# TMHA's "News & Views" 4th Quarter Edition - 2021





TMHA Wishes You Happy Holidays!



At this very special time of year, we want to be certain to wish all our great members and sponsors and their families, who at TMHA are also thought of as good friends, a very Blessed, Safe, & Happy Holiday Season! TMHA is blessed to have the opportunity to work and associate with a truly great group of people. Thank you all for making the choice to be an important part of what we feel, thanks to you, is a special organization.

With today's many difficult, frustrating, and sometimes even a bit scary, challenges, we hope you will all be able to enjoy many special, warm, and meaningful times with those whom you love and are closest to. When it really comes down to it, everything else is a distant second place to what is truly important in our lives. Those lucky folks who realize that and make the most of the blessings of the Season are fortunate indeed.

#### We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

# TMHA announces 2022 Annual Meeting & Management Conference

TMHA's 2022 Annual Meeting will be held **April 6 & 7** in exciting Nashville, Tennessee. Prepare to soak up the great atmosphere in America's "Music City" when TMHA travels to Nashville where we will be right in the thick of things on Nashville's famed Broadway Street!

As always, we will have a superior line-up of speakers and a great meeting experience planned for you. Mark your calendar NOW to block off those important dates so you can be sure to attend.





### Join Us in Welcoming New Members

We are very pleased and proud to announce that TMHA has two new members! Please, at your earliest opportunity, join us in welcoming the following new members, one a Motor Carrier Member and the other an Allied Member, to the Association. We look forward to their being active, participating members and to meeting personnel from their companies at the 2022 Annual Meeting & Management Conference in April.



Peterson Transportation, Inc., is a new Motor Carrier Member that fits in perfectly with our specialized motor carrier base and we are excited to have them joining the organization. PTI is an asset-based carrier operating out of Manson, Iowa. The company was formed in 1997 and at inception, consisted of one truck and one flatbed trailer. Over the past two decades, PTI has grown its fleet to currently number more than 50 power units, and more than 140 pieces of trailer equipment.

They will be represented by Aaron Peterson, Owner and founder of the company and Chad Hartzler, Operations Manager. Beginning his career as a driver himself, Aaron has over 20 years of experience in the trucking business. Peterson has guided Peterson Transportation, Inc. to becoming one of the industry's most respected trucking companies. With an emphasis on "exceeding customer expectations", PTI has the vision to become one of the Midwest's leading specialty motor carriers, offering many freight services covering 48 states to accommodate the needs of their growing customer base. Those services include flatbed and step-deck operation with an emphasis on over-dimensional freight. Peterson feels they stand out from many other companies because of the pride they take in their tractors and trailers. An imperative at PTI is making certain their drivers have safe and reliable equipment to operate at all times.

Welcome to TMHA, Aaron Peterson, Chad Hartzler, and Peterson Transportation, Inc.!



<u>Ancra Cargo</u> is a new Allied member based in Erlanger, KY. and is a world-class leader in the area of cargo handling and restraint systems. Ancra will be represented to TMHA by Chad Friedli, Regional Sales Executive, and by Jennifer McVey, Sr. Marketing Manager.

Founded in 1969 with the mission to improve safety and security for the transportation industry, Ancra has grown to be North America's largest designer and manufacturer of load maximizing systems. With over 100 current patents, Ancra Cargo is dedicated to innovating, designing, and manufacturing the highest quality products to meet the evolving needs of their customers. Today, the Cargo Systems Group, headquartered in Erlanger, Kentucky, is a leading designer and manufacturer of cargo securement systems for heavy-duty transportation. Their products are hard at work on land, in the air, and on the sea, serving all phases of the transportation industry. In addition, Ancra has manufacturing and distribution locations in Texas, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Ancra is focused on their customers, meeting and striving to exceed their expectations. To read more about Ancra Cargo visit www.ancracargo.com.

Welcome to TMHA, Chad Friedli, Jennifer McVey, and Ancra Cargo!

#### Roehl Transport, Inc. Wins its 4th President's Award



Roehl Transport, Inc., a TMHA Motor Carrier Member out of Marshfield, WI, has won an unprecedented 4th President's Trophy from the American Trucking Associations (ATA). The prestigious award, which is given annually to the trucking

company that is judged most outstanding on the basis of safety record, programs and community outreach, solidifies Roehl Transport as one of North America's safest, largest and most successful trucking companies.



