

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Our Truck Driving Champions

The 2011 CTA Truck Driving Championships circuit has been completed marking another successful year for this very important program that provides member-company drivers with an opportunity to demonstrate their professionalism and skills in a fun and competitive environment. This year we had a total of 483 drivers competing in nine categories during the three respective regional TDC events, with the nine winners from the State Finals moving on to the American Trucking Associations' National Truck Driving Championships in Orlando, Florida, August 9 - 13.

The following individuals will be representing the CTA and their respective companies at the ATA event: Alfonso Saavedra – Con-way Freight (3-Axle Division); Michael Sorenson – ABF (4-Axle Division); Dale Duncan – Con-way Freight (5-Axle Division); Andrew Bringazi – Con-way Freight (Flatbed Division); Troy Astrande – FedEx Express (Package Van Division); Ernesto Torres – Covenant Transport (Sleeper Division); Paul Phillips – Con-way Freight (Straight Truck Division); Sebastian Mora – Williams Tank Lines (Tanker Truck Division); and Gary Martin – FedEx Ground (Twins Division).

Congratulations to each of you! The entire CTA family wishes you the best in Florida next month. In addition, I would like to also congratulate the top three finishers in every category at each of the regional events, as well as all of the drivers that came out to compete with the best. The collective group of drivers represents some of the safest and most respected drivers in the state. Thank you all for coming out and competing with your peers from around the state.

Of, course, none of this would be possible without the team effort of many hard working volunteers, generous sponsors, equipment donors, as well as CTA members and staffers who worked all of the events including Rich Leimbach and Jude Palank, both of whom managed and organized all of the programs.

On behalf of the entire CTA membership, I would like to extend a hearty and gracious 'thank you' to each of the following sponsors: J.J. Keller & Associates, Con-way Freight, Plastic Express, Golden State Foods, KKW Trucking, The Gilbert Company, CTP Transport, Ventura Transfer Company, Safeway, Wabash National Trailer Centers, Ruan Transportation, YRC, ABF, Walmart Transportation, CTA Fuel, The Dependable

Companies, Kamps Propane, Covenant Transport, Inc., FedEx and Mountain Valley Express.

Also deserving recognition are each of the volunteers who spent long days out on the course scoring drivers as they made their way around the course. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort that each of you shared with us to help make this event a success. I would ask that the volunteer coordinators for each of the regional events please extend our thanks to those individuals and groups such as the local Boy Scouts of America troops, who also played an important role in assisting us at the various events as well.



Al Garcia
2011 CTA President

Of, course, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank each and every member company for your continued support of this very important event, as well as your continued commitment

and efforts with respect to safe driving, driver training and compliance. Thank you for supporting each event by setting up banners, tents, catered food and encouraging fellow employees of the drivers to come out to support their efforts.

I thank the many family members and friends who also came out to show their support for the drivers.

Many thanks also to the members of the California Highway Patrol, who came out to judge the Pre-Trip portion of the Finals competition.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank all of the mechanics and technicians that came out to compete in the Super Technician event that was held at the Santa Anita Park, in Arcadia during the Southern California TDC. Thanks to the many volunteers, judges and sponsors such as Los Angeles Freightliner, who donated the power equipment used for this competition. The collective roles of these outstanding individuals help keep our trucks on the road and our drivers safe every day.

The Truck Driving Championships is one of the key CTA annual events and it is by the collective efforts of all that help make it a continued success.

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