



# MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION S A N D E S T I N 2 0 2 5

If you did not attend the 2025 Convention, you truly missed an extraordinary event filled with fellowship, delicious food, captivating entertainment, and inspiring speakers! We had nearly 500 attendees, another record-breaking turnout. A huge thank you to our generous sponsors and everyone who participated in making this year's Convention unforgettable!

SPECIAL BULLETIN  
M T A A N N U A L C O N V E N T I O N

# THE MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION APPRECIATES OUR TOP OLYMPIC SPONSORS



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## SIGNS & BANNERS





**Meetings:** Business Casual     **Receptions:** Casual/Resort Attire

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Sunset Deck
	<i>Dinner on Your Own</i>	

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Fishing the Emerald Coast	Destin Harbor
8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament	The Raven – Sandestin Golf Resort
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	<i>Free Time</i>	
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Coral Ballroom
5:30 – 10:30 p.m.	Kids Night Out	Sandpiper
	<i>Dinner on Your Own</i>	

### FRIDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet <i>Family Invited</i>	Seagars Restaurant
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Trucking Session	Emerald Ballroom
	Welcome — Hal Miller, President	
	Blanks Baldwin, Secretary	
	Dan Horvath, American Trucking Associations — Safety Regulatory Update	
	2025 Milestone Recognition	
	2024 National Truck Driving Grand Champion Recognition	
	2025 Driver of the Year Recognition	
	Lead MTA Presentation	
	CJ Stewart, “Make ’Em Count!”	
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Canvas & Cocktails	Coral Ballroom
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Pool Party/Adult Cornhole Tournament	Spa Pool
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Sponsor Appreciation Reception <i>Carriers and Sponsors Only</i>	Sunset Deck
5:30 – 10:30 p.m.	Kids Night Out	Sandpiper
	<i>Dinner on Your Own</i>	

### SATURDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet <i>Family Invited</i>	Seagars Restaurant
8:30 – 10:15 a.m.	Trucking Industry Update Session	Emerald Ballroom
	Jim Caskey, Vice Chairman	
	Avery Vise, FTR Economic Update	
	SIPP Captive Update	
10:30 – 12:30 p.m.	General Session	Emerald Ballroom
	Craig Savell, Chairman	
	Century Club Recognition and Induction	
	2025-2026 Officers and Directors Introduction	
	Key Note Speaker <i>Family Invited</i>	
	Lonnie Mayne, Founder and CEO of Red Shoes Living, Inc.	
	Announcements, Adjournment	
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Beach Party/Family Sandbuilding/Beach Olympics	Center Beach
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Family Fun Night	Barefoots Deck
10:00 – Midnight	Karaoke	Coral Ballroom

# AGENDA



# RECEPTIONS – WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday afternoon we checked in at the MTA “Olympic Village” and grabbed a complimentary cocktail with our welcome gifts then headed to the Sunset Deck with our friends for the Opening Ceremony **Welcome Reception**, sponsored by **Cummins Sales & Service** and **McGriff**, a Marsh & McLennan Agency.



Artex & Buffalo Services



Truckworx



Thermo King of SE



Green Mountain Transportation



McLeod & Mid South Transportation



Wednesday Night Sponsors



HUB & Cascio Consulting



Corporate Billing



# RECEPTIONS – THURSDAY

We raised our MS Olympic Trucking Flag again to kick off the competitive games at the **Thursday Welcome Reception**, sponsored by **Jackson Truck & Trailer**. We enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails while listening to great music and networking with our fellow MTA members.



Medalists



Tri State & Volvo Financial



Total Transortation of MS



Valvoline Global



MCH Loves Travel & Ergon



Josh Waters Family



Jackson Truck & Trailer – Thursday Night Sponsors



# FISHING EXCURSION

The “**Outta Line**” fishing charter picked up the crew at Destin Harbor to take the “anglers” into the emerald waters of the Gulf of America to see who would take the GOLD in the fishing tournament. Sponsored by **HUB International** and **Total Transportation of MS**, the group had a successful trip and caught their limit!



Jack Sellers with Waters - Gold Medal



Charlie Perkins with HUB - Silver Medal



Josh Sligh with JTT - Bronze Medal



McGoey's with Barriere Construction





# GOLF

It was all sunshine and birdies for the annual MTA Convention Golf Tournament at the Raven Course – Sandestin Golf Resort, sponsored by **Southern States Utility Trailer Sales**.

