



NATIONAL PRIVATE TRUCK COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OF THE NATIONAL PRIVATE TRUCK COUNCIL



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DRIVER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Four truck drivers who have logged more than a combined 145 years and 16.1 million miles of safe driving were honored by the National Private Truck Council and inducted into the NPTC Driver Hall of Fame during the Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition held April 18-20, 2010, in Cincinnati.

The drivers are from NPTC member companies and have met the minimum qualifications of 20 years, 2 million miles or 50,000 hours of driving without a preventable accident. Many of the drivers have far exceeded these qualifications and are known for having made significant contributions to their industry and their communities. Since its inception, 96 drivers have been installed in the Driver Hall of Fame.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees are:

- **Jerry Lamar Beasley**, Shaw Industries Group Inc., Dalton, GA
- **Richard Kutz**, Kraft Foods Inc., Allentown, PA
- **Isaac Simmons**, CVS Transportation LLC, Knoxville, TN
- **David Solomon**, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., Bandera, TX

NPTC HUMANITARIAN AWARD

In addition, Denis Litalien, a driver with Clifford W. Perham Inc., operating out of Biddeford, ME, received the NPTC Humanitarian Award. The award recognizes those individuals who share an extraordinary commitment to helping others. Litalien has made a lifetime commitment to helping others. Currently, he serves as president and executive director of the Maine Professional Drivers Association, a group he founded more than 20 years ago to promote courtesy, safety and professionalism in the field of truck driving. In addition, he organizes the group to haul bicycles to and from the American Lung Association of Maine's Trek Across Maine, which raised more than \$1.9 million nationally last year and helps to promote healthy air in Maine.

► NPTC 2010 PLAYS TO RAVE REVIEWS

By any measure, the NPTC 2010 Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition in Cincinnati was an outstanding success. Meeting in the wake of struggling economic conditions, the conference attracted 890 total attendees—up almost 10% from our 2009 annual conference.

Anybody in attendance found numerous ways to win. We reached a high-water mark in terms of the quality of the educational programming. Twenty-one individual workshops featured a distinguished faculty of private fleet experts who shared their insights on how best to meet the growing challenges that included fuel management strategies, driver retention, equipment maintenance, and the like.

Attendees also heard keynote speakers—Larry Ahlers of Oldcastle Architectural, Dan Baker, and Kraft Food's Mike Cole—who provided informative and inspirational messages with tremendous take-home value.

In addition, attendees had the opportunity to visit 134 exhibits, a record number, featuring the latest industry products, services and solutions designed to help private fleet managers in their quest to unlock productivity, improve safety and enhance their value proposition.

If you missed it, please make plans to be in Cincinnati at NPTC 2011 next April 17-19.

NPTC RECOGNIZES PRIVATE FLEET PROFESSIONALS

The National Private Truck Council recognized six executives for their impressive contributions to the private fleet community during the group's Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition held April 18-20, 2010, in Cincinnati.

Since 1990, the Private Fleet Professional Leadership Awards have recognized those individuals who have made significant contributions to the National Private Truck Council, their profession, and the private trucking community. The Private Fleet Executive of the Year, NPTC's highest individual award, went to **George Hunter**, director of logistics for Oldcastle/Bonsal American. The Private Fleet Safety Professional of the Year Award went to **Martha Bertrand**, transportation manager for Spartan Stores Inc. The Private Fleet Member of the Year Award was presented to **Dan Norris, CTP**, fleet operations manager for the Pepsi Beverages Co. in the Atlantic Region. This year's Allied Member of the Year Award went to **Dave Helge, CTP**, vice president of maintenance and safety for Idealease of North America. The NPTC Membership Development Award honored **Gayle Robertson**, co-president of BOLT System.

Finally, **Thomas R. Stedman**, formerly of Walgreen Oshkosh, received the Daniel P. Smith Life Achievement Award. This award is given to an individual who has made significant leadership contributions to the NPTC in helping advance the goals and objectives of the Council and whose personal traits of honor, integrity, tenacity, and devotion to duty in making these contributions serve as an exemplary model for future NPTC-member private fleet professionals.

COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars now and reserve your space at the following upcoming events:

NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

September 9-10, 2010, Herndon, VA

2011 CTP ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS DUE

October 1, 2010

2011 CTP EXAM APPLICATIONS DUE

November 15, 2010

NPTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011

April 17-19, 2011, Cincinnati, OH

NPTC RECOGNIZES THE CTP CLASS OF 2010

At the Opening Session of the NPTC's Annual Conference, 43 CTP candidates walked across the stage for graduation. The Class of 2010 included *Fleet Owner*-sponsored CTP Top Graduate Awardee **Eric Kim, CTP**, West Area Regional Fleet Manager for Kraft Foods Inc. Also receiving their designation were: **Greg Angerett, CTP**, Giant Eagle/Talon Logistics Inc.; **Roland H. Bailey, CTP**, Pepsi Beverages Co.; **Paul Battista, CTP**, Valley Proteins; **Val Beasley, CTP**, Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc.; **Erle Bergstrom, Jr., CTP**, Orscheln Farm & Home Inc.; **Lawrence Bongle, CTP**, ConAgra Foods Inc.; **Bryan Boyd, CTP**, Hendrickson; **Kenneth Burroughs, CTP**, Pepsi Beverages Co.; **Amy Catalano, CTP**, Iberdrola USA Management Corp.; **Larry Cook, CTP**, Kellogg Co.; **Redge Cromwell, CTP**, Batesville Logistics; **Brian C. Cypher, CTP**, Talon Logistics Inc.; **Larry Dean, CTP**, NCI Group Inc.; **Kevin Drouin, CTP**, Kellogg Co.; **Billy D'Souza, CTP**, BCT Inc.; **Jim Ebling, CTP**, Mack Trucks Inc.; **Steve Ferrell, CTP**, Pepsi Beverages Co.; **David Gadberry, CTP**, Toyota Quality Parts Express; **Tim Gedig, CTP**, PeopleNet; **John Gillenwater, CTP**, Aurora Logistics; **Nicholas Hillesheim, CTP**, PeopleNet; **Olen W. Hunter, CTP**, Paccar Leasing Co.; **Jake Jacobs, CTP**, Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations; **Brian A. Johnston, CTP**, The Kellogg Co.; **Jonathon A. Kimmelman, CTP**, PeopleNet; **John Krumheuer, CTP**, PeopleNet; **Thomas M. Kure, CTP**, Ideallease of North America; **Jeff Mercado, CTP**, Midwest Express Group; **Beth Morris, CTP**, Aramark Corp.; **Scott Morris, CTP**, Pepsi Beverages Co.; **George R. Palmer, Jr., CTP**, Pepsi Beverages Co.; **Jim Perugini, CTP**, Toys 'R' Us; **Anthony C. Pinto, CTP**, Toys 'R' Us; **Lawrence W. Priebe, Jr., CTP**, Roberts Oxygen Co. Inc.; **Paul Roberson, CTP**, Acadia Insurance Co.; **Jeff Roberts, CTP**, Mack Leasing System Inc.; **William E. Rowland, CTP**, Complete Personal Logistics; **Neil Ruitter, CTP**, Pepsi Beverages Co.; **Marcus K. Taylor, CTP**, Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP; **John Urso, CTP**, McKee Foods Transportation LLC; **Keith Weaver, CTP**, Navistar Inc.; and **Elizabeth Wells, CTP**, Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations.

The CTP Class of 2011 is now forming. For more information, please contact Kristen Todd at ktodd@nptc.org or 703-838-8841.

NPTC ANNOUNCES SAFETY WINNERS

The NPTC/Bridgestone Bandag Tire Solutions Fleet of the Year Awards are presented to those companies whose fleets experienced the lowest ratio of accidents per million miles for the past year. These awards are given for the entire fleet's vehicle accident frequency rate (VAFR) by fleet size and operational category. The winners for 2010 were:

LOCAL OPERATIONS (fleets whose vehicles deliver in a local market regardless of size)

First Place (tie): Dominion Virginia Power Milliken & Company
Shaw Industries Group Inc.
Webster Industries Inc.

REGIONAL OPERATIONS

(Small Fleet – less than 50 vehicles)

First Place (tie): Jerico Services Inc. and Moen Inc.
Third Place: Gates Corp.

REGIONAL OPERATIONS

(Large Fleet – 50 vehicles or more)

First Place: Sherwin Williams/
Contract Transportation System

MIXED OPERATIONS

(Small Fleet – less than 50 vehicles)

First Place: ADM Trucking Inc.
Frito-Lay Inc.
Targa Transport LLC

MIXED OPERATIONS

(Large Fleet – 50 vehicles or more)

First Place: General Nutrition Centers
Second Place: Land O' Lakes Inc.
Third Place: Frito-Lay Inc.

NPTC WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

Rick Foster, CDS, director, Private Fleet Safety for Wal-Mart Transportation LLC in Bentonville, AR, took his seat as chair of the National Private Truck Council at the group's Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition held April 18-20, 2010, in Cincinnati, OH. He succeeds Ron Tartt, CTP, general manager, Private Fleet for Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations.

Gary Strausbaugh, CTP, vice president-transportation for Mennel Milling Co., Fostoria, OH, was elected vice chair/chair-elect. Ralph Benson, president of Sentinel Transportation LLC, was elected secretary. Harry Haney, associate director, logistics operations, Kraft Foods Inc., remains as NPTC treasurer.