



NATIONAL PRIVATE TRUCK COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



By Gary Petty, President and CEO of the National Private Truck Council. His column appears monthly in *Fleet Owner*. The council's website is www.nptc.org.

NATIONAL DRIVER ALL-STARS

Applications for NPTC's National Driver All-Stars program are currently being accepted. This unique program is designed to recognize private fleet drivers for meeting high performance standards in the fields of customer service, safety and compliance. This program provides a way to recognize any private fleet drivers for delivering the high levels of customer service with which private fleets distinguish themselves. Each NPTC fleet member company is eligible to nominate one driver per year. Applicants must be regularly employed, full-time company or leased drivers and actively driving for the 12-month period beginning June 1, 2010, through May 31, 2011.

Visit the NPTC website at www.nptc.org for more information.

NPTC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

J. Bedford Monday Jr., CTP, general manager, Schwans Consumer Brands, was elected secretary of the National Private Truck Council at the group's Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition held April 17-19 in Cincinnati, OH.

In addition, the Council elected six new members to the board: David Helge, CTP, CDS, vp of operations, Idealease of North America; Mike Lickert, CTP, corporate fleet manager, Talon Logistics Inc.; Dan Norris, CTP, fleet operations manager, Pepsi Beverages Co.; Gary Palmer, senior director, transportation, True Value Co.; Brett J. Quigley, CTP, associate director, transportation procurement, Kellogg Co.; and Cheryl Sooter, vice president, Custard Insurance Adjusters.

NPTC 2011: A GREAT SUCCESS

By any measure, the NPTC 2011 Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition held April 17-19 in Cincinnati was an unqualified success. More than 975 people registered, making this the best attended annual conference in five years.

Attendees were able to examine solutions, programs and resources from 148 exhibitors (the largest exhibition in the history of the Council); partake in 23 value-packed workshops featuring more than 60 private fleet practitioners; and participate in five general sessions featuring insightful, impactful and inspirational presentations and speakers. In addition, 49 people earned their CTP designation—the third largest class in our history. Finally, more than 100 private fleet professionals showed up to attend the special benchmarking summit on Tuesday afternoon.

Despite the wide variety of learning, business, and recognition programs, NPTC 2011 featured a steady "buzz" of personal connection throughout the three days that underscored the message of engaged learning and participation and that "You Must Be Present To Win."

PRIVATE FLEET LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Seven executives were recognized for their impressive contributions to the private fleet community during the group's Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition.

The Private Fleet Executive of the Year, NPTC's highest individual award, went to **Rick Foster, CDS**, director, Private Fleet Safety, Wal-Mart Transportation LLC. The Fleet Safety Professional of the Year was awarded to **Bill Hartman, CTP**, manager, Private Fleet Operations, GNC Transportation LLC. **Gary Strausbaugh, CTP**, vice president of transportation, Mennel Milling Co., was named Private Fleet Member of the Year. This year's Allied Member of the Year award went to **D. Michael Pennington**, manager of Industry Relations for Meritor. **Brian McLaughlin**, executive vice president and chief operating officer, PeopleNet, received the Membership Development award.

The Dan Smith Life Achievement award recognized **Charlie Bumb**, formerly of Cummins Inc., for his instrumental role in bringing about the merger of the Private Truck Council of America and the Private Carrier Conference to create the current National Private Truck Council. His leadership ensured the newly formed organization had the internal leadership, funding and focus to garner the support of the Fleet and Allied membership.

The C.H. Robinson Worldwide Excellence in Backhauling Award, which is the NPTC's newest award, went to **Brian Holley**, director of transportation, Whiteline Express Ltd.

coming events...

Mark your calendars now and reserve your space at the following upcoming events:

SUMMER ON-SITE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 13-15, 2011 — Indianapolis, IN

NATIONAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

September 15-16, 2011 — Dulles, VA

CTP ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS DUE

October 1, 2011

CTP EXAM APPLICATIONS DUE

November 15, 2011

PRIVATE FLEET MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

January 14-18, 2012 — Jacksonville, FL

NPTC INDUCTS FOUR INTO DRIVER HALL OF FAME

Four truck drivers who have logged more 19 million miles of safe driving in more than a combined 147 years of service were honored by the National Private Truck Council and inducted into the NPTC Driver Hall of Fame in Cincinnati. The drivers are from NPTC member companies and have met the minimum qualifications of 20 years, 2 million miles, or 50,000 hours of driving without a preventable accident. Since its inception, 96 drivers have been inducted into the Driver Hall of Fame.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees are: **Larry C. Allen**, ADM Trucking Inc., Hixson, TN; **James R. Gentry**, Shaw Transport Inc., Dalton, GA; **Bobby C. Mann Sr.**, CPC Logistics Inc., leased to Hospira Worldwide Inc., Woodland, NC; and **Lee E. Pennington**, Batesville Logistics Inc., Shelbyville, IN.

