



Fort Report



September 2016

September's Hot Topic - Driver Appreciation Week

From Erin Schuette, Director of Recruiting & Retention

September hosts the annual ATA Driver Appreciation Week from the 11th through the 17th. Fort Transfer wants to take this opportunity to thank our drivers and their families at home who support them. To kick off the celebration we will be hosting the first of 2 award banquets in Peoria, IL on Saturday, September 10th. This banquet is open to all our drivers and will feature casino style games, a silent auction, and the presentation of safety awards for the 2015 year. During the week following the banquet we will be sending to your home a small thank you gift as a token of our appreciation for the job you all are doing. We will end the week with our second banquet in the St Gabriel, LA area on Saturday, September 17th. This banquet will feature the opportunity to have photos taken and to party in the bayou. We hope by adding the additional banquet more of our drivers will be able to attend.

It is because of our drivers that we are known in the industry to be safe, on time, have the best equipment, and outstanding customer service. We cannot thank you enough for the job that you do. Thanks for all that you do for Fort Transfer. You are appreciated!

Flooding in Louisiana

During the month of August, many of our Fort families have been impacted by the flooding in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas. The affected families are suffering from total loss of homes, flooding and cleanup of homes, loss of vehicles, loss of schools and so much more. We are proud of how many volunteers that have stepped in and helped where it was needed. We have seen employees open up their homes to those who have lost their homes. We have seen numbers of employees filling in and covering for those who were unable to leave their home areas. We have seen many volunteers help clean up, donate supplies and give of themselves in any way possible.

Fort Transfer is looking to continue to help those affected by the flooding. We are asking our employees to provide lists of items that are an immediate need for themselves or other impacted people. We will be donating cleaning supplies, clothing, school supplies and other necessary items. Please feel free to reach out to any of us in the corporate offices and request items that are needed.

Drivers of the Month-Robert and Deena Miller

Residence: Foley, AL
Family: 2 Daughters, 4 cats
Drives: Company Truck #323

Our July 2016 drivers of the month reside in Foley, AL. The Miller team have been driving for close to 20 years. They have received several outstanding reviews from our customers and on more than one occasion have prevented a customer from having to shut down. Their favorite thing about Fort is that they get to work together.

Aside from their four very spoiled cats, they have 2 daughters from Roberts previous marriage and 5 grandchildren. In their free time, Robert likes to restore vintage boats and Deena loves photography and baking. During the summer months they enjoy scuba diving for fossilized shark teeth and off shore fishing. During the winter, they inshore fish or search Alabama's rivers for extinct fossilized sand dollars. They have a vast collection of megladon teeth and extict mammal bones.

Please help us in congratulating our July 2016 Drivers of the Month, Robert and Deena Miller!



Fort Family Birthdays

RANDY CROSSLAND - 9/1	BOB HENSEL - 9/16
KENNETH MCCARVER - 9/4	EDWARD JENKINS - 9/16
CARL HARRELL - 9/6	JACK THOMAS - 9/17
GARLAND HANKINS - 9/13	GLEN STIEGLITZ - 9/20
MARK NESBIT - 9/13	DAVID PRATER - 9/23
GARY TISDALE - 9/14	PAUL MCLIN - 9/29

Fort Family Anniversaries

1 YEAR-	PREMELA SHORTER	SAM CUTLER
	BUD SOFFEL	
2 YEARS-	JONATHON FONTENOT	RANDY POHLMAN
	KEITH CLEMENT	
3 YEARS-	MIKE PENNINGTON	
4 YEARS-	JOE STOVALL	5 YEARS - JEFF MOOI
9 YEARS -	JOE LACOUR	

Health Tips & Wellness A new one-week challenge

Maybe you need caffeine to keep you awake during a long day of driving, but a 32oz. soda can add 360 extra calories to your day. Diet soda is not your best alternative as it has been linked to cancer, kidney problems and tooth decay. Try cutting soda out of your diet for 7 days and substitute healthier alternatives like unsweetened ice tea. Half the battle of a breaking a bad habit is won just by proving to yourself that you can do it.

New Members of the Fort Family

We would like to welcome the following drivers who started in August.

- Vincent Jenkins, I/C - 8/1/16
- Jimmy Park, company driver - 8/15/16
- Calvin Williams, company driver - 8/22/16
- Jeff Thomas, company driver - 8/22/16

Safety Message - Not Ignoring Health Issues From Matt Alvis - Driver Trainer

We as drivers tend to ignore health issues. We tend to believe we are invincible. One driver did not think he was invincible and managed to save his life. If he had, surely the outcome would have been much worse. If you're driving and something does not feel right please pull over. If not for yourself, do it for your loved one's at home. Do it so that you can see them in one piece again. No load is worth your life. That is not just a saying here, it is the truth. Drive safe and take care of yourselves!