

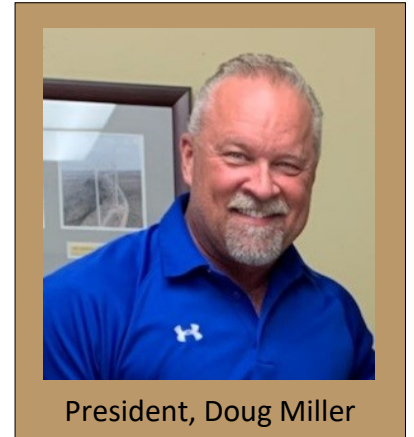


THE LONE STAR DISPATCH

THE GOLD STAR STANDARD

SUMMER 2022 ISSUE

A Message FROM OUR PRESIDENT



President, Doug Miller

Hello Team! We are well into 2022 and as I write this, pre-season football is about to begin and we are looking at the last few months of 2022. It is unbelievable how fast this year has gone by! As fast as it's gone by, it has been a successful year for us and much better than we thought it would be at the beginning of this year. Despite the issues we hear about daily in our

society, the trucking industry has done what we always do: continue to deliver goods & services to the U.S. and keeping the country fed, clothed, housed, and moving. As we look toward the last few months the year, I want to remind everyone to stay focused on controlling our costs, staying close to our customers, and providing excellent customer service.

This year, much like the previous two, we have managed to survive despite all things stacked against us; near double-digit inflation, fuel prices higher than ever seen in history, and the lingering COVID virus! All of this is a testament to the loyalty of our customers, and the customer service that everyone reading this provides every day! I thank each of you for everything you do each day to make Lone Star the premier carrier and logistics provider that we are in the industry.

As we go into the fall and winter, my hope is to get back out to our driver appreciation events and other activities that come around this time of year. I look forward to meeting many of you in the months to come. In the meantime, I would like to thank you for all you do, and I ask that you continue to do your best for this company and for our customers!

In closing, I always like to take this opportunity to address our drivers and the job you do every day. Myself and our management team are keenly aware that you have a choice in the carrier you drive for, and I personally thank each and every one of you for choosing Lone Star Transportation as your carrier of choice to drive for and represent. 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. Thank you for all you do to make this company successful! YOU are the face of Lone Star to our customers, and without you, we would cease to exist as a carrier! Thank you for riding for the brand!



SAFETY ZONE >>>>



Jeff Cooney
Vice President of Safety

Distracted Driving

According to research conducted by AAA, drivers make 100 decisions per mile driven. This is why your full, undivided attention is required. You must maintain 100% attention in order to safely control your truck and respond to events happening on the road around you. Taking your eyes off the road or allowing your mind to wander, even for a few seconds, can lead to a disaster very quickly. Types of driver distractions you should try your best avoid include:

VISUAL: Anything that takes your eyes away from the road, such as billboards, street signs, your passengers or your cellphone.

AUDITORY: Noises that affect your ability to hear and take away your attention from the road, such as music or talking on the phone.

MANUAL: Removing your hand(s) from the wheel to accomplish other tasks, such as eating, texting or searching for items in the front or back seats.

COGNITIVE: Something that takes your focus off driving, such as a conversation, emotions or fatigue.

Fatigue can also be a factor in distracted driving by allowing your mind to wander and not staying focused on the task at hand. Make certain you are well rested before each duty shift. Lastly, each day should start with a plan. Know and understand your intended route, where you will stop for fuel, meals, inspections, and other tasks throughout your duty shift. By planning ahead, you will not be preoccupied trying to figure things out as you are driving.



Our Group One team had the honor of transporting six Memphis Police Department motorcycles to and from Washington, D.C. for the memorial of a fallen officer. Police Officer Scotty Triplett was killed in the line of duty when an oncoming car disregarded his emergency equipment and pulled out in front of his motor vehicle. Officer Triplett served with the Memphis Police Department for 27 years.



We are extremely proud of our Group One family and all who so graciously came together in time of need. A special thank you to **Jason Armstrong**, Professional Driver, **Brad Stokes**, Memphis Terminal Manager and **James Hester**, Vice President of Operations for overseeing this special project.





Our Group One team were hard at work hosting the 2022 Yamaha Dealer Demo Motorcycle Show in Shawnee, KS.

Many of the Group One team members were able to attend. From left to right, **Ralph Gardner**, Professional Driver, **Cynthia Rodriguez**, Dispatcher, **Aubrey Curtis**,



Recruiter, **Felix Anzola**, Driver Trainer, and of course the good looking one of the guys, **Tommy Carroll**, Terminal Manager!