On September 9, 2021, CEO Rick Roehl, John Spiros, Roehl Transport's Vice President of Safety and Claims Management, and Adrian Wheeler, Roehl's Safety Director, accepted the award on behalf of all Roehl teammates during the ATA's Safety Management Council's Safety, Security & Human Resources National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"At Roehl Transport, safety is our cornerstone value," Spiros shared. "I'm so proud of our team's commitment to safety and to driving the Roehl Way to Protect Others."

The ATA President's Trophy is the trucking industry's top honor, and it recognizes the best trucking companies in three categories: fleets Under 25 Million Miles, fleets between 25 to 100 Million Miles, and fleets with Over 100 Million Miles. Roehl won in the Over 100 Million Miles category. To be eligible for the award, companies must submit thorough safety data that is independently verified, and they must finish in the top three for safety results. The top three are then evaluated by leading motor carrier safety professionals and commercial enforcement personnel. Roehl Transport has finished in the top three for safety results every year since 2003, and in 2008, Roehl was the first truckload carrier to win the President's Trophy. Now, with four awards, Roehl Transport is the only truckload carrier to have won the President's Trophy multiple times.

"Year-after-year and mile-after-mile, our teammates bring our value of safety to life," Spiros continued. "Winning the ATA President's Award for the fourth time reinforces that our drivers are leaders."

Roehl Transport offers careers for all levels of truck drivers, from experienced truck driving jobs with the industry's best mix of pay and home time, to on-the-job paid CDL truck driver training for those who are just starting out, to a wide variety of non-driving jobs to support the company's driving teammates. Headquartered in Wisconsin, the company also has major terminal locations in Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan and Texas and provides transportation and logistics services to customers across North America.

TMHA is proud to have Roehl Transport, Inc. as a Motor Carrier Member. Please join us in congratulating all the great folks at Roehl on this remarkable achievement.

Legend for photo (from left to right): Lisa Gonnerman – Transport America & Chair of the Conference Rick Roehl – Roehl Transport CEO Adrian Wheeler – Roehl Transport Director of Safety John Spiros – Roehl Transport Vice President of Safety & Claims Management John Joines – Great West Casualty Vice President of Safety

# Kunkel & Associates, Inc. Earns Prestigious Award



Kunkel & Associates, Inc., a TMHA Allied Member out of Dubuque, IA, has been named by the <u>Des Moines Register</u> as the #7 Iowa Top Work Place for 2021! This is the fourth year Kunkel has participated in the contest, having placed no lower in any year than 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 130 companies. Kunkel gives credit to its employees stating, "Our organization wouldn't be where we are today without our amazing

Dedicated. Trusted. Insurance. team "

Kunkel & Associates is a commercial insurance brokerage and consulting firm committed to providing quality service through unparalleled professionalism and personalized attention. They provide insurance services in the transportation, property, and casualty fields as well as group employee benefits.

**Kunkel's Mission:** At Kunkel & Associates we are DEDICATED to our client's needs, TRUSTED to provide superior customer service, and committed to all things INSURANCE."

Additional Culture Details: At Kunkel & Associates, Inc., culture and employee engagement are our top priority. Kunkel has a welcoming, warm and cultivating work environment. Kunkel & Associates, Inc. offers employees mentorship programs, training & development, excellent compensation and benefits, company social and family events, state-of-the-art work facility, work-out room, community involvement opportunities, advancement opportunities, flexible work schedules, and more. We are proud to be named as a Top 100 Workplace for the past four years!

Congratulations, Kunkel & Associates on this great achievement. We're proud that you're a member of TMHA! Thank you for your support and sponsorship.

#### **Exciting News from Warren Transport, Inc.**



Long-time TMHA Motor Carrier Member Warren Transport, Inc. has been raking in the hardware and collecting industry accolades for their company and contractors in 2021. Along with recent well-deserved awards from Great West Casualty Company and state associations recognizing the safe operation of Warren truck operators in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota, the trucking

industry is also celebrating two of Warren's long-time independent contractors as some of the industry's best.

John W. Smith was recently recognized by the Iowa Motor Truck Association as their Outstanding Professional Driver of the Year at the 2021 Management Conference in Des Moines, IA. John has driven for 35 years, and has accumulated four million safe miles. John owns several trucks that he has leased on to Warren, and through his safe operation and successful business John continues to prove why he deserves this important and coveted award. Warren also was honored to have a representative who was a finalist for the IMTA's Dispatch Professional of the Year award.

