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A Message FROM OUR PRESIDENT

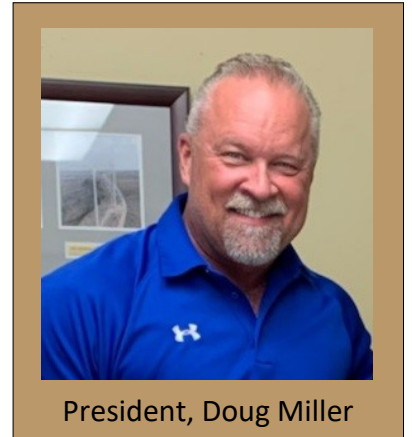
Hello Team! Well, 2021 has now come and gone and we have our sights set on 2022 and the interesting challenges it will throw at us! One thing I can certainly say with confidence is that our team is uniquely capable of facing these challenges, and I know in my heart that we will be successful.

As we venture into 2022, I want to encourage everyone to stay close to our customers and remain attentive to their needs. We never want to give them any reason to question our ability to serve their every transportation, warehousing, and logistics need.

In the current political landscape we find ourselves in, it is difficult to say which markets will take off and be dominant in our industry. For the last three years, our renewable energy sector of business has been very strong. In 2022, we are not seeing that to be the case. However, with an infrastructure bill floating around, our construction equipment customers, such as Caterpillar, are projecting a very strong year. We have recently received awards of additional business and new lanes from both Caterpillar and Carrier Corporation. Likewise, not a day goes by where we do not receive a request for quotes or a contract from a customer wanting to do business with Lone Star!

Handling these opportunities is challenging enough without adding the current driver shortage issue into the mix. That is why I would like to take this opportunity now to remind everyone of the driver referral program and the importance for all of us to recruit professional drivers to fill our trucks. We offer many different opportunities and markets for professional drivers to work in. We have regional, over-the-road and local fleets that will fit just about any driver's needs, and we are constantly thinking of new and more attractive pay methods, as well as opportunities for drivers with varying needs to be met. If you would like to know more about the driver referral program, please see me when you are in the corporate office or talk to your manager for more details. Recruiting quality, safe and professional drivers is a goal and responsibility we all share!

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to address our drivers and the job you do every day. In the recent weeks and months of the current supply chain crisis, there has been more talk than ever before about the need for professional drivers, such as those of you reading this newsletter. I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for choosing Lone Star Transportation as your carrier of choice to drive for. You have lots of options out there, and I could not be happier that you chose to be a part of the Lone Star family and that we are the brand that you ride for! My door is always open to any of you when you come through Fort Worth, and I would love to visit with you when you do. Thank you for all you do to make this company successful! More than anyone, you are the face of Lone Star to our customers, and without you, we cease to exist as a carrier! Thank you for riding for the brand!!



President, Doug Miller

SAFETY ZONE >>>>



Jeff Cooney
Vice President of Safety

Lane changes and turning require TIME, SPACE and VISIBILITY. Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) have large blind spots—those areas around the truck that mirrors do not cover. CMV drivers have to be aware of these blind spots at all times while operating. Space management of a vehicle can change quickly. A clear opportunity for a lane change can quickly change the moment you look away. Turning at intersections presents similar hazards. Turning also requires the driver to ensure the trailer tracks properly and stays in the marked lanes to avoid striking vehicles or property on either side of the trailer. PREVENTION TIPS: The key is seeing and being aware of what is around you. Check your mirrors frequently. Slow down slightly and watch your mirrors to see if a “hidden” vehicle emerges from your

blind spot. Make sure you can see all mirrors from the driver’s seat and set your mirrors to maximize your ability to see what is around you. Evaluate your space before making a lane change—don’t force it—plan ahead to be in the proper lane for an approaching exit or entrance ramp. Signal and make sure traffic around you can see you. Always drive defensively. Defensive driving is a way of operating your vehicle to avoid accidents due to the actions of others. To drive defensively, you should keep a safe following distance, maintain a safe speed and stay alert. Recognizing potentially dangerous situations in advance can allow you to safely maneuver past these situations. Studies show that up to 75% of these accidents can be prevented by “seeing” potential accidents before they happen.



2021 DRIVER OF THE YEAR

We are pleased to announce **Terry Irvin** on being named the Lone Star Transportation 2021 Driver of the Year!

Terry has been with Lone Star since August 30, 2012. He is a level 5 driver and does an outstanding job representing Lone Star Transportation in a professional manner.

When notifying Terry, he replied, “I cannot do this job without all the help from all of our Lone Star staff. It truly is a team effort and I am on the best team there is!”

The Driver of the Year is selected from previously honored Drivers of the Month, who are chosen based on tenure, number of miles and loads run, claims and safety violations, among other criteria.



Terry Irvin

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, wreath-laying ceremonies are carried out at national cemeteries across the country to honor our fallen U.S. veterans.

This year marked our 9th year participating in the event by volunteering our transportation for thousands of boxes full of wreaths from Maine to several national cemetery sites in Texas.

A special thank you to Kyle Gooch, an Army veteran, who has been with Lone Star since 2009, and Johnny Diaz, a Marine veteran, who has been with Lone Star since 2017. Thank you both for your service to this country and your time in transporting this special cargo.

We also want to give a special thank you to Steve Cox for coordinating and planning this event for the past seven years on behalf of Lone Star.



Check out our slideshow featuring more photos on the LST Facebook page!

In Loving Memory



Marianna Bell

July 25, 1954 — October 5, 2021

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Marianna Bell. Marianna was the “face” of Lone Star to all who walked through the front doors of our Fort Worth, TX Corporate office, and the voice to all who called.

