



THE BULLETIN

2025 Truck Driving Championship and Fleet Safety Awards

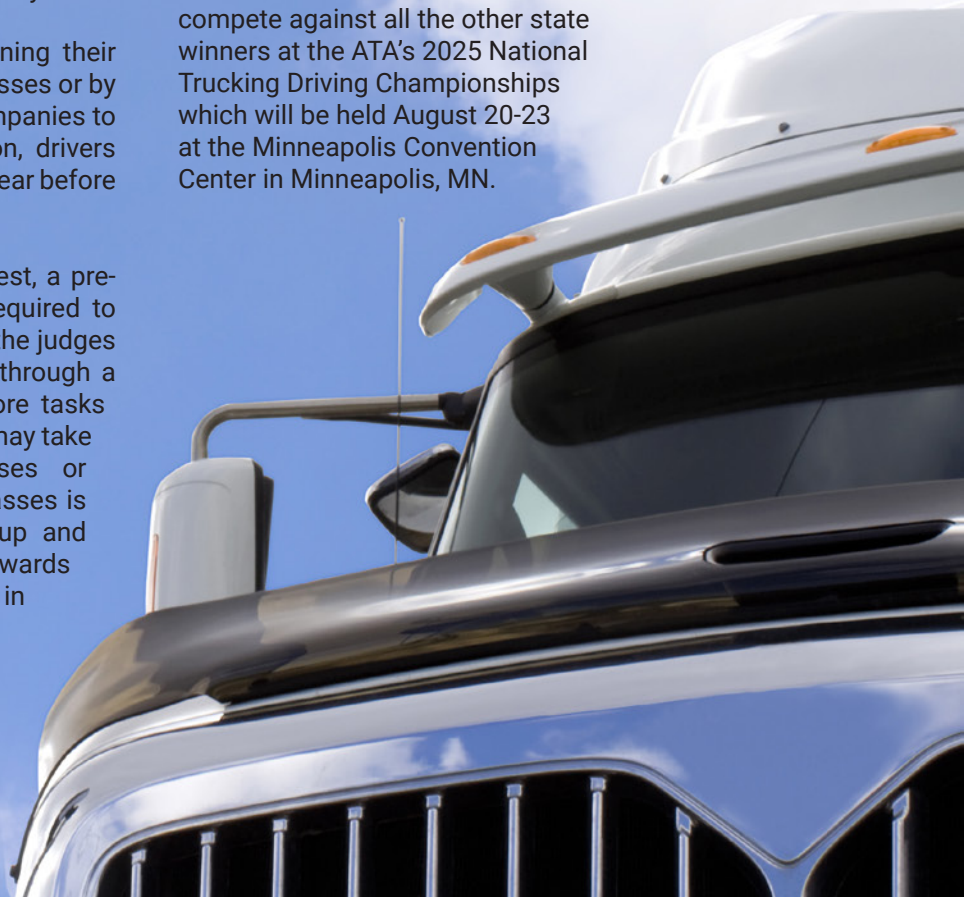
In the spring each year here in Mississippi, drivers from across the state gather to test their mettle, to find out who is the best of the best at the annual Mississippi Trucking Association's Truck Driving Championships on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This year was no exception as the event was held on May 2-3.

Drivers qualify for the TDC by winning their company championships in their classes or by simply being nominated by their companies to compete. To qualify for competition, drivers must be accident-free for the entire year before the competition.

Competition consists of a written test, a pre-trip inspection where drivers are required to find specific defects known only to the judges and driving their specific class rig through a timed obstacle course. Judges score tasks on the basis of specific criteria and may take deductions for incorrect responses or actions. When competition in all classes is completed, the points are tallied up and champions are crowned along with awards for second and third-place winners in each class. The champions in each class then compete for the top honor: Grand Champion. The Grand Champion is the driver with the highest overall score no matter what class. A Rookie of the Year

award is also presented to the top scoring driver competing for the first time. The nine competition classes are Straight Truck, 3-Axle, 4-Axle, 5-Axle, Sleeper Berth, Tank Truck, Flatbed, Twin-Trailers and Step Van.

The nine class winners are invited to compete against all the other state winners at the ATA's 2025 National Trucking Driving Championships which will be held August 20-23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, MN.



AND THE WINNERS ARE:



3 AXLE WINNERS

1st – Rodney Davis, FedEx Freight
2nd – Robert Lungrin, Old Dominion Freight Line
3rd – Michael Skinner, FedEx Freight



4 AXLE WINNERS

1st – Stephen Johnson, FedEx Freight
2nd – David Bradford, Old Dominion Freight Line
3rd – Christopher Thibodeau, Total Transportation



5 AXLE WINNERS

1st – Rickey Oliver, Walmart
2nd – James Ward, Total Transportation
3rd – Mitchell Young, FedEx



FLATBED WINNERS

1st – Dewayne Magee, Walmart
2nd – Scott Osborne, FedEx Freight
3rd – Cornell Richardson, Old Dominion Freight Line