This year, another Warren industry veteran vied for a prestigious award. Douglas Schildgen competed as a finalist for the TCA's Independent Contractor of the Year award. Doug has driven for Warren since 1976, compiling more than 4 million safe miles, and has had the incredible honor of representing trucking when he was selected to drive his tractor-trailer to the White House in Washington, D.C. Warren also boasts past Warren winners of the TCA Independent Contractor of the Year award Danny Jewel, Steve Recker, and Fred Vorwald. Doug is a stand-up guy and a premier representative of Warren Transport and the transportation industry.

## Amhof Trucking, Inc. Earns Iowa's Safest Carrier Distinction



Amhof Trucking, Inc., operating out of Eldridge, Iowa, was named the 2021 Iowa Fleet Safety Grand Champion at the Iowa Motor Truck Association's annual management conference in September. To earn the distinction as Iowa's safest motor carrier and the 2021 Grand Champion, Amhof consistently demonstrated their commitment to safety.

professionalism, and excellence within their trucking operation.

"The objective of this annual safety program is to highlight the companies and individuals in the State of Iowa that have demonstrated the dedication required to make safety a number one priority. It takes tremendous dedication and commitment to produce the record that deserves this highest award. Amhof Trucking continues to focus on the programs and important initiatives that make them a safe and reliable carrier," said Brenda Neville, President of the Iowa Motor Truck Association.

Since 1950, the Iowa Motor Truck Association has recognized Iowa carriers and drivers for their outstanding dedication to safety and professionalism. This annual recognition program is an integral part in working towards decreasing, and eventually eliminating, all accidents. The IMTA and Great West Casualty Company sponsor the IMTA annual fleet safety awards.

In lowa alone, the trucking industry employs 107,990 people, or every 1-in-13 jobs in the state. Drivers and the many professional employees within the ranks of every trucking company work tirelessly to ensure that the goods we rely on every day arrive safely and professionally.

Amhof Trucking is no stranger to earning fleet safety awards as they are a 3-time winner of First Place awards in The Machinery Haulers Association's annual Truck Fleet Safety Contest. TMHA is proud that Amhof Trucking is a Motor Carrier Member and congratulates all the folks at Amhof for earning this prestigious award.

#### Hunt Transportation, Inc. Hauls in Another Safety Award!



Hunt Transportation, Inc., out of Omaha, NE is proud to announce they are once again the recipient of a "Platinum Safety Award" from Great West Casualty Company. The award marks the

fourth year in a row the Hunt team has earned this great award. Heath Richards, Hunt Director of Safety said, "I would like to congratulate and thank each and every one of our truck operators and staff for *Knowing* and *Doing* our number one principal, *Safety first and foremost.* We have a great team, which



includes a great group of safe drivers, and it takes commitment from all of us to be one of the safest fleets in the industry. Thank you for everything you continue to do!"

TMHA is proud to have Hunt Transportation as a Motor Carrier Member. Hunt is no stranger to earning awards for safe operation as they have earned coveted awards in the TMHA Truck Fleet Safety Contest <u>four</u> times! Congratulations to all the great folks at Hunt!

## Million Mile Safe Driver Wins Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway

LANDSTAR C Landstar System, Inc., a TMHA Motor Carrier Member, has announced the winner of the 2021 Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway. Landstar Million Mile Safe Driver Dennis Bramblett of Hannibal, Missouri, was the lucky winner of a 2022 Volvo® VNL64T truck. The Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway, held on July 13, took place virtually via Zoom video conferencing.

Winner Dennis Bramblett was one of four business capacity owner (BCO) finalists randomly drawn from the pool of Landstar's more than 1,100 active 1 Million Mile, 2 Million Mile and 3 Million Mile Safe Drivers and Roadstars. The Roadstar® designation is one of the company's highest honors for BCOs awarded to the "best of the best" based on their high levels of safety, productivity and excellence in customer service. During the virtual event, the 2021 Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway winner was determined by each of the four finalists selecting a single box among four boxes, one of which indicated the recipient of a new truck. Bramblett was the last to select so he was left with the only remaining box, which turned out to be the winner! The prize is a dark garnet red metallic Volvo featuring a 455-horsepower Volvo D13 engine, Volvo 12-speed I-Shift transmission and Volvo Active Driver Assist 2.0 collision-avoidance system.

Each year, Landstar gives away a truck, including all registration fees and taxes, to one of its Million Mile Safe Driver independent owner-operators. The 2021 Landstar All-Star giveaway truck marked the 43rd truck giveaway in Landstar's 33-year history as a company.

