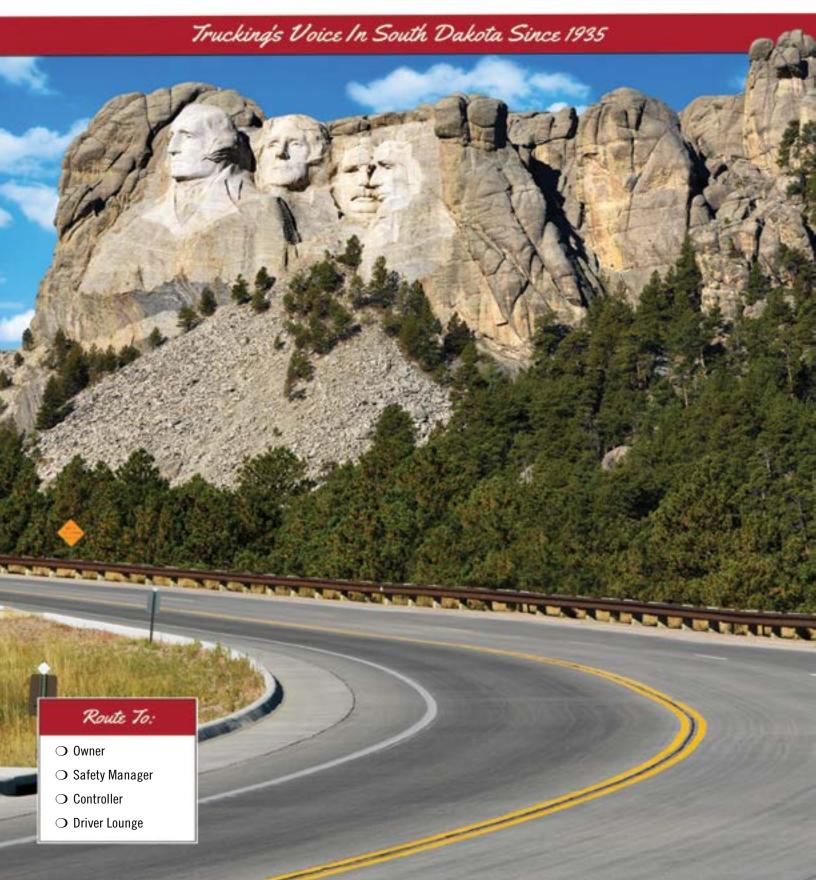
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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Circling back to last month's topic of FMCSA's proposed mandate for speed limiters: Why speed limiters just on CMVs?

With technology advancing so rapidly, I would propose that EVERY new vehicle be fitted with a system so EVERY vehicle (excluding emergency vehicles) must adhere to the posted speed signs, not just CMVs.

Another thought/scenario for consideration...When twenty two four-wheelers are "stuck" behind two semis at 55 mph, when the speed limit signs for that particular 25-mile stretch of roadway dictate 70 mph, how is that safe and not impeding interstate commerce? I extended the above thoughts in my reply to FMCSA's request for comments.

We are now gearing up for SDTA's Call on Washington. We are looking forward to reconnecting with our Senators and Representative and their staff, as well as the ATA staff to advance our opinions and concerns on trucking issues. I would suspect that speed limiters and fuel costs would head up that list of issues. If you have thoughts for us to present, please contact me at 605-310-553.

On the subject of rapidly increasing fuel prices, it is absolutely imperative that your rates rise as rapidly as fuel prices. Examples: If you happen to be a livestock owner/operator and your occasional customer complains about your increased rates, invite him to herd his cattle to the packing plant. If your liquid fertilizer customer complains, invite him to install a pipeline from his tanks to the fertilizer plant. By almost sounding snarky with my comments above, it is simply my way of encouraging you during these tough times of inflated fuel prices until this country's leaders become proactive in developing and increasing domestic oil and gas production.

In next month's issue, I'm sure our President Christine Erickson, will recap our Call on Washington and I will add a few comments as well.

You and your industry are vital to this country. Remain safe as the roadways become so very busy with vacationers.

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### Christine's Corner

Happy June. I hope the weather is treating you well as you're out and about. For my family our weekends have been filled with basketball, baseball and football. The warmer temps sure make it more enjoyable to be outside.

It seems like life hasn't slowed down one bit. With the new ELDT requirements put forth back in February, we started brainstorming ways we could try to fill the workforce pipeline for CDL's.

SDTA has been working closely with Carrie from K&J Trucking, Inc., to launch our very own South Dakota CDL training program. This is just a teaser, but stay tuned for more information. We will begin reaching out with more details and how your trucking business can be involved and utilize this resource.

