



THE LONE STAR DISPATCH

THE GOLD STAR STANDARD

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A Message FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Team! As I write this, 2023 is just getting underway. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As we look forward to a new year, I want to highlight some of the accomplishments that all of you were a part of in 2022.

Most importantly, all of you dug in and maintained the level of professionalism needed to guide our customers through a challenging year. The economy has been all over the place and we faced soaring fuel prices that were passed on to our customers. The message is not an easy one to deliver when you must raise your rates. However, all of you who deal directly with our customers had those tough conversations and kept them coming back. Thanks for your professionalism.

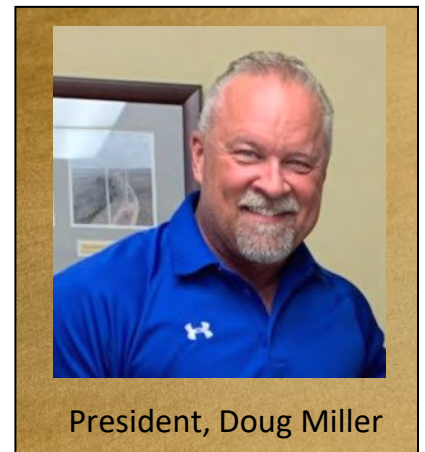
Secondly, we were tasked with a budgeted revenue that in January of last year seemed impossible. However, in true Lone Star fashion, you all stepped up and made it happen, and with the help of the increased fuel surcharge, we exceeded our revenue goal for the year.

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safety in everything you do means more to our well-being than all the freight and revenue we could book. As you all know, without taking care of our customers' freight and the motoring public, we would cease to exist.

While there are many individual and team accomplishments I could cite, I cannot think of any more worthy of note than those mentioned above. Professionalism with our customers, even when delivering a tough message, keeps them coming back. Meeting our goals in revenue and efficiency keeps us viable and our costs reasonable to our customers. Our 'Culture of Safety,' both on the road and in taking care of our customers' freight, keeps them coming back so that the previous two points can exist.

Looking ahead to 2023... (continued on page 8)



President, Doug Miller



Jeff Cooney
Vice President of Safety

SAFETY ZONE >>>>

Pre-Trip Inspection

A good day of operation begins with a thorough pre-trip inspection of your equipment and cargo securement.

FLUID LEVELS: Your pre-trip should begin by pulling the hood and looking at engine components and fluid levels. Crankcase oil level, windshield wiper fluid level, belt condition and tension, signs of oil or exhaust leakage or anything else that looks unusual or out of place is cause for pause and possible attention. A dry or inoperative windshield wiper fluid reservoir is an easy violation on a roadside inspection.

LIGHTING: Check all lighting on your equipment; headlights, marker lamps, clearance lamps, brake and turn signals must all be functional daytime and nighttime. Inoperative lights/lamps is the number one equipment violation noted on roadside enforcement inspections.

TIRES: Begin your walk around with close examination of your tires. Look for uneven wear patterns, overall tread depth and air pressure. The number one reason for tire failure is low tire pressure, particularly during the hotter months. Look at your wheel lugs for any sign of looseness or oil leakage/weepage from the hub.

BRAKES: To the extent you can, look at your brake components. Any sign of a wheel seal leaking is a potential inoperative brake. Also listen for any audible air loss with the system charged. While it is difficult to measure pushrod movement by yourself and normally not an issue with automatic slack adjusters, you should still do a visual of the slack adjuster looking for anything unusual.

Take a look at your fifth wheel connection to make certain nothing has been tampered with while on your rest period and that the jaws are properly engaged around the pin.

TIE DOWN DEVICES: Tie down devices should be examined for damage such as cut or frayed straps or chains with bent or elongated links. Damaged tiedown devices should be replaced. Do an overall visual of your equipment and load. This is exactly what enforcement will do as you enter a POE or scale.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL: Does your equipment look clean (when weather conditions allow) and presentable or is it filthy and looking like it's in need of attention? The latter will nearly guarantee you get to spend some time stopped for an enforcement inspection.



The Group One team has had the privilege of helping Yamaha Motor Corporation haul, coordinate, set-up and manage their display for the LA Auto Show for over 2 decades.



The Los Angeles Auto Show is one of the most influential and best-attended auto shows globally, spanning more than 1,000,000 square feet. Hundreds of thousands of car shoppers, enthusiasts, and auto fans come together for the nation’s largest future-of-mobility event.

Travis Buser (Group One, Kansas City, MO) and the Yamaha team lead the efforts, working year-round planning for this event, which lasts nearly 3 weeks.

Stay tuned as we showcase many more amazing projects and events coordinated by our elite Group One team in upcoming newsletters and on our Lone Star Transportation Facebook page.





Troy "TL" Phillips (8294)
Tesla Crane Girder
Beggs, OK to Austin, TX.
Dimensions: 112' L x 8' W x 7' H
65,000 pounds

SEND US YOUR MEDIA! Lone Star Transportation loves to brag on our drivers, but we can't do it without you! We need your photos, dash cam video and drone footage to showcase your truck, your loads and your spectacular views. Send your media 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.

LST Deerfield Wind Project. Photo courtesy of Arturus Espaillat of Atlas Pathfinder, Portland, OR (featured below)



Allen Jones (90013) hauling these ventilation units from Springfield, MO to Brunswick, GA with weight of 7,474 pounds (featured below)



John Heitzman (900558) hauling this convection box with loaded dimensions of 158' L x 10' W x 16' 2" H and weight of 248,000 pounds (featured below)



Kenny Brazeal (6446) hauling this drill to Brunswick, GA with loaded dimensions of 118' L x 13' 10" W x 15' 6" H and weight of 172,000 pounds (featured below)



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A Lone Star Christmas



A total of \$250,000 in toys and relief goods delivered!

