

THE VALLEY VIEW

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APRIL DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Mike Gibson

Mike is a company driver in our heavy haul division, truck #0808.
He currently resides in Blackstock, SC and has been with Valley since April 2009.

Congratulations Mike!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES...

Shop

Richard Bain

Office

Jeremy Swanson

Company Drivers

Dexter Higginbottom

Kevin Guffey

Richard Schneider

Jeffrey Kirkland



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A Message from the Accounting Department

Direct Deposit

Almost everyone with Valley is now enjoying the benefits of direct deposit. Have you ever heard the phrase, “Your check is in the mail”? Everyone must appreciate that their paychecks are not “lost” in the mail. Benefits of direct deposit include:

- No lost or stolen checks.
- Payments reach your account on the same day every pay period –even if you are sick, on vacation, over the road, out of town or just unable to get to your financial institution.
- Some banks offer free or lower-cost checking for customers with direct deposit because it saves them the cost of processing paper checks.
- Direct deposit can help you avoid bouncing checks because the deposit is direct and on time.
- It can save you trips to the bank and help you avoid long lines at tellers or ATMs.
- The federal government and many employers will deposit your check a day early if the regular payday falls on a holiday.

Valley began utilizing direct deposit in December 2010. We experienced a few “bugs” in the early going but I believe everything has been working well now. Thank you for all your cooperation and understanding with those few early complications. Starting in June 2011 all employees and owner operators should be on direct deposit.

Rod,

Valley Transportation Accountant

A MESSAGE FROM BROKERAGE

Spring has sprung, maybe, one day it’s nice, the next day snow, or a monsoon, go figure. Anyway, things have been very busy on the brokering side. March and April have been a couple of the busiest months we’ve had since I’ve been here. Freight rates have increased somewhat over the months because of the volume of freight moving out there. There’s more freight than trucks right now, which is a good problem to have. We’ve found that if we don’t have the right money on these brokered loads, they will drive right past them for something that pays more. The road restrictions are still on up here in the *North Country* so it makes it even more expensive to get the heavy loads up here. The latest they can keep the restrictions on is Sunday, May 15th.

Don’t forget to keep the exhaust pipes covered, always call when loaded and unloaded, strap the roofs and doors of cabs, be safe.

Steve,

Brokerage Dispatch

A MESSAGE FROM DISPATCH

Spring is here, I hope; and we have been busy, which is a good thing. It seems the big rush is over and things are getting back to normal. We have had a lot of compliments from customers regarding many of our drivers, which is good and tells those of us in the office that we have good people working here.

Drivers: Try to remember and use your PeopleNet for messaging as much as possible, it really frees up the phones in the office. Also try to call ahead to customers as soon as you can to make loading and unloading as smooth as possible.

Jimmie,
Dispatcher

SHOP UPDATE

Well, we made it through another winter, and I'm glad to say the fuel gelling problems of 2010-2011 were less this season verses the 2009-2010 cold spells.

For the drivers operating the trucks with the Davco Fuel Filter System and the Cat engines with ARD HEADS, you need to pay close attention when getting services on the road, or changing fuel filters. It is very important that you only let the servicing shop install a 10 micron filter in the Davco Fuel Filter (GLASS BOWL). Way to many units show up in Valley Transportation's shop after being service on the road with the wrong micron filter, most of the time they are 50 micron, a big NO NO. These cat engines are very sensitive to fuel pressures and fuel pressures to the ARD HEAD, thus resulting in readings to the system ECM, signaling a problem and possible engine shut down.

If, when getting fuel filters on the road you should have any questions give Charlie or I a call.

Craig,
Shop Foreman



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With over 20 years of transportation experience, we at Valley Transportation have concluded that, "You can only be as good as the people on y our Team." With confidence and pride, Valley Transportation has put together the most qualified and capable people for each job. This Team is able to handle all of our customer's hauling needs, questions and concerns. From the most difficult pieces of equipment to the most basic, from 200 miles to 4,000 miles, Valley Transportation's employees are eager to assist and will handle its customers' equipment with the utmost respect and caution.

Confidence, Pride, Teamwork

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

Lonnie Helgeson	May 01
Dave Wadley	May 12
Brian Swestka	May 13
George Fowler	May 17
Troy Morrison	May 18
Mike Simons	May 23
Todd Gibbs	May 27

Anniversaries

Julie Back	16 Years
Kevin Queensland	14 Years
Paul Dimick	05 Years
Kevin Henry (Hank)	03 Years
Troy Morrison	03 Years
John DuBois	03 Years
Terry Rodemaker	02 Years
Jay Blanchard	01 Year
Joseph Penoyer	01 Year
Don Burnett	01 Year