We are always looking for ways to add value to your association membership. If there are products, services or trainings that we can provide do not hesitate to reach out. We love to collaborate with you on ways we can enhance the trucking industry.

This past week we sent SDTA's very own Patty Hinz to Huron for the 2022 Wheel Jam. The excitement about the event was on fire. Patty had the opportunity to meet with many of our current members, as well as some that are looking to join the association. See page 15 for more information on this event.

Steve Hoffman, Chair of the SDTA Safety Management, along with Dave Dailey of Johnson Feed and SDTA's Michelle Wells went to Fargo, ND to see how the North Dakota Truck Driving Championships are run. It was very informative. Take a look at the pictures on page 10 of this publication.

Christine Erickson, President

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Dan Bliss, Rude Transportation, Sioux Falls, SD, was selected as the June 2022 Driver of the Month by the South Dakota Safety Management Council.

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Dan is an extremely reliable driver as well as an excellent trainer. He is their "go-to" driver. He will always get the job done! His positive attitude is infectious.

Dan and his wife Collette reside in Harrisburg, SD.

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### **Highway Patrol Honors Trooper Gacke, Inspector Lentz**

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PIERRE, S.D. — A South Dakota Highway Patrol Trooper and a Motor Carrier Inspector, both praised for their devotion to duty and family, have received the Patrol's highest honors.

Trooper Jeremy Gacke has been named as the Trooper of the Year and Motor Carrier Inspector Phil Lentz has been named as the Motor Carrier Inspector of the Year. Both recipients are stationed in Sioux Falls.

"This year's honorees share the same traits, most notably their willingness to serve others," said Highway Patrol Maj. Jason Ketterling. "Not only are they devoted to helping the people of South Dakota each day, they are also invested in their families and their communities. They demonstrate a sense of service each day."

**Trooper Gacke started with** the Highway Patrol in 2004. He is a certified crash reconstructionist and oversees the Highway Patrol's reconstruction program for the southeast part of the state. Trooper Gacke is also a drone operator and teaches basic accident investigation and advanced crash reconstruction to the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training students, South Dakota Highway Patrol Recruits and at the Sioux Falls Law Enforcement Academy.





Inspector Lentz has been with the Motor Carrier Services since 2005. In 2021, he completed 959 vehicle examination reports. As part of his commercial motor vehicle and driver inspections in 2021, Inspector Lentz discovered 1,169 safety violations, 215 which placed the driver/vehicle out of service.

Three Superintendent Performance Awards were also given out at the luncheon.

The awards were presented at a luncheon in Sioux Falls.

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The Highway Patrol is an agency of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

## South Dakota Motor Carrier Division Announces New System Launch Date The New and Better Motor Carrier Connect System goes live September 12, 2022.



#### The New and Better Motor Carrier Connect System goes live on September 12, 2022.

After a little over a year of programming and developing the South Dakota Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division Motor Carrier Section is ready to launch the Motor Carrier Connect (MCC) System. This system replaces the Interstate Online System that is currently used. We are excited to bring this user-friendly system online for our customers.

Some of the enhancements include:

- New updated modern look
- Mobile Friendly Can access from your smartphone
- Ability to receive emails directly from the system
- Ability to upload documents to the system for staff to review (titles will still need to be mailed)
- Uses the same platform and vendor as the current system
- Quicker links access to what you need to work on

Many of the functions remain the same, but with faster links and an updated look. We are developing training sessions that will be delivered through Microsoft Teams and can be accessed from a computer or phone. As we set the dates, we will send out emails inviting you to join. We are planning for training sessions in late July and August. There are help documents and videos already in the new system. We will publish additional information in this publication in the upcoming months.

In addition to the training opportunities, Commercial Carrier Agents Stacey Green and Skyler Grimmius, along with Revenue Supervisor Darrin Gerry are attending the 2022 SDTA Annual Convention in Deadwood. The SDTA Annual Convention will be the same week we go live with the new system. We will have several computers that you can log into your live account as well as the ability to log into a test system to "play around" without affecting your live account. If the staff that uses this system to register vehicles in IRP or file tax returns for IFTA attend they will have a lot of opportunities to be in the test environment.

Some Important dates to remember:

- September 9 At approximately 5 PM the current system will be shut down
- September 10-11 New system brought up. Data migrated over to the new system. South Dakota will be testing
- September 12 At approximately 8 AM the new system will be available
- October 1- The 3rd Quarter IFTA returns are open to file on the new system

We look forward to this new system and how it will help you and Motor Carrier Staff work together more efficiently.

