



STS / STEPS TO SAFETY!

Weekly Newsletter

Payroll 09/26/2014

Happy Anniversary

Tim Britt 09/22/08 - 6 years

Mike Broehm 09/25/13 - 1 year

Happy Birthday

Joe Buck 09/21

Robert Burney 09/22

Walter Rawls 09/22

James Deaton 09/26

Weekend On-Call Schedule

This week the on call personnel are as follows:

Anita Cook – Breakdown

Marty Jacoby – Operations

August Safety Lottery

Congrats to Harold McClendon the winner of our August Safety Lottery!!! Please congratulate him if you see him. Don't forget in order to be eligible for the safety lottery you must have at least 6000 miles for the month, no preventable accidents or injuries, no log violations, no roadside inspection violations, no preventable cargo claims, and no traffic violations. We had 47 eligible drivers for August! Good Luck ☺



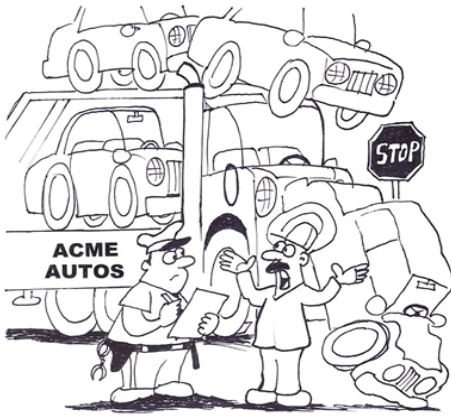
We would like to say THANK YOU to all who joined us for our Family Day & Recruiting Event in Greeneville, TN! Stories of the good old days in trucking, balloon chases and romps through the Choo Choo Tunnel kept everyone entertained. CONGRATULATIONS goes out to those who won CA\$H Door Prizes; Tom Gray, Dan Inman, Brian Malone, Earl Riddle & Jerry White.

Missed the events in Canton, MS & Greeneville, TN? Then try to join us at either of the two events planned soon. All STS employees and their families are encouraged to attend. The events will include fun for the kids, snow cone machines, music, cash prize drawings and great food.

Know of potential driver candidates??? Invite them to attend or tag along. Recruiting staff will be on hand to answer any questions they may have.

September 27th – join us in Smyrna from 11a-2p at the STS yard

October 25th – join us in Camden, TN from 11A-2P at the Bank of Camden Community Center



I swear that car came from out of nowhere!

TO CHANGE, OR NOT TO CHANGE...THAT IS THE QUESTION

Much of the driving done by commercial vehicle drivers is on multilane, limited access highways. Every time you change lanes in any vehicle, but especially a CMV your risk goes up; sometimes a lot, sometimes only slightly but the risk factor does increase. *So with that said, a good guideline would be look for a place to stay instead of a place to go. Anything you do to lessen the number of times you have to change lanes, in any setting, the less risk you have.* Drivers who constantly change from one lane to another thinking they are going to get some advantage or thinking they will get there quicker often end up right

beside you at the next traffic light or the next exit. They have increased their risk with every lane change and probably increased their stress level and the stress level of everyone around them. Lane change collisions usually involve another vehicle and they have a high incident of injury and serious property damage.

Certainly there are times when lane changes are appropriate and necessary and it is important that you remember these tips. *As in a passing maneuver, ask these three questions; is it safe, is it legal, is it necessary? If you can answer yes to all three then a lane change might be in order.* Keep in mind that in a lane change you can be involved in a sideswipe collision, a run off the road collision or a collision in which you might force someone off the road or out of their lane into the path of another vehicle. If a lane change is indicated check the lane that you are moving into to make certain it is clear. Signal your intentions well in advance, Check your mirrors and blind spots and use the lean and look method to get a better look at what is going on around you. Don't concentrate so intently on your mirrors that you forget about the vehicle directly in front of you. Make the lane change smoothly and never tailgate another vehicle when changing lanes or awaiting clearance to pass. After you make the move, keep watching all the areas around your vehicle, maintain a safe speed and of course cancel your turn signal. Now it took a lot longer to read this procedure than it does to make a lane change at highway speeds but we need to think about what we are doing behind the wheel and if our procedures have gotten a little "rusty" we need to polish them up and get better at these maneuvers. Remember that "improper or erratic lane change" is considered a serious traffic violation.

Lane change accidents are almost always preventable on someone's part. You are the professional and know the risks and what to do to deal with them. Drive to stay alive!

Who's Who at STS



Mike Harper- Mike joined STS 3 weeks ago as a daily dedicated Nissan driver in truck D1321 out of Dalton GA. He currently runs 2 Dalton GA to Smyrna TN roundtrips each day and is on James' fleet. Mike has lived with his wife Jennifer at his current home in Dalton for the last 17years. They have one son Sydney who is 16yrs old. Mike attended Southeast High School and also is certified in Leadership. Mike has driven Dry Vans, Reefers, Flatbeds and tankers over the last 6 years and has had several safety bonuses and safe driving awards.

Previously, Mike worked as an OTR driver and decided to come off the road so he joined STS as local driver. In his spare time Mike enjoys camping, fishing and watching racing and football. He also enjoys

country music and his favorite artists are Jason Aldean and George Strait. He also enjoys cooking out with friends. Let's all welcome Mike to the STS family.