. She accepted the award in front of nearly 500 colleagues.

Vicki instructs the Commercial Truck Driving Program for Tri-County Technical Center in Dexter. Over the past three years, she has grown the program to include a Class B component along with the CDL Class A component. She has also started an adult education Class B program under the Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative. Both programs have been successful in terms of students passing their written and driving tests.

She relates that students spend a good part of their instructional time operating tractor-trailers through a combination of on-the-range practice and road time. "Those who successfully complete the program will possess entry-level skills as required by the trucking industry and are able to utilize the schools' truck and trailer to test for licensing. Students must hold a valid Maine Driver's License and/or Instruction Permit, must be 17, and must agree to Federal D.O.T. Regulations regarding random drug testing for Commercial Drivers," said Kimball, who added, "All participating students are judged not only on their testing and driving skills, but also on their professionalism."

Many of us know Vicki from the annual student driving competition that she organizes for schools from around the State in conjunction with the Women in Construction event at the Augusta Civic Center each year. Congratulations to Vicki on a very well-deserved award.

*- from WABI TV5 and the Maine Dept. of Education*

## Jon Brockway Named to America's Road Team

In January, the American Trucking Associations announced their selection of 20 Road Team Captains for 2017-2018. The list includes our own **Jon Brockway** of Westbrook, a driver for **Walmart Transportation, LLC** in Lewiston. The 20 were selected from a group of 33 finalists who collectively had accumulated 77.6 million safe-driving miles and 893 years as professional truck drivers.

The final round of the selection process for America's Road Team was held Jan. 8-10 in Arlington, Va. A panel of industry officials and trucking news media judged the finalists on their knowledge of the trucking industry, dedication to safety, ability to communicate the industry's messages and overall safe driving record.

The Road Team captains will serve as trucking industry ambassadors, touring North America in ATA's Interstate One Image Truck, an American flag-emblazoned Volvo VNL 780 with a state-of-the-art truck driving simulator. The captains, who will remain full-time truck drivers, will speak about the life of an American truck driver, the important role trucking plays in the delivery of critical goods and the safety-first mentality held by all professional truck drivers.

Jon is the third driver from Maine to receive this well-deserved recognition and assignment, following in the footsteps of **Paul Barnes** and **Pete Philbrick**.

*- info from Transport Topics online.*

## Remember Our Fallen Tour

Charley Endorf, a TA/Petro Citizen Driver Honoree has put out a request for drivers who would volunteer their time to haul a display around certain parts of the country. He is involved with a group of veterans who is looking to honor fallen soldiers since 9-11 with a photographic memorial that will travel around the US. The organization is willing to pay the drivers but would accept volunteers. The drivers would drive a pickup truck with a utility trailer not requiring a CDL, and along with location volunteers, set up and tear down the displays at locations around the US. It appears that there may be a Northeast swing to the tour in the fall. If interested, give Denis Litalien a call or call Charlie directly at 402-587-0084. Also, more information on the memorial is available at [www.patrioticproductions.org/](http://www.patrioticproductions.org/) or [www.rememberingourfallen.org/](http://www.rememberingourfallen.org/)

## Wreaths Across America

This year's Wreath Across America convoy travelled from Eastern Maine to Virginia with numerous tractor trailers filled with balsam fir remembrance wreaths that often stretched for miles as it rolled down the highway, stopping at schools, American Legion posts and other community centers and has become known as the country's longest veterans parade. Citizens lined streets, holding signs, waving flags and shouting "thank you" or chanting "USA, USA, USA!"

There were 1.2 million wreaths distributed nationwide at 1238 participating locations while 245,000 were placed at Arlington in the sleet and rain by over 45,000 volunteers.

We also can't forget that, just as important, thousands of dedicated volunteers go back to Arlington in January to remove the wreaths and clean up.

The convoy featured a VIP coach, 10 tractor-trailers, countless motorcycles and six police cruisers and 15 other vehicles. It made stops in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Washington D.C. before arriving at Arlington National Cemetery on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 17 – National Wreaths Across America Day.