#### **DARRIN GERRY, REVENUE SUPERVISOR – MOTOR CARRIER**

### FMCSA EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD FOR SPEED LIMITER RULE-MAKING





FMCSA announced that they have extended the comment period for the Speed Limiter rule-making until July 18th. ATA and other industry groups requested an extension to the comment period, and we are pleased the Agency has agreed with our request. The notice can be found **HERE**.

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### AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS

May 31, 2022

Over the weekend, FMCSA announced an extension and further modification to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.

### FMCSA'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION THAT WAS SET TO EXPIRE ON MAY 31ST HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022.

The declaration was also modified to include transportation of:

- 1. Livestock and livestock feed;
- 2. Medical supplies and equipment related to the testing, diagnosis, and treatment of COVID-19;
- 3. Vaccines, constituent products, and medical supplies and equipment, including ancillary supplies/kits for the administration of vaccines, related to the prevention of COVID-19;
- 4. Supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of community transmission of COVID-19 such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap, and disinfectants;
- 5. Food, paper products, and other groceries for emergency restocking of distribution centers or stores;
- 6. Gasoline, diesel, diesel exhaust fluid (DEF), jet fuel, ethyl alcohol; and heating fuel including propane, natural gas, and heating oil; and

As with the previous extension, this declaration applies only to 395.3 "Maximum Driving Time for Property-Carrying Vehicles". This modified declaration will remain in effect until August 31, 2022, unless terminated sooner by FMCSA.

FMCSA has also added FAQs addressing declaration.

As always, carriers and drivers should review the details of all waivers to ensure applicability and compliance. If you have any questions, please email me.

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The Wheel Jam Truck Show was held June 2nd – 5th, in Huron, SD, for the 18th year. The show was absolutely amazing! Many people commented the show was even better than the Mid America Truck Show (MATS), held in Louisville, KY. I have to agree!

The camaraderie between the participants, families and vendors was something I have never experienced. This event is for the whole family - everyone supporting each other. The light show was amazing to watch. Everyone took so much pride in their equipment. It was incredible just watching the kids faces light up as they watched the parade! The coordination of the event staff to get all of the trucks out of the show area and lined up was a feat. I could not believe how smoothly they pulled it off. The parade route was filled with hundreds of people really supporting the trucks and the men and women who drive them with pride. The drivers kept the children entertained as they blew their horns. It was so impressive to see that level of joy when things have been tough for so many! I was blown away with how long the parade route was and how many people came out to watch. It's is a definite MUST SEE for anyone in the trucking industry.

I was told this is the largest show they have had. They expect it to keep growing. It was mentioned they plan on this being the MATS of the Midwest.

There are several more pictures to checkout on the Wheel Jam Truck Show FB Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WheelJamTruckShowClassics">https://www.facebook.com/WheelJamTruckShowClassics</a>



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### BILL TO STREAMLINE FOR SECURITY CREDENTIALING PROCESS FOR TRUCKERS RECEIVES STRONG PRAISE FROM INDUSTRY

May 25, 2022

Arlington, Virginia –

The American Trucking Associations lauded the introduction of a bill in the U.S. Senate today that would streamline the credentialing process for millions of professional truck drivers.

The Transportation Security
Administration Security Threat
Assessment Application Modernization Act, introduced by Senators Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi) and Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska), would enable drivers to use a single valid background check from TSA when applying for multiple credentials, such as a Transportation Worker Identification Credential, Hazardous Materials Endorsement and PreCheck.



"This commonsense legislation will ease the burden on many hardworking men and women and allow them to focus on navigating the nation's highways instead of government bureaucracies," said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear. "Duplicative fees and redundant background checks are placing unnecessary costs - both financial and time - on truckers at a time when our economy is short more than 80,000 drivers. We thank Senators Wicker and Fischer for their leadership and urge the Senate to pass this much-needed legislation."

Earlier this year, ATA <u>endorsed</u> this legislation's companion bill in the House.

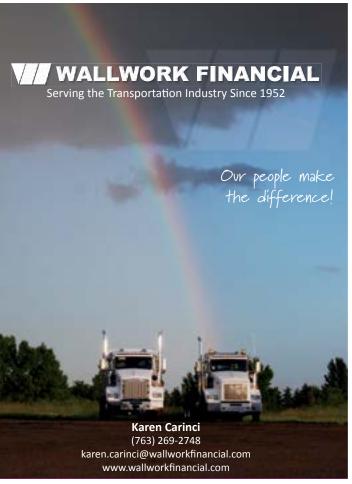
In a letter to the Senate, ATA Senior Vice President Edwin Gilroy called the bill "a tangible step toward a more resilient workforce and American economy."