Marianna joined the Lone Star family in Abilene, TX as a Fuel Tax Clerk. She worked in that role for several years before becoming our full-time receptionist in 2010. Marianna took her job very seriously, loved her job and took pride in all she did. She took good care of all of us for many, many years and will be dearly missed.



LST DRIVER APPRECIATION EVENTS

Another great year on the books! Lone Star celebrates our drivers and their families at our Annual Driver Appreciation events.

FORT WORTH, TX



LAREDO, TX




SHREVEPORT, LA



SWEETWATER, TX



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The Unified Voice of Texas Trucking

The Texas Trucking Association (TXTA) awarded 34 scholarships totaling \$151,000 to deserving students across the country—all affiliated with TXTA member companies. Lone Star Transportation is extremely proud to announce two of our very own LST family members were a part of the TXTA scholarship recipients!

Join us in congratulating **Katie Boothe**, daughter of Bart Boothe, and **Chase Otto**, son of Gary Otto. Katie is currently attending University of West Florida and Chase is attending Texas A&M University of College Station.

TXTA Foundation was established in 1978 to fund education and research projects for the Texas trucking industry. The Foundation is a non-profit educational, public relations, research and community service organization governed by a Board of Trustees. The mission of this all volunteer organization is to work with TXTA member companies to fund educational and community service programs to enhance the understanding of and image of the Texas trucking industry, with the ultimate goal of positioning trucking as the most vital and necessary industry in Texas.

The 2022-2023 scholarship period opened in January 2022. For more information on the TXTA Foundation Scholarship Program, please visit texastrucking.com/txta-foundation/.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Lone Star Transportation is proud to have partnered with the Cedar Hill Police Department for this year's Diamond Wishes Children's Charity. LST transported a truckload of "haul-i-day" cheer to the Corpus Christi Police Department, granting a wish for toys for children in their community.



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The mission of Diamond Wishes Children's Charity is "Making Dreams and Wishes Become Reality". Diamond Wishes sponsors special needs, severely challenged, terminally ill and underprivileged children, their families and community outreach charitable organizations.



STRIKE A POSE

Lone Star Transportation loves to showcase our drivers using photos of your truck and your loads, but we can't do it without you! Send us 3-5 photos of your haul and be sure the entire truck and trailer are visible. Include driver name, destination and dimensions. Have fun! Get creative! Be Safe, Snap & Send to Social@LoneStar-LLC.com and you just might be featured in a future newsletter or on our LST Facebook page, where we post daily.



John Heitzman hauling a boiler (featured left) from Alvin, TX to La Porte, TX with loaded dimensions of 110' x 10' 10" x 16' 10" and with a gross weight of 254,000. John has been with Lone Star since March 1999.



Leon Diaz hauling a 1969 and a 1974 model helicopter (featured above) from Olympia, WA to Ozark, AL with loaded dimensions of 12' 6" x 8' 6" x 8' 6" and with a gross weight of 2600. These helicopters will be refurbished, dismantled and rebuilt. Leon has been with Lone Star since February 1997.



Kenneth Cantwell (featured left) and **Clifford Jager** (featured along side Kenneth right above) hauling coolers from Houston, TX to Rankin, TX with loaded dimensions of 26' 3" x 15' 6" x 18' 6" and with a gross weight of 35,000. Kenneth has been with Lone Star since January 2005 and Clifford has been with Lone Star since September 2009.



Albert Elizando and crew hauling 80 meter blades, (featured right) the first of their kind to ever be moved in the U.S. Lone Star designed and purchased special Schnabel Dollies to have these blades transported from Slaton, TX to Truscott, TX. This project included 135 blades. Loaded dimensions of 317' x 14' x 14' and with a gross weight of 147,200. Albert has been with Lone Star since May 2012. Check out our video featuring this haul on the LST Facebook page!

Congratulations

Michelle Carpenter (Accounting Admin, Fort Worth, TX) on the marriage of her daughter Elizabeth on August 1, 2021. *(Photo below top left.)*

Johnny Kline (Govt Freight Liaison, Springfield, MO) on the adoption of Cooper. Cooper joined his forever family on September 24, 2021. *(Photo below top center.)*

Amy Pulaski (Staff Accountant, Abilene, TX) on the birth of her granddaughter, Remi Mae, born on September 28, 2021. She weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 20" long. *(Photo below top right.)*

Angie Blevins (Safety/Compliance Clerk, Gainesville, TX) on the birth of her grandson, Bennett Giles Andrews, born on November 11, 2021. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. *(Photo below bottom left.)*

Nicole Smith (Payroll Specialist, Fort Worth, TX) on celebrating her 20th wedding anniversary with husband Jermaine on January 12, 2022. *(Photo below bottom center.)*

Jerry Ward (Dispatcher, Memphis, TN) on the recent engagement of his daughter, Payton Ward, to Chris Wathen. *(Photo below bottom right.)*



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Lone Star Transportation loves to brag on our professional drivers and it gives us great pleasure to applaud and congratulate all who are recognized for demonstrating their dedication, professionalism and standard of excellence.

If you have any recent accolades or compliments that have been sent your way, please forward to **Social@LoneStar-LLC.com**. We would



THAT THERE SIR IS THE ATTITUDE OF SUCCESS

The team [John Woolf] you sent to deliver my bade did outstanding work. Without a doubt their diligence was essential to us being able to operate. You can send these guys down to deliver our blades anytime. If there is anything I can do to thank this team please let me know. Lastly just to quote this team " We came down to deliver this blade and that's what we're going to do" That there Sir is the attitude of success. The icing on the cake was their extremely safe sided. Safety and excellence does not always come in these environments. Thanks again - Wind Project Site Manager



In Loving Memory



Mark Highbaugh

March 15, 1977 — January 31, 2022



Rolando Martinez

February 28, 1960 — February 8, 2022