In addition, NPTC awarded **James W. West** with its annual Humanitarian Award. West is a driver with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service operating out of Waco, TX,

The award recognizes those individuals who share an extraordinary commitment to helping others. West joined AAFES nine years ago and has driven for more than 31 years and 1,885,000 miles without a chargeable accident or a moving violation.

Both on and off the job, he has demonstrated a continuing voluntary commitment to improving the human condition. West was one of the first motor vehicle operators for AAFES to deploy to New Orleans in support of relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and to Galveston to help out after Hurricane Ike in 2008, even going so far as sharing his meals with those without food.

For the past 30 years, he has served as an active volunteer firefighter and Fire Chief for the Bruceville-Eddy Volunteer Fire Dept. and a volunteer firefighter and Assistant Fire Chief for the Moody VFD.

NPTC/J.J. KELLER ANNOUNCE 2011 FREE WEBCAST

NPTC and J.J. Keller & Associates have teamed up once again to host an all-new webcast on Driver Wellness and Sleep Apnea on July 13. The webcast will feature an overview on FMCSA regulatory measures and a profile of one NPTC member fleet's driver wellness programs.

Registration is open to all NPTC members free of charge. For more information, please visit www.jjkeller.com/nptcinfo.

NPTC RECOGNIZES 49 NEW CTP GRADUATES

Forty-nine transportation professionals achieved the prestigious designation of Certified Transportation Professional® (CTP) during a ceremony at the Annual Education Management Conference and Exhibition.

Since the CTP designation was first introduced in 1993, nearly 800 fleet and transportation professionals have earned the right to add CTP after their name.

Each year, *Fleet Owner* sponsors the CTP Top Graduate Award. This year's top graduate is Troy Stevenson, CTP, director of logistics, GreenLine Foods Inc.

The following individuals represent the Class of 2011:

Jamie R. Bates Jr.; Reed D. Bergmann, PeopleNet; Annamaria Bugos, Pepsi Beverages Co.; Tim Burke, Safeway Inc.; Mike Carriveau, PeopleNet; Rodney Crowell, Centerline Drivers LLC; Lee Cummins, Schwan Food Co.; William Dewitt, McKee Foods Transportation LLC; Ray J. Fenton, Randalls/a Div. of Safeway; Jason Fishback, onewaytrailers.com; Tien Fleming, Bimbo Bakeries USA; Christopher Geske, Oldcastle Architectural Inc.; Jennifer Gindele, PeopleNet; David Green, Pepsi Beverages Co.; William S. Hartman, GNC Transportation LLC; Jesse Heiling, PeopleNet; Darin Hogle, Kellogg Co.; Carlton Huffman, Kellogg Co.; John Jameson, Talon Logistics; Alicia Jarosh, PeopleNet; Bailey Johnson, McKee Foods Transportation LLC; Christopher Johnson, Xata Corp.; Richard R. Kurtz, PeopleNet; Mauricio Leal, Paccar Leasing Co.; Richard McQueen, PeopleNet; Calvin Morton, Frito-Lay Inc.; and Joseph Nicholas, Talon Logistics Inc.

Others include Randy Obermeyer, Batesville Logistics Inc.; Matt Odom, Energy Dispatch; John Okey, Kellogg Co.; Bennet C. Pettine, PeopleNet; Jason Rudolph, PeopleNet; Reynaldo Ruiz Jr., Bimbo Bakeries USA; William R. Sanders, II, Cardone Industries Inc.; R. Kirk Smitherman, Alliance Imaging; Troy R. Stevenson, GreenLine Foods Inc.; Stacey J. Stivers, Frito-Lay Inc.; Beth Tattershall, PeopleNet; Patrick Toler, Marzetti Co.; Jeff Trouy, Frito-Lay Inc.; Brad Turner, Batesville Logistics Inc.; Glen A. Wetherington, Cemex Inc.; Matt Williams, Kellogg Co.; Ronald O. Willis, Army & Air Force Exchange Service; Archie Wood, WilcoHess LLC; Duane Woods, Safeway Inc.; Monica L. Wyly, Qualcomm Inc.; Craig Zan, Cory Home Delivery Service; and Steven A. Zicarelli, Kellogg Co.