"This legislation will result in significant financial and time savings for truck drivers. It also makes well-paying careers in the trucking industry more accessible for qualified drivers who are otherwise deterred by financial and/or logistical barriers to entry," Gilroy wrote.

"This legislation would meaningfully ease the burden of duplicative and redundant background checks on many thousands of

hard-working, patriotic Americans - allowing them to focus on delivering goods and moving our economy forward. I want to commend **Senators Wicker** and Fischer for their commitment to the trucking industry and to improving the lives of truck drivers," said Mississippi Trucking Association President Hal Miller.

"We are very grateful that Senators Fischer and Wicker have listened to pleas for help raised by the trucking industry. Across Nebraska and the nation, truckers are working every available hour to address the crisis in America's supply chain. But we are often handicapped by red tape, particularly when it comes to obtaining the proper clearances from the TSA," said Nebraska Trucking Association President Kent Grisham. "By sponsoring this Act, the Senators are taking a critical step toward removing that handicap, allowing us to get vetted drivers in the trucks sooner, and getting much need freight moving safely and efficiently." ■





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Has your drier ever been selected as a Driver of the Month or Driver of the Yea	ar in South Dakota or any other state? 🗖 Yes 🗖 No If yes, when?
Participation in truck driving championships or other transportation related	activities:
Basis of Nomination:	
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#### RULES:

Driver may be nominated for Driver of the Month for any outstanding act of heroism, a contribution to highway safety, an extraordinary act of courtesy, an exceptional deed or act of service to mankind within the community reflecting positively on the motor carrier industry, or for a long period of safe and courteous driving. An outstanding act shall be deemed to mean unusual or other than the normal every day courtesies afforded by truck drivers.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- 1. The nominated driver must be an employee of a member in good standing of the South Dakota Trucking Association.
- 2. The nominated driver must have been an employee by the present employer for at least two years and have a minimum of five years overall experience.
- 3. South Dakota domiciled\* drivers are eligible for nomination for an outstanding act performed in any state. \* The intent of the word "domiciled" shall be interpreted to mean: Any driver reporting to or regularly dispatched from a terminal within the state of SD (in keeping with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations definition of his/her home terminal) regardless of where the driver may dwell.
- 4. A driver may receive the Driver of the Month award only one time in any contest year. He/she may be renominated in any subsequent year.
- 5. Nominations for outstanding acts on the highway shall be accompanied by supporting evidence (letters, statements, news clippings, etc.). A clear, factual account is absolutely necessary. Vague generalizations will not be accepted.
- 6. A copy of recent driver motor vehicle record check must accompany the nomination.
- 7. Drivers nominated and not selected as Driver of the Month will be held over and used in the following month's selection.
- 8. Entries must be in the SDTA office no later than the 10th of each month for that current month's contest.
- 9. Nominations may be made by any party, but must be approved by the employer or a representative of the employer.
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FEE: \$100 per person (includes green fees, cart rental & lunch)

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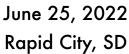
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- SDTA West River Poker Run June 25, 2022
- SDTA West River Golf outing June 26, 2022 Tomahawk Golf Course
- East River Golf Event 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at the Brandon Golf Course.
- SDTA Call on Washington 2022 Tentatively July 25-29, 2022.
- Annual SDTA Convention Deadwood Mountain Grand September 14-16, 2022
- Annual guided pheasant hunt Thursday, November 10, 2022 Meet @ Hutch's Cafe in Presho 9:00 a.m.
- SDTA Fall Board of Directors Meeting Executive Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. with the full board to convene at 10:00 a.m. all at RedRossa, Pierre, SD on Friday, November 11, 2022.
- West River Legislative Reception 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Minerva's in Rapid City November 29, 2022.
- East River Legislative Reception (NextGen Group meeting at 4:30) Minerva's in Sioux Falls Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Winter Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Pierre. Followed by the Winter Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30 p.m. The Winter Reception with Legislators will follow at 6:00 p.m. All events of the day are scheduled at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre.

### Steve Hoffman, Dave Dailey and Michelle Wells Traveled to Fargo, ND to See How the NDTDCs Are Run





Steve Hoffman, Mid States Transport, Dave Dailey of Johnson Feed, Inc., and Michelle Wells of the SD Trucking Association spent the day in Fargo, ND, on Saturday, June 4, 2022, watching and assisting at the ND Truck Driving Championships. It was an opportunity to watch how the North Dakota group runs their event - and pick up a thing or two for our future SD TDC's.







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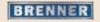






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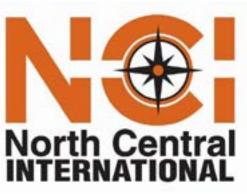
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