Lone Star Transportation is proud to have partnered with the Florida police departments of Davie, Sunrise, Plantation City and Coral Springs, as well as the management team of Five Below retail store, for this year's Diamond Wishes Children's Charity event.

LST transported a truckload of haul-iday cheer, granting a wish for children in their communities, especially those hard hit by the hurricanes in early 2022.

Check out more photos from this community outreach event on the LST Facebook page!



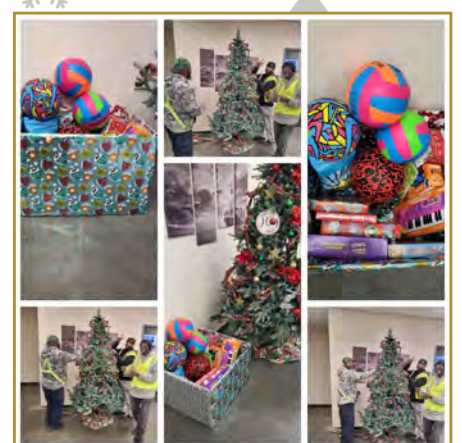
A HUGE shout out to our **Group One** team for going above and beyond with their own resources to give one family a better holiday. This team had everything bought from their wish list, and beyond, in a matter of days!

"My heart is full, my team is amazing!" - Brendan Whisenant, General Manager, Kansas City, MO



T was the night before Christmas and our **LST Logistics Savannah** family were all warm and cozy, preparing gifts so nice!

Check out more photos from this LST Logistics Christmas celebration on the LST Facebook page!



SOCIAL SCENE

Lone Star Holly Jolly Christmas



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Merry & Bright!



The most wonderful time of the year!



Check out our slideshows featuring more photos from each of these events on the LST Facebook page!

Congratulations

Nicole Bishop (Recruiting Manager, Fort Worth, TX) on the marriage of her daughter, Madison, to PRCA bull rider Gavin Michel in October 2022. (A)

Donna Foster (Director of Human Resources, Fort Worth, TX) on her daughter, Daralyn, graduating from Stephen F. Austin with her Bachelor of Science in Health Science. (B)

Aubrey Curtis (Office Manager, Kansas City, MO) and husband, Andrew, on expecting their first baby. It's a girl! (C)

Gary Otto (Equipment Manager, Gainesville, TX) on his son, Chase Otto, who has been accepted to Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine. (D)

Doug Wyatt (Professional Driver, Springfield, MO) on celebrating his 44th wedding anniversary with wife Barbara. (E)

Cathy Shaw (HR Manager, Fort Worth, TX) on the birth of her granddaughter, Lilyana Rose, born on January 17, 2023. She weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces. (F)

Kristy Swaim (Settlements Clerk, Fort Worth, TX) on her daughter, Sorsha, heading to state to present a bill for Junior Youth & Government that was passed in the Texas House. Sorsha was also awarded the Distinguished Delegate award and the Leader of her club award. (G)

Laura Rodehan (IT System Specialist, IN) on her daughter, Grace, being accepted to Purdue's College of Agriculture majoring in Farm Management and daughter, Morgan, receiving her Dental Assisting certification. (H)




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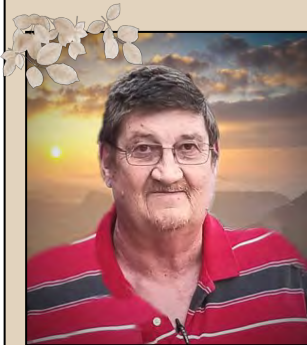
Looking ahead to 2023, we face a confusing economic time in our country. Regardless of the so-called “experts” we listen to, few agree on what the future holds. Many say that the economy will tank in the first 2 quarters and come back in Q3 and Q4. Others say we have weathered the storm and good times are ahead. The noise in the news media is confusing and frustrating when you are trying to chart a course for a company as large as ours. In talking with many of our customers over the last few months, many are optimistic, while some not so much. Many are facing rate challenges in the building industry and have come to us for help. Others in the heavy construction industry see a boom coming. Our wind business, while anticipated to be off this year, has an 8 – 10-year optimistic view that forecasts wind project work will increase, so we are investing in equipment to be ready for it. Despite the disparate outlooks, we must continue to do the things that have made us successful. Focus on our customers and never give them a reason to look elsewhere for their transportation and logistics needs. Operate efficiently and help each other across all our diverse operations. Continue to look for new opportunities to cut costs and increase our market share with and for our customers. For our drivers, we will always need you to ride for the brand and take care of our customers’ freight, with safety as priority one.

In closing, I want to leave everyone with this. In 1988, Lone Star started as an oilfield carrier based in Abilene, Texas. Today, we have grown into a national carrier supporting every facet of transportation from Flatbed, Van, Warehousing & Logistics, Specialty Entertainment, Renewable Energy and so much more. 2023 will mark our 35th anniversary, and we will be doing things throughout the year to celebrate this milestone as a company. So Happy Anniversary to all our Lone Star teammates around the country!

Thank you all for what you do and how professionally that you do it! 

In Loving Memory

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of two LST family members.




Terry White (left) passed away on January 17, 2023. Terry dedicated his career to Lone Star Transportation as an Information Systems Specialist, providing a variety of information support services to all Lone Star employees. Terry would have celebrated his 30th anniversary in March.



David Porter (right) passed away on January 26, 2023. David’s Maintenance expertise, particularly on our heavy haul trailing equipment, was invaluable and he, too, would have celebrated his 30th anniversary in March.

Both Terry and David will be dearly missed.

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