

# THE VALLEY VIEW

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## JUNE DRIVER OF THE MONTH

### Reese Broussard

Reese is an owner operator in truck #9815. He currently resides in Grand Meadow, MN and has been with Valley since August 1992.

Congratulations Reese!

## DRIVER OF THE MONTH AND YEAR AWARDS

The Driver of the Month program is designed to give recognition to those drivers who consistently perform the following criteria. To be eligible for the Driver of the Month award you must have driven for Valley for at least six months. To be eligible for the Driver of the Year award you must have driven for Valley for at least one year.

Criteria for receiving the Driver of the Month/Driver of the year award include the following:

1. **Safety performance:** Accident/Claim free.
2. **Customer relations:** Prompt/Courteous customer service.
3. **Attitude:** Relations between office, shop employees and other drivers.
4. **Maintenance:** Cleanliness and upkeep of truck and trailer.
5. **Job performance:** Timeliness, undamaged equipment.
6. **Paperwork:** Packets are to contain Bills of Lading, fuel receipts, and any supporting documents pertaining to each load. Promptness in getting your paperwork scanned and mailed into the office.
7. **Revenue:** In the case of a tie, the revenue will determine the vote.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES...



### Owner Operator

Dan Skroch

### Pilot Car Driver

Conrad Heusinkveld

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### A Message from Tori

I have received a lot of questions regarding Hours of Service Regulations and Split Sleeper berth. Below is a copy of the Summary of the Hours of Service Regulations from the Federal Motor Carrier Service Administration website (fmcsa.dot.gov). Also is an explanation of the Split Sleeper we received from PeopleNet regarding electronic logs.

## Summary of the Hours-of-Service Regulations

The following table summarizes the HOS regulations for property-carrying and passenger-carrying CMV drivers.

HOURS-OF-SERVICE RULES	
Property-Carrying CMV Drivers	Passenger-Carrying CMV Drivers
<b>11-Hour Driving Limit</b> May drive a maximum of 11 hours after 10 consecutive hours off duty.	<b>10-Hour Driving Limit</b> May drive a maximum of 10 hours after 8 consecutive hours off duty.
<b>14-Hour Limit</b> May not drive beyond the 14th consecutive hour after coming on duty, following 10 consecutive hours off duty. <b>Off-duty time does not extend the 14-hour period.</b>	<b>15-Hour On-Duty Limit</b> May not drive after having been on duty for 15 hours, following 8 consecutive hours off duty. Off-duty time is not included in the 15-hour period.
<b>60/70-Hour On-Duty Limit</b> May not drive after 60/70 hours on duty in 7/8 consecutive days. A driver may restart a 7/8 consecutive day period after taking 34 or more consecutive hours off duty.	<b>60/70-Hour On-Duty Limit</b> May not drive after 60/70 hours on duty in 7/8 consecutive days.
<b>Sleeper Berth Provision</b> Drivers using the <a href="#">sleeper berth provision</a> must take at least 8 consecutive hours in the sleeper berth, plus a separate 2 consecutive hours either in the sleeper berth, off duty, or any combination of the two.	<b>Sleeper Berth Provision</b> Drivers using a <a href="#">sleeper berth</a> must take at least 8 hours in the sleeper berth, and may split the sleeper-berth time into two periods provided neither is less than 2 hours.

**Here are the requirements for split sleeper:**

*You may also use the sleeper berth in a different way to get the "equivalent of at least 10 consecutive hours off duty." To do this, two rest periods are required. You must spend at least one of the two required rest periods in your sleeper berth. The required rest period in the sleeper berth must be at least 8 consecutive hours (but less than 10 consecutive hours). This rest period will not count as part of the 14 hours. The other, separate, rest period must be at least 2 consecutive hours (but less than 10 consecutive hours). This rest period may be spent in the sleeper berth, off duty, or sleeper berth and off duty combined. It will count as part of the 14 hours (unless you spend at least 8 consecutive hours in the sleeper berth). It does not matter which rest period you take first. After you complete your second required rest period, you will have a new point on the clock from which to calculate your hours available. This new "calculation point" will be at the time you completed your first required rest period.*

Also, some of you have mentioned you need a copy of your logs for tax purposes at the end of the year. I have put a PeopleNet Driver Center Guide in each drivers file so you can access them thru the PeopleNet website. We will not be saving them for you here at the office. The electronic logs will be in the PeopleNet system for 6 months, anything before that must be saved or printed before the 6 months is up. If you have access to e-mail and would like them e-mailed to you please let us know.

Please keep in mind that driving in violation on your electronic logs or just logging out in running on paper while the system is still working is not going to look good to a DOT officer if you are stopped and they check your logs. It is important to contact Stephanie or myself should you have any problems as soon as possible to avoid getting a possible fine. We can see a lot more on our side than you can on yours, so please keep this in mind if you think you can cheat the system.

Thanks,

Tori



### A MESSAGE FROM BROKERAGE

Just wanted to say that it is summer and it is very hot. Please remember to slow down and watch for construction. We have seen a lot of accidents so far this year due to tires and construction.

We are very busy right now, so with that, please remind our customers that we are working as fast and as safe as we can to get their loads picked up and delivered as soon as possible. Be sure to thank the customer at the origin and destination; it's what helps make our business work. Without them we have no work, so make sure to thank them and hand them a card if you have one and let them know how much their business means to us. Have them contact someone in the office for a rate or business request.

Drive Safe,

*Steve & Tonya Martin*

### A MESSAGE FROM SAFETY

#### **Inspections, Citations, Driver/Vehicle Examination Reports, Moving Violations, and Warnings**

We have seen too many of the above reports come in **LATE**. In the first two weeks of July I have received 4 reports that were dated back in May and June. This is not acceptable! We have to respond to the issuing state regarding every one of your inspections **within 15 days**.

To maintain compliance according to FMCSR 396.9 you the driver are required to send all Inspections and Driver/Vehicle Examination Reports etc. to Valley Transportation Service, Inc. within 24 hours.

I will be sending out a revised policy regarding this regulation in the near future. In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

**DRIVE SAFE, ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS AND CHECK YOUR LOAD SECUREMENT OFTEN**

Thanks,

*Doug*

"OUR GOAL IS TO HELP YOU REACH YOURS"

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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

Jeremy Swanson	July 07
John Pounders	July 08
Greg Reiher	July 09
Larry Stejskal	July 17
Charles Stewart	July 17
Red Alden	July 18
Steve (Weebs) Sheldon	July 21
Kevin Guffey	July 24
Irvin Jenkins	July 25

### Anniversaries

Bob Jorgenson	08 Years
Keith Wolfe	07 Years
David Harrison	06 Years
Troy Teppert	06 Years
Terry Hull	02 Years
George Fowler	02 Years
Ken Rick	02 Years
Bill Johnson	02 Years
Doug Coen	01 Year
Dave Reineke	01 Year