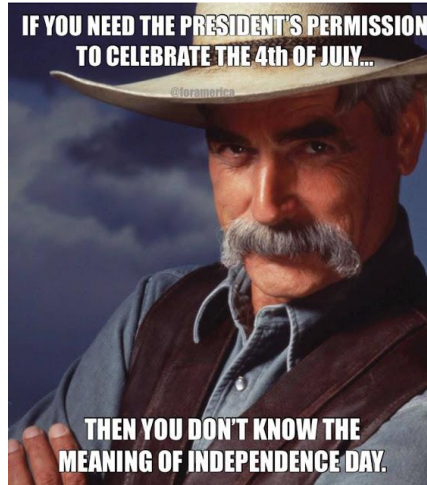




Terminal Transport July 2021

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Holiday. This Holiday, after what the country has gone through, should have special meaning. We have seen how important our freedoms are and how many countries in the world do not have the freedoms that we enjoyed. I use the past tense because since the COVID-19 virus, we have lost many of those freedoms, taken away from aggressive politicians! We can also see how many people simply complied without any push back whatsoever and how that old line “if you give them an inch, they will take a mile” seems to have applied to many states as aggressive governors shut businesses down without any thought for those business and the impact it would have on families. They exercised their “executive power” to ruin lives.



Now, in many cases, these governors do not want to give up that power. Remember, “absolute power, corrupts absolutely”. They are not allowing people to exercise their freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. What it has shown is that we must be diligent when selecting politicians who want to exercise control over our freedoms. They can say anything but it is in their actions that their true nature is shown. Keep this in mind this Holiday but more importantly, next November 2022!

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

I have some statistics on available parking in Minnesota from a recent article in the MTA Magazine. Truck parking has become critical in the state as in many states. The MN DOT comprises only 14% of the total available parking in the state for a total of 677 spaces at 51 locations with roughly 13 spaces per location. They are the largest single provider of truck parking in the state. Other truck parking availability is provided by private companies - mostly the truck stops. There is a growing trend

DRIVER OF THE MONTH



Corbett Charpentier has been driving with Terminal since 2014. He started his driving career 23 years ago in a 94 Freightliner mid roof and since then has put on a couple million miles. In that time his most interesting haul has been liquid oxygen in a tanker for hospitals. He advises other drivers to look at the big picture and always be aware of your surroundings!

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CSA SCORES

Category	Measure	Percentile
Unsafe Driving	1.08	8%
Crash Indicator	0.40	80%
Hours of Service	0.32	39%
Maintenance	3.18	45%
Controlled Substance	0.00	0%
HAZMAT	2.60	Less than 5 HM placardable vehicle inspections
Driver Fitness	0.00	0%

Incidents of damage in the past month:

- Trailer hit subcontractor vehicle ----- \$4000
- Near miss. **Always remember to set your brakes!**

Safety Bonus Program

10,500 miles threshold	10,500 miles or more	\$200
Moving MPG	Determined threshold	\$50
Long idle	Under 20%	\$50
HOS compliance	0 violations	\$50
No citations, accidents, incidents	0 issues	\$50

banning truck parking on urban streets. As of 2019, the MN budget did not give the MN DOT any funding specifically designated to truck parking. As I am finishing the Newsletter, the MN legislature is just finishing the budget which has grown considerably (which I may comment on later) from 35 Billion to over 50 Billion in the last 5 years, with very little if any for truck parking. MTA and the NATSO are working with the current legislature to improve and expand truck parking in the state which has become a premium. Most likely any budget issues coming from the state legislature won't happen until July as both parties are extremely distant from any compromise.

OFFICE IN ROSEVILLE

Just an FYI for all of you regarding the Roseville, MN, office. There has been a major water project going on along Cleveland Avenue, and it is nearly impossible to get in and out of here with a car let alone a truck. Please avoid the office if at all possible. It would almost be better if you need to come to the office to stop at Penske in Roseville and drop your trailer there and bob-tail to the office. We don't want to incur any accidents or incidents. I am not sure how long the project will last but most likely another month. David will keep you posted by satellite when this project has ended and we are back to normal.

PAPERWORK

Given the economic times, shippers and receivers are asking for payment right away. We need the paperwork sent in to service our customers. It's important to Transflo your paperwork the day it's delivered.

I-40 BRIDGE CLOSED

The I-40 bridge spanning the Mississippi from Arkansas to Tennessee is still under repair after a major crack was found in a steel support beam during a routine inspection of the 48-year old, 19,535-ft-long bridge. The repair work is underway, but they may not be completed until late July or early August. -Truckers News

OPERATION SAFE DRIVING

Operation safe driving week is scheduled for July 11 – 17, 2021. During Operations Safe Driver Week, law enforcement agencies across North America engage in heightened traffic safety enforcement and education aimed at combating unsafe driving behaviors by both commercial motor vehicles and passenger-vehicle drivers. Activities are held across the United States, Canada and Mexico with the goal of increasing commercial

vehicle and non-commercial vehicle traffic enforcement, safety belt enforcement, driver roadside inspections and driver regulatory compliance.