Group One has an exclusive contract with Yamaha. We safely transport their show equipment across the country and support however needed. - *Article written by Tommy Carroll*



SMOOTH & COOL OPERATORS

Along with Professional Driver, *Smooth & Cool Operators* is how you could describe **Leon Diaz (350058)** and **Jonathon Robbins (350012)**! Staying cool, calm and collected as they delivered these 57,000 pound coolers, hauled from Beasley, TX to East Waterford, PA. This project included eight coolers with loaded dimensions of 42' L x 15' 2" W x 10' H.



Want your truck/haul showcased? Send us 3 - 5 photos of yours and you could be featured in an upcoming newsletter or social media post!

Mother's Day

DELIVERING A LITTLE LOVE

We appreciate all the sacrifices that not only our drivers make, but also their families must make while they are out on the road. As a token of our appreciation, LST once again assisted our drivers with delivering and "planting" a little love on Mother's Day!

I first would like to thank everyone involved with doing this for the drivers. It's things like this that makes this company stand out from any other employer. - **Darren Jackson, Professional Driver, Lone Star**

This is so unique in this industry & to me! I'm very thankful for the opportunity to be here, - **Patrick Burke, Professional Driver, Group One**



ELECTRIFYING

Professional Drivers **Ezell Minton** and **Rusty Poehls** are "ELECTRIFYING" as they transport this electrical building from Houston, TX to Freeport, TX. Dimensions were 137' L x 19' W x 18' H, weighing 350,000 lbs.



Check out our video featuring this haul on the LST Facebook page!

TRANSFORMER

Lone Star Transportation has a long standing of transforming the over-dimensional industry, moving cargo no matter its shape, size, origin or destination. Professional Driver, **John Heitzman (900558)** represents just one of many deliveries in our Houston market, as he transports this transformer from Houston, TX to Baytown TX. Dimensions were 23' L x 17' W x 17' H, weighing 155,000 lbs.



Want your truck/haul showcased? Send us 3 - 5 photos of yours and you could be featured in an upcoming newsletter or social media post!

Congratulations

Jason Guill (Professional Driver, 500957) on the birth of his daughter, Emersyn Katherine, born on March 14, 2022. She weighed 5 pounds 5 ounces and was 17.75" long. *(Photo below top left.)*

Billy Matts (Professional Driver, 240003) on the birth of his granddaughter, Marleigh James Dover, born on April 5, 2022. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces. *(Photo below top middle.)*

Kristen Vaughn (Driver Manager, Fort Worth, TX) on the birth of her granddaughter, Addisyn Mae Shoemaker, born on April 20, 2022. She weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 21" long. *(Photo below top right.)*

Kristi Williams (VP-CFO, Fort Worth, TX) on the graduation of her son, Matthew Cheek, from VR Eaton High School. Matthew is heading to Texas State University this fall to study Political Science on their pre-law track. *(Photo below bottom left.)*

James Ide (Customer Service Representative, Lafayette, IN) on saying "Yes!" to the address, and the purchase of his first house. *(Photo below bottom right.)*



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Whether you use a camera, smartphone, iPad or drone, we want you to park it, snap it or record it, and then share it!



Any time, day or night you can inbox your media through Facebook or email to social@lonestar-llc.com and your media just might be featured in a future post or company newsletter!



Have fun, get creative, and always remember safety first!

KUDOS KORNER

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 love to feature them in an upcoming newsletter.



HE SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO

*On Friday, August 5th "Comanche" (900746) arrived at Houston Terminal around 3:00 p.m. to retrieve a few pallets of fire brick destined back to Tulsa terminal. My local driver **Martin (90011)** was out on another project. The pallets needed to be transferred to the DD trailer that 900746 had. About that same time, **Richard Martinez (320027)** arrived on the yard to drop a trailer and I asked him to assist Comanche in the transfer which he said he would be glad to do.*



Richard Martinez

Around 5:30 p.m., Richard called me to advise that the forklift had broken a hose and they still had three pallets to go. So, only choice was now to wait until Monday.

On Saturday around noon, I received a text from Richard advising that they had the driver reloaded and about to head back to Tulsa - as they restacked the remaining pallets by hand. Richard had taken it on himself to assist the driver as he didn't want him to have to wait until Monday to get home.

*Thank you Richard for the assistance and for volunteering your Saturday morning to help your fellow driver. - **Russell Powers, Houston Terminal Manager***