



# READER

March 2008



Welcome Aboard!

Jack Beaver	Co. Flatbed Driver
Don Dixon	Co. Flatbed Driver
Bob Dunn	Shop Manager
Pat Durbin	Co. Van Driver
Randy Endicott	Co. Van Driver
Dennis Goestenkers	Co. Van Driver
Matt Kuentzler	Co. Van Driver
Anson Manfro	Co. Van Driver
Neege Nelson	Co. Flatbed Driver
Chris Reynolds	Co. Flatbed Driver
Chris Smith	Shop Mechanic
Frank Stidham	Co. Flatbed Driver
Jason Sutton	Co. Flatbed Driver
David Taber	Co. Flatbed Driver
Kenny Wilmeth	Co. Flatbed Driver

Happy Birthday!

Vince Edwards	Co. Flatbed Driver	3/4
Merle Lovekamp	OO Flatbed Driver	3/9
Luke Armstrong	OO Flatbed Driver	3/12
Dan Wilken	OO Flatbed Driver	3/12
Luis Alvarado	OO Flatbed Driver	3/14
Lentil Smith	Co. Flatbed Driver	3/24
Jerri Riechmann	Office Manager	3/29
Jim Hunter	Co. Flatbed Driver	3/29
Mike Smith	Co. Van Driver	3/29

Welcome Little One!

Congratulations to Flatbed Owner Operator Melvin Griffin & wife Natasha on the birth of their new son!



**Jacob Anthony Griffin**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

8 pounds 7 ounces, 21-1/2" long

Congrats also go out to proud Grandpa Bruce Crump, Flatbed Owner Operator!

## 2007 OVER-THE-ROAD DRIVER OF THE YEAR

*Charlie Lane*

**121,574 Accident Free Miles for the year**

**647,216 Total Accident Free Miles**

**5 Years Accident Free Driving**

**January Driver of the Month**

**Driver of the 2nd Quarter**

**Excellent OTR Driver Trainer**

**5 Years of Dedicated Service**

*Way to go Charlie!*



Charlie Lane and wife Christine

## 2007 LOCAL DRIVER OF THE YEAR

*Darryl "Doc" Eaves*

**1,250 Accident Free Loads**

**7,093 Total Accident Free Loads**

**6 Years Accident Free Driving**

**5 Years of Dedicated Service**

**Exceptional Work Ethic**

*Way to go Doc!*



Darryl "Doc" Eaves and wife Allison

*The Riechmann family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our employees for making 2007 such a great year. You have played an intricate part in helping keep our business up and rolling. We look forward to continuing the great family tradition that Riechmann has become known for in 2008 with you by our sides. Be safe and keep rollin'!*

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## Belated January 2008

Kari Schnelten GC Customer Service 2 years

## March 2008

Keith Fore Co. Flatbed Driver 15 years

N. Rudy Sanchez O/O Flatbed Driver 6 years

Jamie Neer Co. Flatbed Driver 2 years

Billy Cox Co. Flatbed Driver 1 year

Billey McCollum Co. Van Driver 1 year

Bruce Storey Co. Flatbed Driver 1 year

Mike Allen Co. Flatbed Driver 1 year

Tim Werner Co. Flatbed Driver 1 year

Tom Sebastian Co. Van Driver 1 year



## Dispatch Data

- All Owner Operators need to please call Mike at ext. 331 when loaded & empty. This will help keep track of when drivers are going to be ready to reload. We appreciate your cooperation!
- If you are dispatched on a load that is considered a show-up no load make sure you turn in a trip report with the order number on it. This would only be if you went to the place, sat there to load and then they cancelled it. This way billing and payroll have proof of load & can verify the information with dispatch.

## REMINDER

### Safety and Informational Breakfast Meeting

*Saturday, May 3 from 8 am - Noon*

OTR Drivers need to attend one safety meeting & Local/Regional Drivers need to attend two for eligibility for Yearly Safety and Performance Productivity Bonus



## EXPIRING PHYSICALS



These drivers need to see safety & get an appointment set for a physical:

Tom Holsapple	April 13
Merle Lovekamp	April 4
Michael O'Hair	April 20

## SHOP NOTES



*Just a few friendly reminders to help keep the equipment running smoothly...*

- Welcome back to Bob Dunn as the new shop manager. He was previously with Riechmann so he knows our equipment and some of the drivers already. Please be patient as he tries to get comfortable in his new position. Thank you!
- All Owner Operators need to see Danny or Bob in the shop for the DOT Monthly Maintenance and Repair Forms. These need to be filled out and returned to the shop every month. You can fax them in or turn them in with your paperwork.
- Drivers that are dropping empty trailers in the yard need to park them against the fence. Do not drop them in the middle of the yard because that area is designated for over-size loads.
- When you have a problem with your truck or trailer make sure when you are in Granite City you fill out an equipment report. You can get them in the shop office. Then turn them into Bob, Bill or Danny so they can get somebody to fix it. This is a way for us to keep track of repairs that are made on all the equipment. Do not just tell a mechanic that it needs to be fixed because they could get busy and forget to tell someone or forget about and then you will have to wait even longer for the problem to get fixed. Please follow the proper procedure.



## 90-Day Equipment Inspections Due March & April 2008

Luis Alvarez	1070B
Darryl Eaves	1052B
Jim Burns	962B/1017B
Fran Clark	916B
Frank Daugherty	1044B/1093B
Floyd Greene	1000B/1149B
Melvin Griffin	1048B/1079B
Merle Lovekamp	858B/169B
Ron Michael	678B/1147B
Dave Riechmann	1064B
Paul Utterback	988B/1033B/1061B
Orlando Vasquez	1046B
Ernest Walker	1022B

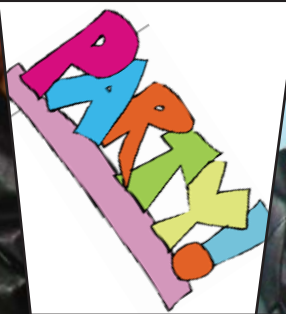
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Thanks to everyone that attended the 2007 Year End Awards Banquet. We hope you all had a great time and look forward to seeing you there next year!

Right: Local Driver Chuck Reynolds and Regional Driver Jim Toia with his wife have a great time during the banquet. Below: New Company Van Drivers Dennis Goestenkers, Pat Durbin with wife Vera and Randy Endicott with his wife.



Pictured above: Jazz Davis and his wife posing for a snapshot. Above right: Traci Riechmann is showing parts manager, Bill Neer, how to really party! Right: OO Payroll Linda Wahl and Company Payroll Gayle Cruthis are having fun while Bill Neer and Danny Cruthis look on.





Left: Flatbed driver Mike Allen and wife sit and talk with another flatbed driver Steve Buerke and his wife after the awards.

Lower Left: Driver Manager Kari Schnelten presented local driver Chuck Reynolds with a safe driving award.

Lower right: Dispatchers Kari Schnelten and Jessica Riechmann enjoy the banquet before helping to hand out awards.

Below: Company driver Mike Foster boogies with Dave Lundry's daughter.



Above: Dispatcher Don Howell presents Frank Daugherty with a plaque for his years of safe driving.

Right: Kitty Neer, Tammy Riechmann, Jerri Riechmann and Vicky McMillen are really getting down with some help from the music of the DJ.