NEW EQUIPMENT

As of July 2, we have all the new trailers manufactured in Kewanee completed. They are now in the process of going through quality control at the Great Dane Trailer Plant for final inspections and are simultaneously being decaled by TKO Graphics on the plant site. We are still working out the logistics of moving the trailers into Plover to complete or moving some up to the Twin Cities to be completed or then loaded towards Plover for completion. Our preferences would be to get them to Plover for completion and then get them into service from there. We have 15 trailers we are trading of which 10 will be turned into Albertville, MN and the other 5 into the Plover terminal for Trudell trailers to pick up. We hope to start seeing them in service by August.

We also have 7 new Freightliners due in by the 1st part of August. Some of these will be replacing the 2018 T680 KW we have had along with adding some additional power to our fleet. We still have several new Penske trucks we are looking to fill so if you have any friends or neighbors looking for a job, we are hiring!!! Remember there is a bounty for you to be paid if they stay 6 months.

TRIP PLANNING

We have had several drivers late for their delivery appointments; On time delivery is the priority. We are tracked by our service, and being late counts against us. If you cannot deliver on time, please notify dispatch during business hours to review options of relays or moving appt times around. **Professional drivers get the load delivered on time!**

PERSONAL CONVEYANCE

Personal Conveyance is not to be used to advance the load. We got another log violation with an out of service for using PC incorrectly.

[Guidance from the FMCSA \(link\)](#)

“Under what circumstances may a driver operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) as a personal conveyance?”

A driver may record time operating a CMV for personal conveyance (i.e., for personal use or reasons) as off-duty only when the driver is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work by the motor carrier. The

**ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS
LAST MONTH:**

ONE bad roadsides for flat tire
air leak
No citations.

We had two clean roadsides last month.

Thanks to Brad Wittwer and George Spivey.

Long Idle Cost Last month:

of Gallons Burned: **2443**
Average Fuel Cost: **\$3**
\$\$ Wasted: **\$7329**

Watch your idle times! Cutting your idle time could earn you an additional **\$50 on your monthly bonus**, meaning more money in your pocket! This wasted revenue could be going toward wage increases!

FMCSR violations		
Category	Fine as of June 2, 2015	Previous fine
FMCSR recordkeeping violations	Maximum of \$1,100 for each day the violation continues, up to \$11,000	Maximum of \$1,000 for each day the violation continues, up to \$10,000
Knowing falsification of records	Up to \$11,000	Up to \$10,000
Non-recording violations of the FMCSRs for the motor carrier	Up to \$16,000 for each violation	Up to \$11,000 for each violation
Non-recording violations of the FMCSRs by a driver	Up to \$3,750	Up to \$2,750
Violating a 24-hour out-of-service order for §392.5	Up to \$4,125 for each violation	Up to \$3,750 for each violation
Egregious hours-of-service violations	Maximum fine amount permitted by law (\$16,000)	Maximum fine amount permitted by law (\$11,000)



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RECENT HIRES

Colin DeCruise II
Ricky Ebanks

Remember there is \$700 in Driver Referral Bonuses!

\$200 after 90 days and \$500 after 6 months!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

George Spivey – 7/5
Corbett Charpentier – 7/6
Mario Gonzales – 7/11
Brent Coatney – 7/19
Kevin Miller – 7/24

Chris Deptula - 2 year
Jeffrey Bach – 2 year
Babette Seidel – 1 year

Thank You for Being a Part of Our Team!



Happy birthday to our leader!



CMV may be used for personal conveyance even if it is laden, since the load is not being transported for the commercial benefit of the carrier at that time. Personal conveyance does not reduce a driver’s or motor carrier’s responsibility to operate a CMV safely. Motor carriers can establish personal conveyance limitations either within the scope of, or more restrictive than, this guidance, such as banning use of a CMV for personal conveyance purposes, imposing a distance limitation on personal conveyance, or prohibiting personal conveyance while the CMV is laden.

A relevant example of appropriate use of PC

Time spent traveling to a nearby, reasonable, safe location to obtain required rest after loading or unloading. The time driving under personal conveyance must allow the driver adequate time to obtain the required rest in accordance with minimum off-duty periods under 49 CFR 395.3(a)(1) (property-carrying vehicles) or 395.5(a) (passenger-carrying vehicles) before returning to on-duty driving, and the resting location must be the first such location reasonably available.

Examples that do NOT qualify to use PC

- *The movement of a CMV in order to enhance the operational readiness of a motor carrier. For example, bypassing available resting locations in order to get closer to the next loading or unloading point or other scheduled motor carrier destination.*
- *Continuation of a CMV trip in interstate commerce in order to fulfill a business purpose, including bobtailing or operating with an empty trailer in order to retrieve another load or repositioning a CMV (tractor or trailer) at the direction of the motor carrier.*
- *Time spent transporting a CMV to a facility to have vehicle maintenance performed.*
- *Time spent traveling to a motor carrier’s terminal after loading or unloading from a shipper or a receiver.”*

Summary:

PC is a tool to help you. Don’t abuse it. Terminal has a 40-mile limit on PC. If you use it, you must notate it in your logs and when you certify that log you are putting your signature on a legal document.

PC violations have a huge impact to conducting business. They impact Terminals CSA score, insurance rates, PrePass, inspection selection score etc. Too many violations can trigger an audit and fines for carriers. Additionally, drivers may face citations and fines for violating PC laws. We hire professional drivers and expect the laws are followed. Zero log violations in a month earns you an extra \$50 on your safety bonus!