SLEEPER BERTH WINNERS

1st – Dennis Middleton, Walmart
2nd – Roland Lea, FedEx Freight
3rd – Dewayne Covington, Walmart



STEPVAN WINNERS

1st – David Fielder, FedEx
2nd – Shelby Carroll, FedEx
3rd – Don Smith, FedEx



STRAIGHT TRUCK WINNERS

1st – Keith Reynaud, Walmart
2nd – Archie Buras, Total Transportation
3rd – Brian Hayworth, FedEx Freight



TANKER WINNERS

1st – Jackie Reed, FedEx Freight
2nd – Calan Turner, Total Transportation
3rd – Jason Ainsworth, Walmart



TWINS WINNERS

1st – Randy Byrd, FedEx Freight
2nd – Wayne Young, FedEx (not pictured)
3rd – Josh Davis, FedEx (not pictured)

AND THE WINNERS ARE:



GRAND CHAMPION WINNER
Rickey Oliver, Walmart



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Bradly Stringer, Ergon Trucking



**TEAM CHAMPIONS –
OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE**
Team: Chayce Bennett, Robert Williams, Billy Vance,
Tori Anderson, Cornell Richardson, Marcus Maxwell,
Joe Kelly, David Bradford, and Robert Lungrin



MTA's DRIVER OF THE YEAR 2025: **DARRYAL WOOLDRIDGE** **FedEx Corporate**

Fifty-three-year-old Darryal Wooldridge, a veteran truck driver, embodies the best, as regards to the truck-driving industry in Mississippi. Darryal has 30 Years of experience in the trucking industry, and has logged over 5.1733 million miles. Along with his regular duties of providing services transporting commerce with FedEx Corporate, Darryal is also a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in his hometown of Mantachie, MS. He currently serves as the Mantachie Assistant Fire Chief and has been a Volunteer Firefighter & EMR for 35 years. He works alongside FEMA, assisting with natural disasters by coordinating the delivery of goods and services to those affected by natural disasters. Darryal also volunteers in his community for the Local EMT Care & Flight Center, where he assists with accidents requiring Life Flight Helicopter transportation from the scene of an accident and volunteers for the "Pay it Forward" Program at local schools, helping kids with Peewee & High School football. Darryal has received numerous awards and recognition from the community & his peers. What sets him apart from others is his consistency and attention to detail in operating safely in everything he does. He continues to show his professionalism throughout his driving career, as well as his community service and involvement. Ultimately, Darryal maintains that no matter what his job is, safety is his top priority, and he always strives to be the best in all he does. Mr. Wooldridge was presented with a crystal truck trophy, courtesy of **Great West Casualty**, and a \$1,000 check from the **MTA Insurance Agency** for his accomplishment!



MTA MILESTONE AWARD/ 2024 NATIONAL TDC GRAND CHAMPION:

JACKIE REED
FedEx Freight

This award was presented to Jackie as an acknowledgement for winning the Grand Champion Award at the 2024 National Truck Driving Championship. Jackie won first place in the Tanker class of the Mississippi TDC in May 2024, then moved on to the National competition conducted in Indianapolis, IN, last August. There, he won the Tanker class and surpassed approximately 450 other state and national competitors to win the title NTDC Grand Champion by having the highest score posted at the 2024 NTDC. This award was a first in Mississippi Truck Driving Championship history.



MTA MILESTONE AWARD: **MIKE GRESHAM** **XPO Logistics**

Mike Gresham's truck-driving career spans 55 years and he currently drives for XPO Logistics. He has accumulated over 7.5 million accident-free miles during his long career. Mr. Gresham was presented with a special plaque by the Mississippi Trucking Association for his extraordinary achievement.



MTA is proud to announce its Fleet Safety Award winners.

The 2025 Mississippi Fleet Safety Contest Awards are awarded to companies based on safety records and mileage for the previous year of 2024.

INTERCITY	.5 TO 2,000,000 MILES
1st Place	Holmes Company of Jackson
2nd Place	New South Express
3rd Place	John Fayard Moving & Warehousing

INTERCITY	OVER 2,000,000 MILES
1st Place	Old Dominion Freight Line
2nd Place	FedEx Freight
3rd Place	FedEx

LOCAL	0 TO 1,000,000 MILES
1st Place	New South Express
2nd Place	Holmes Company of Jackson
3rd Place	John Fayard Moving & Warehousing

LOCAL	OVER 1,000,000 MILES
1st Place	Old Dominion Freight Line
2nd Place	FedEx Freight
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SCENES FROM THE SHOW



Getting Registered



MTA President, Hal Miller, addresses the participants prior to the competition



Orientation



We've Got This!



Concentration



Getting Ready

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Volunteers are Well Prepared!



Pre-Trip Assessment



We Appreciate Our Volunteers!



The Best Cheering Spectators!



Under the Watchful Eye



Waiting Patiently

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Nothing Gets Past These Guys!



In Action!



Faithful Spectators



Assessing the Situation



Running the Course



A Few Storm Clouds Won't Stop Us!

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Making the Turn



Let's Do This!



Precision at Its Best



Passing All the Tests



National Anthem



Proud to Be an American!