Chevrolet provided 12 wrapped vehicles to help transport convoy participants, and ten tractor-trailers represented the following companies: **Walmart Transportation**, Schneider National, Oakhurst Dairy, Witte Bros. Exchange, Inc., **Hart Transportation Systems, Inc.**, **Delhaize Transportation LLC (DBA Hannaford Supermarkets)**, American Trucking Associations – Share the Road, **Pottle's Transportation**, **Nestle Waters North America, Inc. (DBA Poland Spring Bottling Company)** and North State Transportation driven by Gold Star father Scott Harris, hauling a portion of the 245,000 wreaths heading to Arlington National Cemetery for placement on Dec. 17. A number of MPDA members were involved in hauling the wreaths, including **Rick Ridley**, **Dave Gagne** and **Scott Edwards** (that we know of).

What began as a pilgrimage by Maine wreath maker, Morrill Worcester, in a single truck to deliver 5,000 wreaths he donated to Arlington in 1992 has become a national mission 25 years later to Remember, Honor, Teach.



The first significant winter storm of the season struck the Washington, D.C. area as the convoy arrived and did not deter the volunteers who came to lay the wreaths in the early morning hours. "The trucking industry believes wholeheartedly in remembering those who have served our country and protected our freedoms," said American Trucking Associations' President Chris Spear. "Truck drivers throughout the country, many of whom are veterans themselves, are some of the most patriotic individuals you can find, so we're honored that our industry and the Share the Road program can salute America's fallen heroes as part of Wreaths Across America." Visit [www.wreathsassamerica.org](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org) and click DONATE to sponsor a wreath for Arlington

*-from various sources including  
Transport Topics Online*







## Thanks to the MPDA

The month of November is marked by one of my favorite holidays...Thanksgiving. It's a day surrounded by family, food and friendships that nourish you. It is a holiday with no presents or material gift exchange but rather one with a deliberate focus on gratitude that extends far beyond the feast. 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 during the year. 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 33 years, dedicated MPDA drivers once again volunteer 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 **Denis Litalien** and his 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 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 2016, we were able to raise \$1.6 dollars towards our mission. *This year 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*

*Note: MPDA participants this year included: **Dick Brown, Denis Litalien, Steve Audie, Jeff Grass, Pete Mortensen, Ron Round, Rob Fernald, Shawn MacMaster, Alan Paradis, Charlie Fleurent, Kevin Battle, Bob Danforth, Jim Costa, Mark Graffam and Chris Libby.***

## Obituaries

### Del Hartt

Delmont E. Hartt, 86, of Carmel, died Nov. 3, 2016. Delmont started Hartt Transportation Inc., in 1948, with one truck hauling pulpwood. He grew **Hartt Transportation System Inc.** into a family-run business, and over the next 60-plus years it became the largest transport company in the State of Maine.

Delmont is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Sheila; son Michael G. Hartt and his wife Mary; daughter, Deborah Swan and her husband Robert; daughter Judith E. Hartt and her partner Paul Rogerson; son William A. Hartt and his wife Robin; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Interment was private with the family and anyone wishing to remember Delmont in a special way may make memorial gifts to the Shriners Children Hospitals, 1404 Broadway, Bangor, ME 0440. More information can be found at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

### Ken Casey

Ken Casey, Sr. passed away on January 30. He was 92 years old. His funeral was held on February 3 and his full obituary can be viewed at [www.lindquistfuneralhome.com](http://www.lindquistfuneralhome.com). Ken drove for Texaco for 40 years, delivering in the Maine and New Hampshire areas. He was the Tank Class State Champion in the 1976, 1978, and 1979 State Truck Driving Championships, which were then known as the State Truck Rodeo. Ken also was MMTA's Driver of the Year in 1979.

Ken is survived by his wife of 72 years, Nancy, daughter Marjorie Darby and son Ken Jr. and his wife Patti as well as their daughter Julie Otte and husband Harold, and their son William and his partner, Marie as well as many grandchildren.

## Distracted Driving /Handheld Cell Phone Use

The Maine State Police have advised at recent Safety Management Council Meetings of MMTA that distracted driving continues to play a role in a number of crashes involving Commercial Motor Vehicles. While the distraction is more often a contributing factor related to the driver of automobiles interacting around CMV'S, Troopers have taken enforcement action with professional truck drivers as well.

