



# THE BULLETIN



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**HAL MILLER**

President, MTA

**2024 is almost behind us and for most in our industry, that is**

**ok!** For many, it has been a challenging year. We are thankful that, even though the economy has not been the most

favorable for our industry, our members have taken a long-term perspective and have continued to support MTA and its efforts. This fact has not escaped us and we are motivated by it.

We have had another successful year starting with a productive legislative session. In late 2023 there were several predatory towing incidents that triggered an immediate need for legislation to protect our industry. We did something that is normally impossible in that we developed, introduced and passed legislation that regulated an industry that had not been regulated before. This type of legislation normally takes 2-3 years but we got it done in one session. Rather than go to the battlefield for this, we enlisted the aid of the very industry we were trying to place some regulatory oversight on and, with the help of the Mississippi Towing Association, we were able to pass landmark legislation to help combat predatory towing practices. This legislation formed a commercial vehicle towing advisory council that has been busy putting flesh on the bones of this new program throughout the year. We are aiming to have this program completed by the year's end and implemented in 2025. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety has been an invaluable partner in making this all happen.

MTA has also watched one plane land, and a rocket ship blast off in that, after 30 plus years, the Mississippi Truck Food and Fuel Self Insured workers comp program came to an end while

simultaneously watching the launch of the new insurance captive, SIPP. While the MTFF served the trucking and food and fuel industries well for many years, the new SIPP will take insurance opportunities to a whole new altitude. Not only will it offer workers comp coverage but other lines as well. We are proud to have partnered with the Petroleum Marketers Association to create this great offering for both industries.

There have been lots of other highlights at MTA this year. We have started our 5th LEAD MTA class and, as have the previous classes, given us much hope for the future of our industry. We had two successful fund-raising golf tournaments to support our Political Action Committee that put us in a strong position to support those candidates that understand and appreciate the value of trucking. Most recently we held our annual skeet shoot raising money for our Foundation. It was a big success with almost 100 shooters participating. This event along with generous contributions from our members gives the Foundation the support it needs to fund many efforts, the most visible being our annual scholarship program. This year we awarded 39 scholarships which brings our total given out to almost 500 since we started the program in 1991. Of course, the 2024 Annual Convention in Orange Beach had almost 500 attendees enjoying education, inspiration and fellowship at the beautiful Perdido Beach Resort. The crowning jewel for MTA was the Truck Driving Championship held this spring with great participation of some of the best drivers in Mississippi competing for the title of champion and boy did we have a champion this year! Our very own Jackie Reed, a professional driver with FedEx Freight from Mississippi, won the National Truck Driving Championship Grand Champion! We couldn't be prouder of this accomplishment.

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**We at MTA can't thank our members enough for allowing our staff to represent you. We recognize the honor bestowed upon us to do so and commit to respect such an important role. We hope you; your staff and your families have a blessed holiday season and a great start to 2025!**

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## UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS

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### SPRING PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT • APRIL 7, 2025

Reunion Golf and Country Club • Madison, MS



### TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 2-3, 2025

Gulfport, MS



### MTA ANNUAL CONVENTION • JUNE 4-8, 2025

Sandestin Hilton • Sandestin, Florida

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### TOUCH A TRUCK

MARCH 28-29, 2025

Trustmark Park • Pearl, MS





# LEADMTA

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS



Lead MTA 2024-2025 had its first meeting in October at the MTA offices in Jackson. We began our time together getting to know one another with introductions and ice-breakers. We learned this is a fun and competitive group! MTA staff gave an overview of the different entities provided by our association and answered any questions the group had. We also heard from Brad White, Executive Director of MDOT, LTC Matt Lott and Maj. Scott Henley with CTED, and Michael Stewart, Division Administrator of FMCSA. There is always something new to learn about the industry!

• JANUARY •

**27-28**

**MTA AT THE  
CAPITOL**  
Jackson, MS

• APRIL •

**28-29**

**LEADERSHIP  
AND ME**  
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**Our next meeting will be in January, where we plan to meet at the Capitol to get an overview of the Legislative Session. Thank you to our Lead MTA Sponsors!**



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# COMPLIANCE CORNER

## What is the Answer? Ask the Expert!

In a continuing effort by the Mississippi Trucking Association to better enhance its membership experience, we are adding this new feature to all future newsletters. Questions in this monthly column are questions presented to MTA the previous month and are being published in hopes that other members may benefit from the information.

