

**R & M Transportation, Inc.**  
**June 2012**  
**Newsletter**



**U.S. Department of Transportation Audit**

On 5/31/2012 R & M Transportation, Inc. had an audit conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. When audited they found we were in compliance with 49C.F.R. 385.5. We received a rating of SATISFACTORY. In the letter we received they stated that they appreciated our efforts toward promoting motor carrier safety throughout the company.

Thank you for your hard work and the learning experience we had with the new electronic log system. The American Trucking Association supports an EOBR mandate based on feedback that shows the technology improves compliance, safety and operating efficiency.

## 2012 Nebraska Truck Driving Championships



(Pictured – Sterling Laloge, Rob Ames, David Shuck and Michael Cocklin)

**Congratulations** to team R & M for the great job they did at the Nebraska Truck Driving Championships. Participating drivers have an accident-free record for at least the past 12 months, and have spent many hours in preparation for this competition. They've studied the latest federal regulations to be ready for the written test. They've sacrificed personal time to practice their driving maneuvers. And most important, they've translated their knowledge and skills into consistently good decisions on the road.

On June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> our drivers competed in a written test, pre-trip inspection, personal interview with Carrier Enforcement and driving competition. In the 5-axle sleeper berth division Michael Cocklin came in 4<sup>th</sup> and Sterling Laloge came in 5<sup>th</sup> with a margin of only 2 points. David Shuck competed in the flatbed division and did a wonderful job also.

## July 2012 Nebraska Driver of the Month

Rob Ames, pictured above, was presented with the Nebraska Driver of the Month. This award was given by the Nebraska Trucking Association's Safety Management Council. Rob received a plaque from Nebraska Trucking Association and from the Nebraska State Patrol Carrier Enforcement Division. He received his award at the Truck Driving Championships and offered to be a volunteer.

Rob received this award based on his dedication to the trucking industry, exceptional safe driving record and professionalism.

Congratulations to Rob Ames!

### **Industry Pressing for CSA Changes**

It is likely that changes are ahead for the Compliance Safety Accountability (CSA) program as industry pressure continues to mount. The FMCSA is now getting pushed on all sides, not only from trucking interests but also from brokers and shippers.

The crash accountability remains a top industry concern regarding CSA's Safety Measurement System. When it is clear to the officer and clear from witness statements and the evidence at the scene that it was not the trucker's fault, the agency should remove those incidents from the carrier's crash score automatically. At this point both non-preventable and preventable accidents are listed the same.



### **Safety Vests**

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 all drivers will be required to have their own safety vests at Tyson in Storm Lake, IA. You will need to wear them at all times when you are out of your truck. This does include the bobtail area.

Your vest may be safety yellow or orange and must have reflective tape for vision at night. If you do not have a vest please make arrangements to get one before July 1<sup>st</sup>. The safety department does have a limited supply.



## Safe Driving Awards

5/4 – Terry Richardson – 2 years  
5/8 – Darrell Foote – 2 years  
5/9 – Brian Harding – 4 years  
5/12 – Jimmie Nelson – 2 years  
5/16 – Theodore Snyder – 6 years  
5/17 – Gerald McDonald – 1 year  
5/27 – Anthony Valdez – 1 year  
5/31 – Sterling Laloge – 1 year



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Yancy Johnson the winner of the \$300.00 for April On-Road Inspections.

## June Celebrations

6/17 – Fathers' Day  
6/20 – Summer Begins