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**Distracted Driving/Handheld Cell Phone Use**

As a reminder, Part 392.80 prohibits the driver of a commercial vehicle from texting while driving. Part 392.82 prohibits the use of a handheld cell phone. For the purposes of both regulations, a commercial vehicle is defined in Part 390.5:

Commercial motor vehicle means any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle-

- (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of 4,536 kg (10,001 pounds) or more, whichever is greater; or
- (2) Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or
- (3) Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or
- (4) Is used in transporting material found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring placarding under regulations prescribed by the Secretary under 49 CFR, subtitle B, chapter I, subchapter C.

Drivers may be charged with violations of State or Federal law and could face fines of up to \$1250 for drivers and \$11,000 for motor carriers. Please consider taking the distracted driving pledge at [www.mmta.com](http://www.mmta.com).

*- from MMTA's Maine Trucking News*

**34 Hour Rule Fixed**

The 34 Hour Reset Rule (almost) permanently fixes the hours-of-service restart. After much uncertainty about the 34-hour restart being eliminated, the bill was signed by the President on December 10. The restart provision in the bill clarifies language in the 2016 omnibus appropriations bill that could, if not corrected, have eliminated the restart completely from the Hours of Service (HOS) regulations.

The situation goes back all the way to the 2003 HOS final rule that established the 34-hour restart, which allowed a professional truck driver to reset the weekly clock an unlimited number of times by going off-duty for 34 consecutive hours. But in 2011, after several court challenges to the existing rule, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued a new HOS rule that included the 34-hour restart provision, but allowed a restart to be taken only once every 168 hours and required the restart to include two consecutive 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. time periods.

The trucking industry complained the 2011 restart rule, which became effective July 1, 2013, hurt productivity, but couldn't sway FMCSA's decision. The industry then turned to Congress, which in December 2014 suspended the 2011 rule and reinstated in the 2003 rule, and subsequently told FMCSA to conduct a study on the efficacy of the two different restart provisions relating to driver health and safety.

While the history of the rule is a little confusing, the bottom line is that Congress has acted to permanently allow the 34 hour reset rule to be used as many times as legally available.

*-from The Trucker and American Trucking Associations*

**Convoy Proceeds Presentation**

Members of the Lions, MPDA and Camp Sunshine gather for a photo at the presentation of the funds raised at the 2016 Maine Trucking for Kids Convoy. Left to right, they are: **Carrie Roussel, Donna Spaulding, Anna Gould, Lauryn and Jack Roussel, Kaylee Walker, Sharon Stetson** and Michael Katz.

A check for \$11,000 was presented to Camp Sunshine and Camp Postcard was presented with \$1500, totaling \$12,500 raised at the 2016 Maine Trucking for Kids Convoy.

## 2016 MMTA Annual Banquet

The MMTA Annual Banquet was held on January 12 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland where safe driving was the topic of the night. The State Truck Driving Champions were recognized along with the Future Driving Competition Winners, the Technician Competition Winners and the MMTA Drivers of the Month. MMTA also recognized a number of companies for their safe driving records with their Fleet Safety Awards and the Great West Grand Champion Safety Awards as well as recognizing Safety Director of the Year, David Smiley of Hartt Transportation. From the drivers' standpoint, the evening culminated with **Lester Packard** of First Fleet in Auburn being named the MMTA Driver of the Year for 2016.

While the State Champions were listed in previous editions, following are the Drivers of the Month, who were introduced and brought on stage, culminating with the selection of the Driver of the Year, Lester Packard of First Fleet in Auburn. Lester has been driving for 37 years.