### CVSA Brake Safety Week Results

Certified inspectors in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. conducted 16,725 inspections on commercial motor vehicles as part of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) North American Brake Safety Week, Aug. 25-31. Approximately 87% of the commercial motor vehicles inspected did not have out-of-service violations and were deemed safe and permitted to proceed on roadways.

Out of the 16,725 commercial motor vehicle inspections conducted, 2,149 of those vehicles had brake-related out-of-service violations, which is a 12.8% out-of-service rate. A vehicle is placed out of service when critical vehicle inspection items are identified during an inspection as conditions found in the North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria (OOSC). When a vehicle is placed out of service, it is restricted from further travel until all out-of-service violations have been corrected. CVSA's out-of-service criteria identifies critical vehicle inspection items and details the criteria that prohibit a motor carrier or driver from operating a commercial motor vehicle until the violations have been addressed.

Of the 2,149 commercial motor vehicles placed out of service, 1,355 (63.1%) had stand-alone out-of-service brake violations and 217 (10.1%) had steering axle brake out-of-service violations. Also, 1,216 (56.6%) failed the 20% defective brakes criterion, which states that a vehicle is out of service if the

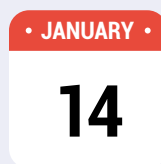
number of defective brakes is equal to or greater than 20% of the service brakes on the vehicle or combination. *Note: a vehicle may have more than one violation type.*

### Question 1: Do you have a knowledgeable person at IFTA that I could contact to ask them something about road taxes?

**Guidance:** Danielle Hughes with MS Department of Finance would be your go to contact. She can be reached via phone at 601-923-7153 or through email at [danielle.hughes@dor.ms.us](mailto:danielle.hughes@dor.ms.us).

### Question 2: Where can I go to find out how any new changes in the Clearinghouse may affect us? What are the changes, if any?

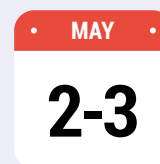
**Guidance:** You can go online to <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/>. Click on the FAQs link or the learning center link for all Clearinghouse Q and A. The only major change to the clearinghouse rules at this time is beginning November 18, 2024 states will start downgrading CDLs for adverse information on a driver's record. Mississippi has been doing this already for some time. I recommend running MVRs on drivers November 19th just to be safe.



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Jackson, MS  
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MS TRUCK  
DRIVING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Gulfport, MS

*Remember that your MTA Safety Department offers complete safety services to assist members to operate safer fleets. MTA's Director of Safety and Compliance, Steve Boudreaux CDS, CSIWCP, offers new safety director training, DOT type compliance reviews, and driver safety meetings, policy and procedure development assistance and many, many more services.*



# MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

## 2024 MTA FALL PAC 4-MAN SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT



### WHAT A GREAT TOURNAMENT!

It was a beautiful day at Annandale Golf Club to play a round of golf! We had 28 teams and 111 players. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come out and support the MTA PAC!

### WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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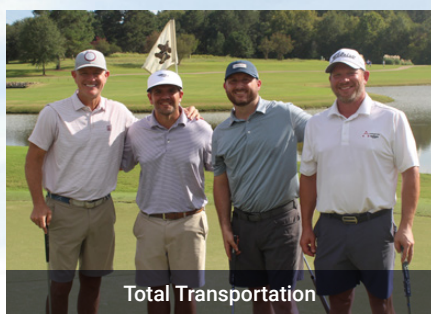
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
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## THANK YOU, SPONSORS! WE APPRECIATE YOU!

On Thursday, November 7, we had our annual Skeet for Scholarships which was held at Providence Hill Sporting Club in Jackson, Mississippi.

**It was a beautiful day with 93 shooters! Everyone enjoyed the shoot.** This is such a special event because all of the money raised goes directly to the students of the trucking industry to help further their education.

**Thank you to our shooters, sponsors and trappers.**





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