



From our place to yours!

**Annual Open Enrollment
for Health Insurance**

October 26 – November 30, 2018

If you are not on the plan, now is the time to add yourself or dependents. Stop by the office and visit with Cecile.

Happy November Birthdays!

- Dakota R - 6th
- Kyle S - 8th
- Jose P - 16th
- Slade S - 23rd
- Glen B - 29th



Locate and check the paperwork in your truck. There must be 4 things:



- Texas Apportioned License Cab Card
- Auto Liability Insurance Card
- Insurance Cab Card Certificate 5509
- IFTA Certificate

These binders, or folders, must be presentable when requested by inspection officials. If something is missing, or has expired, come see me.

The Electronic Logging Device (ELD) rule went fully into effect April 1, 2018 and has since been making positive strides in the transportation industry. The rule enforces drivers who are required to log Hours of Service (HOS) records of duty status (RODS) to use an ELD. According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), since going into effect, “less than 1% (4,720) of all driver inspections (559,940) have resulted in the driver being cited for operating without a required ELD or grandfathered Automatic On-Board Recording Device (AOBRD).” Following its initial soft roll out in December 2017 where drivers had the time to acclimate to ELDs without a full enforcement, the ELD mandate showed violation rates dropped significantly from 1.19% in December to 0.83% in January. Another significant drop, down to 0.69%, occurred once the hard deadline went into effect in April.

Phillip had been in St. Mark’s Hospital for 2 weeks, slipping in and out of a coma. Ruby sat beside him the whole time. Phillip opened his eyes and whispered, “Ruby”.

“Yes Phillip, I’m right here”, Ruby said and leaned in closer. “Ruby, you are a good woman. Here I am, near death, and I open my eyes and there you are”, Phillip whispered.

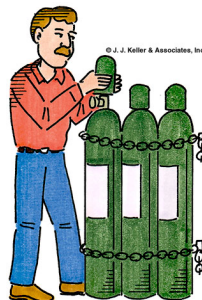
“Of course I am here Phillip,” Ruby said. “When I got burned at the refinery, you were there for me – you are a good woman”, Phillip said.



“Of course I was there Phillip”, Ruby whispered. “And when I got shot hog hunting, you were there to take care of me – you are a good woman,” Phillip said.

“Of course I was there Phillip”. And when I slipped on the pier and broke my leg, you were there for me – you are a good woman”, Phillip whispered.

“Of course I was there Phillip”, she said. “You’re a good woman – the best”, Phillip said, “But Ruby, I’m beginning to think you are just plain bad luck”.



Gas and oxygen bottles need to be separated. Don’t forget to keep them in their appropriate places and chained or tied, so they won’t fall. The separation is for fire safety and the tying is to keep them from falling over. Knock the valve off of one and we would have a serious problem!



Changing Lanes

Changing lanes rates very high on the causes of vehicle crashes. Value Drive Driving, a Great West Casualty program lists 7 driving techniques that can help prevent such crashes. Picking from the following words, fill in the blanks below.

React, distractions, distance, one, yield, attentive, and speed.

1. Maintain _____ lane.
2. _____ properly to hazards.
3. _____ the right of way.
4. Avoid _____.
5. Maintain proper following _____.
6. Be _____ to the road ahead.
7. Observe proper _____ for road conditions.



Standing at the edge of the lake, Bradley saw a woman flopping about in the deep water. Unable to swim, Bradley screamed for help. A bass fisherman ran up. Bradley said, "My wife is drowning and I can't swim. Please save her. I'll give you a hundred dollars."



The fisherman dove into the water. In ten powerful strokes, he reached the woman, put his arm around her, and swam back to shore. Depositing her at the feet of Bradley, the fisherman said, "Okay, where's my hundred?"

Bradley said, "Look, when I saw her going down for the third time, I thought it was my wife. But this is my mother-in-law."

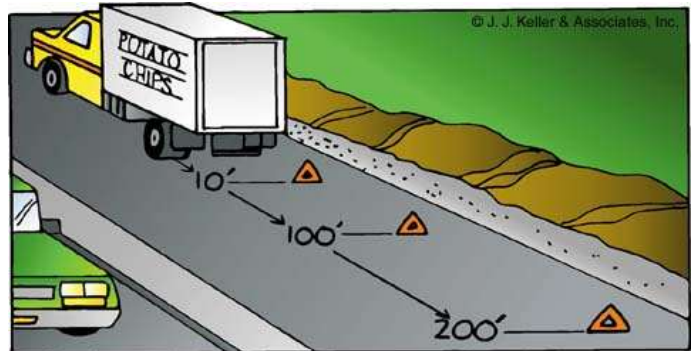
The fisherman reached into his pocket and said, "Just my luck. How much do I owe you?"

Most people wrongly assume that accidents involving big trucks are caused by the truck driver, especially if you watch Saturday or Sunday morning lawyer TV commercials, but the reality is that this is not true. Most accidents are caused by the driver of the other vehicle.

Too often people are timid and frightened to drive around big rigs. Don't be. Truckers are the safest drivers on the road.

Here are a few rules truckers, and four wheelers, should always play by.

- Be patient - Take your time.
- Stay alert - Pay attention and be mindful
- Signal early - Use your turn signal properly
- Be courteous - It goes a long way to consider others on the road
- Pass by promptly - Don't linger beside other vehicles
- Avoid blind spots - Be mindful of your positioning and keep moving
- Leave a cushion - Don't crowd other motorists
- Merge/exit safely - Highway traffic has right of way. Adjust.
- Watch your speed - Use cruise control when it makes sense
- Pull over off the highway - Use the ramp in an emergency
- Pre-trip before you take a road trip - Check your vehicle first
- Leave for your destination early - Rushing causes poor choices and creates more stress.



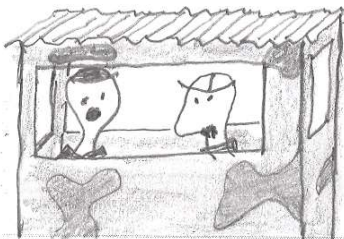
"I shot my First Turkey today,
It sure scare the hell out of
everyone in the
Frozen Food Section!"



Jammer

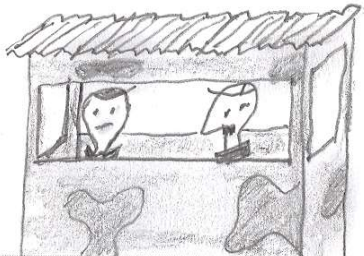
'I ain't never hunted no deer before.'

'Really Jammer? We camo-up, sit in a stand for hours, maybe days. It may be raining or freezing or hot. Butt hurts, and the yellow jackets.....'

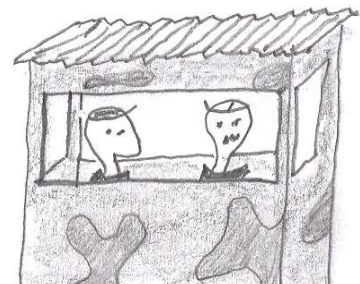


'That don't sound like fun.'

'...and drink beer...'



'I LOVE DEER HUNTING!'



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