### 2016 MMTA Drivers of the Month

January	Michael Walker	Dead River Transport, LLC
February	Roger Fulcher	Ed Thayer, Inc.
March	Robert West	<b>Pottle's Transportation</b>
April	Paul Leighton	WT Rand Transport, LLC
May	Chris O'Shea	Savage Safe Handling
June	Michelle Heath	R.F. Chamberland, Inc.
July	Tony Tremblay	<b>Hartt Transportation Systems, Inc.</b>
August	<b>Lester Packard</b>	First Fleet
September	Dennis Lufkin	<b>H.O. Bouchard, Inc.</b>
October	Daniel Fye	<b>Hartt Transportation Systems, Inc.</b>
November	Steve Weldon	<b>Walmart Transportation, LLC</b>
December	Russell Ward	<b>H.O. Bouchard, Inc.</b>

The following companies were recognized in MMTA's Fleet Safety Awards Program at the Annual Banquet: Falcon Transportation, **J & S Oil Co.**, Marden's, Inc., Sazarac Transportation, Brockway-Smith Co., **Dysart's Transportation, Inc.**, Bisson Transportation, Savage Safe Handling, W.T. Rand Transportation, LLC, Dead River Transport, **PAF Transportation**, R.F. Chamberland, Inc., **H. O. Bouchard, Inc.**, **Walmart Transportation, LLC**, **Clifford W. Perham, Inc.** / **Shaw's Supermarkets**, **Hartt Transportation Systems, Inc.**, and **Pottle's Transportation**.

## MMTA Advanced Training Courses

FYI - The Maine Motor Transport Association offers training in a number of areas relative to trucking, including Hazmat training, FMCS Regulations, Hours of Service, Defensive Driving, Air Brakes and a number of other areas. For more information, please go to MMTA's website at [www.mmta.com](http://www.mmta.com) and clicking on the "Seminar and Event List" tab for more information.

## 2017 New England Truck Driving Championships Dates

Maine	Saturday, May 20
Rhode Island	Saturday, May 20
New Hampshire/Vt.	Saturday, June 3
Massachusetts	Sunday, June 4
Connecticut	Saturday, June 10
Nationals, Orlando	Wed-Sat, August 9-12

## **Got a Weight Issue? – by Trucking Bob**

I want to share what I often hear from many people in my travels. Maybe you've heard it from your doctor. I know I heard it from mine years ago. Here it is:..."You need to lose weight."

I know, nobody likes to hear it...but carrying extra pounds is one of the most common health issues we face in society today. The good news is, losing weight is actually pretty simple... in theory. You just take in less energy (calories) than you expend. So, that means all you should do is cut down on calories.

Now, there's plenty of good advice on how to cut calories. But a lot of it involves radically changing what you eat, weighing food, or carefully measuring portions.

And most of us just don't have time for that! Well, I have **5 Fat-Busting Tips** for you that are totally different. You don't have to change your diet or weigh your food or anything else. But, if you follow these tips, you will cut down on calories.

### **Tip #1 – Eat with your left hand if you are a right-handed person**

The opposite if you're left handed. It takes 15 to 20 minutes for your brain to register that you're full. That means often we eat so fast, that we eat an entire second meal before the first one registers! This tip will help you avoid that. Eating with your non-dominant hand will take you longer to eat, so your brain will have time to catch up with your stomach.

### **Tip #2 – Don't let your food touch**

Keep different foods separate from each other on your plate. And no, this is not a salute to your weird cousin who couldn't let his mashed potatoes touch his peas! Instead, it's all about "phantom" portion control. Not letting food touch means you're leaving more space on your plate. It's a quick and easy method for cutting down the amount you're eating.

### **Tip #3 – When the phone rings, take a walk**

Every time you talk on your phone, stand up, and pace back and forth. Depending on how much time you spend on the phone, you can burn a lot of calories. And if you're counting steps, it's a great way to get to your daily 10,000. Just don't try this if you're texting!

### **Tip #4 – Chew like this**

Chew each bite 25 times. It slows your eating so you'll stop when you feel full. PLUS, the chewing and saliva helps break down your food, so it's easier to digest, and the nutrients are more easily absorbed.

### **Tip #5 – Watch your favorite TV show while you eat**

A Swedish study found people eat more when they watch a show that's boring or only mildly interesting. BUT – when they watch a show that really grabs their interest, they not only eat LESS, the food they choose is healthier. So, grab a bowl of brussel sprouts, settle into your La-Z-Boy, and turn on your favorite TV show.

Follow these quick-and-painless tips if you want to drop a few pounds. Losing that extra weight is something almost everyone struggles with, and these small tips will help, and can aid you in reaching your goals. So, try making some of these small, easy changes. You'll be amazed at just how big an impact it can make on your health... and your life!

