



### Congratulations to this month's Safety Leaders!

# MARCH SAFETY LEADERS

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### Keep up the great work!



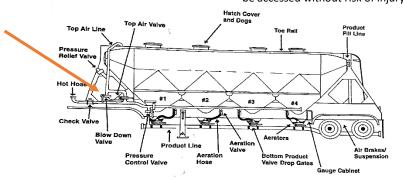
Contents Under Pressure!

For a majority of drivers at W.W. Transport, Inc. the pneumatic trailer is a staple to the everyday delivery of cement, flour and food grade products, and other products. With the specialty of hauling pneumatic trailers comes the extra safety precautions associated with this type of trailer. The pneumatic trailer is designed to build pressure inside of the tank to assist with the unloading of the product at the customers site. The tank pressure must be considered by drivers, tank washers, and mechanics when accessing the tank to:

- Remove product line caps
- Attach and remove hoses
- Wash the tanks interior
- Make repairs to the tanks interior

It's important to remember that trailers may build up pressure during transport. If a trailer that is being accessed is under pressure, the hatch or cap being opened has enough pressure behind it to directly cause serious injury to an employee. If an employee is struck by a projectile cap at an elevated position, then a fall hazard can occur increasing the level of injury.

To limit the risk of accidents like this, remember to use the **blow down valve** and allow the pressure to drop to zero before accessing the tank to remove caps, open hinges, or when attaching or removing hoses. The blow down valve is located at the front left side of the trailer, opening this valve will equalize the tank to atmospheric pressure allowing the tank to be accessed without risk of injury.





**Online Safety Training Center** 

W.W. Transport, Inc. has recently implemented an online training program in an effort to provide accessible training and education opportunities for our drivers. Informative courses include documents and short videos with a few questions at the end of the training course. Once complete, you will receive a certificate of completion to print out and retain in your personal training portfolio.

You will also be able to access W.W. Transport's driver's manual from this site as well as other HR or safety files that you may need.

To access the training today, log on at <u>http://wwtransport.infinit-i.net</u> and click the training center link, enter your name and password:

**Name**: LASTFIR (first four letters of your last name followed by first three letters of your first name)

Password: Last four of your SS

The courses can be accessed from anywhere with an internet connection including smart phones. Training courses will be assigned for: New Hires, Monthly Safety Training, and Coaching Opportunities.

If you have any trouble accessing the training, please call the Safety Department for assistance.

## Congratulations on your Milestone!



We appreciate your work for all these years and many best wishes on the anniversary of your service this April!

Ken Rose- 19 years! Asst. Terminal Mgr. Wood River, IL Becky 'Fergi' Ferguson, 11 years!- Reefer Division Mgr. Michael McLaughlin, 9 years! Newton, NC Robert Macropolous, 8 years! Wood River, IL Reuben Strunk, 8 years! Martins Creek Terminal Mgr. Jim Macans, 6 years! Burlington, IA David Harman- 5 years! Asst. Terminal Mgr. Martins Creek Don Ward, 5 years! Reefer Division

Terri Russel, 14 years! Corporate Financial Controller Joel Jens, 10 years! Burlington Shop Tim Weber, 9 years! Commerce City, CO David Snakenberg, 9 years! Cement Division Michael Vetovitz, 6 years! Columbus, OH James Spears, 5 years! Reefer Division

# **Employee Spotlight**



## Victor Morris Wood River, IL

#### For this month's driver spotlight, we want to honor Victor Morris who passed in a tragic accident while driving for W.W. Transport.

Victor Morris was a member of the flour division in Wood River, IL. Victor drove as an owner operator for over 10 years before joining the W.W. team. His experience as an owner operator streamlined the time he spent training up on hauling pneumatic tanks. Dean Hafford, a Wood River driver, showed him the ins-and-outs of hauling at W.W. Transport. "He picked it up quick," Dean said when describing how well he learned the unloading process, "by the second day he was doing it himself."

Victor was born in Missouri and resided in East Alton, IL. Victor would sometimes brag about how quickly he was able to make it to the Wood River terminal. "If he got caught at a red light, it would push him way back to 7 minutes." Dean said.

After maintenance became costly as an owner operator, Victor shifted over to W.W. Transport because it was able to give him the time off he needed to spend time with his family, friends, as well as the time to recharge over the weekend. Victor loved spending his weekends visiting a local campsite called Timber Trails in Mulberry Grove, IL. He took great pride in how he maintained his camper and his permanent spot, his "yard," as he referred to it.

Victor was very much a hard-working active member of the campground and was passionate about volunteering his time and working for the families and children that frequented the park. He even put in long hours building a park on the grounds to provide a recreational area for the kids who spent time there.

"He was definitely a people person," Dean said of Victor, "he was easy to get along with." Victor's selflessness and caring attitude was not only reflected in his work ethic but in the charity that he provided in his community. His passing was tragic and truly a loss to the W.W. Transport family.

### Dear Team.

On March 15, 2018 I received a phone call that is my worst nightmare and has since caused me countless sleepless nights. On the other end of the line was the Arkansas State Police informing me that one of our drivers had died from the result of a motor vehicle accident. One of our Wood River drivers, Victor Morris, was the victim of this accident. All indications and evidence at the scene show that Victor was doing everything he was supposed to be doing.

So, what happened?

Another vehicle lost control and hit Victor's steer tire forcing Victor into an accident with an oncoming semi. We may never know exactly what caused the vehicle that hit Victor to lose control, but we suspect that a cell phone was involved.

**Distracted driving kills.** This isn't a safety service announcement. This isn't our Safety Department preaching the dangers of using a cell phone while driving. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is real, and I hope that it hits home with you. A driver of ours has lost his life because of a phone call or text message.

I cannot stress the importance of this enough. No phone call, no text message, nothing that requires you to pick up your cell phone is as important as you getting home to your family after your run. We appreciate the sacrifice you make for us on a daily basis and words cannot adequately show our gratitude.

Thank you and please, don't drive distracted.

Jeff Walters President W.W. Transport Inc.

Honoring those drivers we lost in March **Jerry Burleson** Steven Hewes Victor Morris Peace, Prayers, and Blessings.