"Holy moly!" said a shocked Dennis Bramblett once he realized he had won the giveaway truck. "I appreciate Landstar a lot. Since I leased on, I've not once been tempted to look for another company. And now I have a new truck that's paid for!" Bramblett leased to Landstar in 2006. He was named a Million Mile Safe Driver in 2017. Landstar President and CEO Jim Gattoni said, "Congratulations to Dennis Bramblett. Awarding a Landstar BCO with a new truck is an honor we look forward to every year. We thank all of our Million Mile Safe Drivers and Roadstars for their skills and their service excellence. It is our privilege to give away such a life-changing award."

A recording of the 2021 Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway held Tuesday, July 13, 2021, is available on Landstar's social media channels. Facebook: www.Facebook.com/LandstarSystem LinkedIn: www.Linkedin.com/company/Landstar Vimeo: <u>https://vimeo.com/landstar</u>

#### Landstar Announces Winner of its 2021 "Deliver to Win" Truck Giveaway

Landstar System, Inc. has announced the winner of the 2021 Landstar Deliver to Win Truck Giveaway, sponsored by Comdata. Landstar independent owner-operator Mike Lamb of Joshua, Texas, won a 2022 Kenworth® T680 in the annual giveaway on Sept. 22, 2021, in Las Vegas. Lamb was one of five finalists randomly selected for the drawing from the eligible owner-operators leased to Landstar, including: • Daryl K. Batty from Gadsden, AL • Tremayne Bland from Charlotte, NC • Arthur Brown from Killeen, TX • Jeff Mikel from Cleveland, TN

The winner was determined by each of the finalists selecting a single box among five boxes, one of which indicated the recipient of a new truck. Lamb chose Box B in honor of his nicknames for his daughter and granddaughter, Jelly Bean and JB Jr., which made him the winner of a concord blue Kenworth featuring a 455 horsepower Paccar MX engine, front and rear disc brakes, Bendix Wingman Fusion Driver Assistance system and a 76-inch high-roof sleeper. "The timing of this couldn't be more perfect. I'm close to paying off my current truck and have been planning to expand my business with a

second truck and driver. Now I can do that with two fully paid-for trucks! And I am really looking forward to the automatic transmission," said Lamb, whose regular route between Dallas-Ft. Worth and Laredo, Texas is often clogged with traffic. "The reality of it all is still sinking in. I am so thankful to Landstar, Comdata and everyone involved who made this happen."

Each year, Landstar thanks the business capacity owners (BCOs), the company's term for independent truck owner-operators with exclusive lease agreements, at BCO Appreciation Days. The Deliver to Win Truck Giveaway is a highlight of the two-day event, which recognizes BCOs for providing excellence in safety and customer service.

"Congratulations to Mike! It's an honor for us to provide such a life-changing opportunity for a BCO by giving away a new truck. We appreciate all of the Landstar owner-operators who are committed to our safety-first culture and deliver excellent customer service each day," said Landstar President and CEO Jim Gattoni, who hosted the giveaway. "Our thanks to Comdata for its contributing support of the giveaway as this year's sponsor." Deliver to Win is one of two annual giveaways where Landstar provides eligible owner-operators a chance to win a brand-new truck. Landstar Million Mile Safe Driver Dennis Bramblett won the Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway in July.

#### Landstar Announces 174 New Million Mile Safe Driver and Roadstar® Honorees

Landstar System, Inc. is pleased to announce its Class of 2020 Million Mile Safe Driver and Roadstar® honorees. This year Landstar is celebrating 174 business capacity owners (BCOs) for their safety records and professionalism behind the wheel. BCO is Landstar's term for an independent owner-operator who provides transportation capacity to a Landstar motor carrier under an exclusive lease agreement. The Class of 2020 safe drivers is comprised of 142 new One Million Mile Safe Drivers, 16 new Two Million Mile Safe Drivers and 5 new Three Million Mile Safe Drivers. Each of the owner-operators has driven at least one million consecutive miles without a preventable accident. Of Landstar's more than 1,100 active Million Mile Safe Drivers, including those inducted in this class, 14 individuals were recognized this month for earning the Roadstar® distinction.

The Roadstar designation is one of Landstar's highest honors for truck owner-operators awarded to the "best of the best" on their high levels of safety, productivity and excellence in customer service. Landstar began presenting the Roadstar award in 1990. "Landstar is proud to showcase the 2020 Class of Landstar Million Mile Safe Drivers and Roadstar honorees as the industry's best. Their skill and dedication to their profession makes the roads safer for all of us," said Landstar President and CEO Jim Gattoni. "Landstar Roadstar recipients raise the bar for the entire trucking industry and their dedication to service excellence has earned them the right to be called the most elite independent business capacity owners at Landstar."