To great days ahead,  
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## **Another Parking App**

A new app is expected to launch in early 2017 aimed at helping truck drivers find nearby parking. Truck Parking USA will provide drivers with information on nearby truck stops and rest areas, along with reviews and more, says the app's parent company Truck Parking Europe.

The company says the app will use a driver's route to display free parking spaces, updated constantly throughout the trip. Additionally, the app will allow drivers to enter their remaining driving time to see where parking spaces are available in order to comply with hours-of-service regulations. For more information go to <https://truckparkingusa.com/>

- from Overdrive Magazine



## 2016 CVSA Roadcheck Report

CVSA reported 21.5% of the 42,236 vehicles that received Level I inspections were put out of service during the check, which was nearly unchanged from the 21.6% in 2015 and the 23% in 2014.

Only 3.4% of the drivers of those vehicles were found to be in violation with hours-of-service and false log entries, representing 46.8% and 16.4% of violations, respectively. That driver figure was 3.6% in 2015 and 4% in 2014.

The out-of-service rate for all 62,796 vehicles inspected was 17.8%, compared with 17.5% in 2015 and 18.7% in 2014. While tire/wheel violations accounted for 18.5% of the violations during the event, whose focus was tire safety, brakes were clearly the biggest culprit, representing 45.7% of the violations.

A Level I inspection is a 37-step procedure that involves an examination of the driver's duty status record and the vehicle's safety. Drivers are required to provide items such as their license, endorsements, medical card and hours-of-service documentation. They're also checked for seat belt usage and the possible use of alcohol and/or drugs. The vehicle inspection covers the brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices, steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheel assemblies, windshield wipers, emergency exits, electrical cables, engine and battery compartments.

*- from Transport Topics Online Reporter David Elfin*

## Rhode Island Truck Tolls

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation initiated a request for proposals process in December for firms to design, build, operate and maintain the state's planned trucks-only electronic tolls. RIDOT said it expects to award a contract in the spring. Construction of the tolls will take about 18 months to build, meaning they'll be completed by the end of 2018. Trucks will pay \$3 at each of 14 tolls around the state, up to a maximum of \$20 per day. The revenue would help pay to replace and repair Rhode Island's deficient bridges.

The Rhode Island Trucking Association, OOIDA and American Trucking Associations are staunchly opposed to the plan but Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo signed the nation's first trucks-only tolling plan into law as part of her RhodeWorks transportation funding plan.

*- from Transport Topics Online Reporter David Elfin*

## Deadliest Profession?

A recent Bureau of Labor study revealed that 745 truck drivers died on the job in the United States in 2015, the most of any profession. "Truck driver" is defined as someone who operates a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 pounds and has a commercial driver license. The 745 truck drivers who died were down from 761 in 2014.

Sean McNally, spokesman for American Trucking Associations reports, "That's why as an industry we invest more than \$9.2 billion in safety technology and training annually. And that investment is having an impact: since 1980, the number of fatal truck-involved crashes has fallen 32%, while the crash rate per 100 million miles has dropped an astounding 74%. Over that time, trucks have a crash rate that is 28% lower than all vehicles on the road."

McNally said, "As our roads become busier, it is incumbent on all drivers to do their part to improve safety."

One of the primary risks to truck driver safety, unfortunately, is the behavior of other drivers. Numerous studies ... highlight the fact that roughly two-thirds of all fatal truck crashes are caused by a vehicle other than the truck. The best way we can make our workplace — the open road — safer is to make driving safer for everyone."

*- from Transport Topics Online Reporter David Elfin*

## Self Driving Truck

It has happened! A load of Budweiser Beer was delivered by a driver-less truck. The truck left Fort Collins, Colo., last Thursday before dawn, navigated through downtown Denver and then made its delivery in Colorado Springs.

The truck, a Volvo VNL, uses cameras, radar, and lidar sensors to see the road. Otto's system controlled the truck's acceleration, braking and steering to carry the beer exit-to-exit with no human intervention. The driver was out of the driver's seat for the entire 120-mile trek down Interstate 25 and monitored the system from the sleeper. All the driver had to do was drive the truck onto the Interstate and take over as it left the Interstate to its final destination at the distributor.

