

THE VALLEY VIEW

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JULY DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Ronnie Coleman, JR

Ronnie is a company driver in truck #1225.
He has been with Valley since October 2006.

AUGUST DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Larry Long

Larry is a company driver in truck #1212.
He currently resides in Springfield, MO and
has been with Valley since January of 2007.

Congratulations
Ronnie & Larry!

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 criteria listed below. 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.

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A MESSAGE FROM DISPATCH

Attention All Drivers!

PERMITS

Before you call in to order permits, you will need to have your axle spacing, plate numbers and dimensions. It is very crucial to have these correct; we have been getting a lot of tickets due to wrong axle spacing and plate numbers. We need to eliminate these so we can bring our CSA score down.

BUNKHOUSE/DRIVER'S LOUNGE

If you are driving your semi truck up to the driver's lounge, you need to park across the road in the gravel parking lot. There are people that live on both sides of the drivers lounge and they do not want to hear your tri-pac run all night. The only vehicles that you can park in front or on the south side are your personal vehicle or one of the shop vehicles. When you are staying at the driver's lounge, here are a few reminders: the lounge is SMOKE FREE, that means you need to go completely outside—do not stand in the door way and blow your smoke outside. ABSOLUTELY NO PETS in the drivers lounge! Finally, make sure you clean up after yourself when you are staying down there. Remember, the driver's lounge is a privilege and it can be taken away.

Hope you all had a good summer!

Nick

Heavy Haul Dispatch

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES...



Owner Operators

Thomas Herman
David Slease
Randy Gustafson
Kevin Margerum
Daniel Kleist
Keith Cook

Company Drivers

Donna Woods
Darrell Woods
Jeanette Broshous
Robert Williams
Hector Rivera
Stephen Skaggs
Kenneth Young
Bill Garner
Terry Clark
Herbert Kelley

Office Staff

Parker Johnson-broker

Pilot Car Driver

Ruth Melton

BEING A PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVER

As truck drivers we are known by many names—some are good like, “Heavy Hauler”, “Long Hauler”, “Oversized”, “Parking Lot”, or just plain “Driver”. There are others that are bad like “Road Hog” and other names that are not appropriate.

One title which is not mentioned enough is “Professional Driver” and it largely relates to our own image and attitude of ourselves. Being a truck driver is not just a job, it is a profession. This negative perception is something we encounter every day. The good news is—the power to change this perception is in the hands of each and every driver out there on the road—by the way we react, interact, and engage with everyone we come in contact with.

The mobile billboard we drive represents us, our company, and the overall trucking industry. This also includes our own image of ourselves in our professional appearance. It is the Professional Driver who understands this and works to create a better image of themselves, other drivers, their company, and the industry.

Take pride in what you do. Be appreciative to what you have. Have the attitude that creates a contagious positive response. You will be amazed at the results and how much better you feel and others around you feel. As one famous person once said, “Try it, you’ll like it!”

Thank you to the professional Drivers who practice true professionalism. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Brian Ptacek

Credit Manager

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

September 11th – 17th

*Thank you to our entire fleet of drivers,
your hard work and commitment to your job
is very much appreciated!*



A MESSAGE FROM BROKERAGE

Hi to All!

Well, that was another fast summer gone by—I hope everyone had a fun and safe one. Those in our area had a good summer compared to other parts of the country. I am sure a lot of our drivers saw some of the massive destruction from storms, fires and other natural disasters this year.

I know I don't have to tell anyone how busy we have been. But I would like to thank all of our company drivers and owner operators, from the entire brokerage department, for all of your hard work. We get many compliments from customers on the cleanliness of both, you and your equipment, your politeness and timely deliveries. The customers appreciate it when you call them with your ETA. When you do a good job it makes everyone's job easier, so for that, we thank you.

Hopefully the fall and winter months will be as busy as the rest of the year has been; all indications are that it will be. Stay Safe and Thanks Again!

Mike Munroe

Manager-Valley Forwarding

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHOP

Summer is just about over in most parts of the country which means air and road temperatures will be going down. That's good news for tires. However, we must still check tire pressures often. At the very least be sure to "thump" your tires once a day and get out that tire gauge every other day. We want 110 lbs at all tire positions unless you are one of the heavy haul guys and you want 120 lbs in each. It's amazing what a difference 20 pounds of air pressure makes, not only to tire wear but in fuel mileage as well, round tires roll easier.

Road calls are very expensive, not only in dollars and cents but in your time as well and with fuel prices around the \$4.00 mark and tire prices that have increased over 25% this year, proper tire pressure can make a huge difference in our bottom line.

Charlie

Parts Manager

"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

Allen Brown	September 04
Robert Williams	September 05
Paul Dimick	September 05
Jay Blanchard	September 06
Ken Pickett	September 07
Kristi Jack	September 09
Justin Richardson	September 11
Julie Back	September 12
Jeff Kirkland	September 15
Earnest Pearce	September 16
Ben Smith	September 16
David Slease	September 22
Herbert Kelley	September 22
Parker Johnson	September 27

Birthdays Con't

Joseph Penoyer	September 28
Stephen Skaggs	September 29

Anniversaries

Gilbert (Mickey) Vargas	14 Years
Jimmie Arnold	7 Years
Lee Hoem	3 Years
Jeff Hovde	3 Years
Brian Molloy	1 Year
Daniel David	1 Year
David Wadley	1 Year
Mark Maddock	1 Year
John Connolly	1 Year