**Gold Medalist Team / 1st Place:** RJ Williams, Sonny Williams, Tony Brock, Baylor Downs

**Silver Medalist Team / 2nd Place:** Tanner Malone, Scott Swanson, Mike Tew, Jacob Vickers

**Bronze Medalist Team / 3rd Place:** Ben McCreary, Brock Hamilton, Kennedy Miller, Drake Adams

**Longest Drive:** Michael Puig, Dunn Roadbuilders (*not pictured*)

**Closest to the Pin:** Steven Evans, Big Level Trucking





# MEETINGS AND MORE

In the midst of all the fun, we built in some time to learn new things about the industry, celebrate Milestone awards, acknowledge our Driver of the Year, induct two new Century Club members, and recognize the graduating and upcoming Lead MTA classes! MTA meetings always showcase class-act presenters and keynote speakers. Thank you to our speaker sponsors: **Dobbs Peterbilt, Empire/Freightliner/TAG, JJ Keller, KLLM Transport Services, MCH Transportation, Southern Tire Mart, and Valvoline Global.**



Graduating Lead MTA Class



2025-2026 Lead MTA



DOY 2025 – D. Wooldridge



Milestone – M. Gresham



Milestone NTDC 2024 – J. Reed





# MEETINGS AND MORE

We began Friday morning with a delicious Breakfast Buffet, sponsored by **Great West Casualty** and **Thermo King of the Southeast**, and again on Saturday, sponsored by **Eaton Cummins**. On Thursday and Friday evenings, parents were able to drop their kids off at Kids Night Out, sponsored by **Decal Guys**. Friday morning, we offered our Canvas & Cocktails event, sponsored by **Transport Resources**. Our extraordinary Keynote Speaker, Lonnie Mayne, was sponsored by **Tri-State Truck Center**.



2025 Century Club



Massengill Family



Jim Caskey – 2025-2026 MTA Chairman



Lonnie Mayne – Keynote Speaker



# POOL PARTY

After the meetings on Friday, the “games” heated up when we stepped over to the Sunset Deck to cheer on our favorite team in our Annual Cornhole Tournament. Some “athletes” free-styled by the pool while enjoying a frozen drink, cold beverage or ice pop at the pool party, sponsored by **International Motors** and **Waters Truck & Tractor**.

**Gold Medalists / 1st Place Winners and 4-time Champs:** Carter Holmes and Ty Powell

**Silver Medalists / 2nd Place Winners:** Jason Hufford and Luke Stephens

**Bronze Medalists / 3rd Place Winners:** Chris Hill and Luke Kimmel

**First Team Out:** Clifton Van Cleave and Brian Sellers



Cheers to the Waters Team!



4-Time Champs



Top 4 Teams



# BEACH PARTY

Our fun-filled MTA Olympic Beach party, sponsored by **Tri-State Truck Center**, offered something for everyone! We had 120 beach chairs for relaxing, delicious frozen drinks and cold beer to enjoy while Team MTA Olympic “athletes” competed in beach games or joined in the sand building contest.



Best Tan – Gold Medal



Tri-State Truck Center – Beach Party Sponsor



Olympic Winners



# FAMILY FUN NIGHT & KARAOKE

Our Saturday FAMILY FUN NIGHT “Breaking” Party sponsors included: **Artex Risk Solutions**, **Capital Fuel Center**, **Carr, Riggs & Ingram**, **Cummins Drivetrain & Braking**, **FedEx**, **Gallagher Insurance**, **Love’s Travel Stops**, **McLeod Software**, **Midwest Employers Casualty**, **Penske Truck Leasing**, **Pilot Company**, **TrueNorth Companies**, **Trustmark Bank**, and **WEX**. The evening was filled with lots of activities for the entire family! We continued the tradition with our favorite cartoonists, Deano & Victor, sponsored by **Ergon Trucking**, and danced the night away with the *Compozitionz*, sponsored by **Truckworx/Kenworth**. Our Olympic-inspired fireworks show, sponsored by **Empire/TAG/Freightliner** was cancelled, due to unexpected wind conditions to maintain the safety of our guests and Sandestin staff.





# FAMILY FUN NIGHT & KARAOKE

Before we blew out the Olympic Torch Flame, we continued the “games” with our final event, **KARAOKE**, sponsored by **Johnson & Johnson**. Our party “marathoners” brought incredible talent to the stage for a record crowd of spectators.







*save the*  
**DATE**  
**JUNE 3-7**  
**2026**

Plan to bring your family and  
join your MTA friends in 2026 for  
the MTA Annual Convention at the  
Perdido Beach Resort in  
Orange Beach!