For more info, see the article in Overdrive Magazine about this milestone feat:

<http://motherboard.vice.com/read/trucking-industry-on-uber-otto-beer-truck-delivery>

*- from Overdrive Magazine*



## **MPDA Calendar of Events**

### **March**

- 12 **MPDA Members Meeting** – Hannaford/Delhaize Transportation Office, South Portland – 8:00am – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com (www.mpda.org)
- 23-25 **Mid-America Trucking Show** - Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com (www.truckingshow.com)

### **April**

- 2 **Charity Challenge Committee Meeting** – Giuseppe's Grill, Northboro, Mass. – 12:30pm – contact Fred Schenk @ 781-469-5988 - charitychallenge@comcast.net (www.necharitychallenge.org)
- 12 **Dick Dolloff Memorial Student Driving Competition** – Augusta Civic Center – contact Vicki Kimball at vkimball@aos94.org or 343-1149 (www.mpda.org)
- 29 **Trucking 4 Kids Convoy Meeting** – HomeTown Buffet, Maine Mall- 8:00am - contact Jim Costa at jcosta@sacoriver.net or 420-1816 (www.mpda.org/trucking4kids)

### **May**

- 20 **Maine State Truck Driving Championships** – Dysart's Truck Terminal, Hermon & Jeff's Catering, Brewer - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 20 **Future Trucker Championships** – Dysart's Truck Terminal, Hermon - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 20 **Professional Technician's Skills Competition** – Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.mmta.com)
- 21 **MPDA Members Meeting** – White House Inn, Hermon – 8:00am – contact Rob Fernald at 838-1074 or fernald2@aol.com (www.mpda.org)

### **June**

- 15-18 **Trek Across Maine / Am. Lung Assn. Rally**, Sunday River – contact Denis Litalien at 468-7373 or director@mpda.org (www.lungne.org)

### **July**

- 22-23 **Antique Truck & Aeroplane Show** – Owl's Head Transportation Museum – Owl's Head – contact info@ohm.org – (www.ohm.org)
- 23 **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)

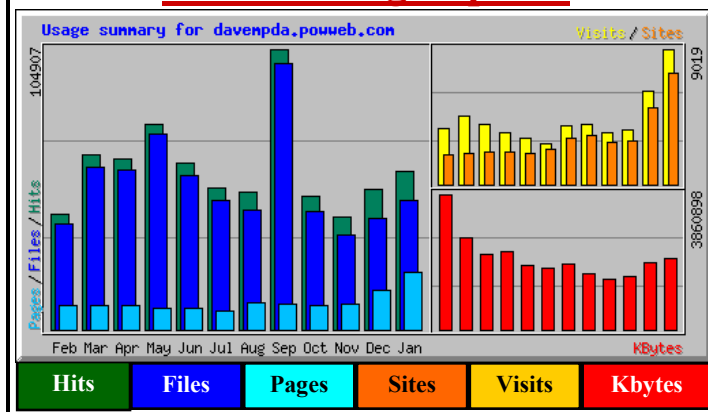
### **August**

- 9-12 **ATA National Truck Driving Championships** – Orlando, Florida - contact Randy DeVault at 623-4128 or randyd@mmta.com (www.trucking.org)

### **September**

- 10 **19th Annual Northeast Professional Truck Drivers Charity Challenge** – Devens, Mass. - contact Fred Schenk at 781-469-5988 or charitychallenge@comcast.net (www.necharitychallenge.org)
- 24 **Maine Trucking 4 Kids Convoy**, 8:00am to 4:00pm – Scarborough Downs, Scarborough – contact Jim Costa at jcosta@sacoriver.net or 420-1816 - (www.mpda.org/trucking4kids)

## Website Usage Update



## Membership Anniversaries

**25 Years**– David Littlefield

**20 Years**–Charles Fleurant, Ed Fernald, Craig Robinson

**15 Years**– Ken Stafford

**10 Years**–

**5 Years**–

**New Members**– Sharon Stetson, Jon Brockway, Lester Packard, Pete Walker

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## 2016-2017 MPDA Board of Directors

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