



THE BULLETIN

MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION SPRING TRUCK PAC 4-MAN SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT



REUNION GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Madison, Mississippi • Monday, April 22

Deadline to register – Friday, April 5

Registration & Buffet Lunch 11:30 am

Shotgun start 1 pm

Cocktails & Appetizers served after Tournament

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The fun has started! (a hint of sarcasm should be inserted here!) The 2024 Legislative session began January 2nd and is now in full swing with well over 2,000 bills being presented to date with the likelihood of at least 1,000 more to come in the weeks ahead. MTA is analyzing each of them to be on the lookout for issues that may directly or indirectly impact the trucking industry. We have identified about 50 bills that warrant further investigation to determine if action is needed. They run the spectrum from CDLs, Wages, Insurance, Radar, Fuel Tax, Harvest Permits and Safety.

We are also in the process of working with both the House and the Senate to create some legislation that would protect our industry from the act of predatory towing. Since the beginning of the year, several members have reported an outbreak of predatory practices. Further, that is a trend being seen on a national level too. We are in the early stages of this process but hope to have positive results by the end of the session on or before May 5th.

Of course, our success in the legislative arena both in the past and the future can be attributed, in large part, to having built a very strong network of elected officials to protect and advance trucking in Mississippi. Our Political Action Committee funded the elections of several key elected officials in an effort to keep these beneficial relationships in place. Our campaign investments have been very successful. Your support of our PAC makes a huge difference! MTA appreciates the confidence you have put in us to protect our industry in the legislative process, and we take that trust with the utmost seriousness.

MTA has many exciting events coming up in the next few months. We have NATMI Hybrid Fleet Safety Certification Courses starting March 4th to allow safety professionals to further sharpen their skill set. Our Spring PAC Golf Tournament in April helps raise funds for our PAC as well as our Truck Driving Championship in May. Of course, we are just a few months away from our Annual Convention in June. Please be sure to get involved with all these great events!

Keep a look out for notifications to nominate individuals for both LEAD MTA as well as scholarship opportunities. Both programs have made a big difference for many associated with our industry. Speaking of scholarships, these are made possible by many who have made generous contributions to the MTA Foundation, providing well over 400 scholarships to date. Interested in joining that prestigious list of donors? Please read the Foundation article in this issue.

As always, the staff at MTA truly appreciates the trust you place in us!



HAL MILLER
President, MTA

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Mississippi Trucking Association Foundation and Endowments

The Mississippi Trucking Association Foundation was founded over 30 years ago. It is a (501)(C)(3) charitable corporation designed to receive contributions, memorial gifts and property. Educational projects related to the trucking industry and scholarships to deserving students who are children of MTA member employees that are enrolled in scholastic endeavors is the primary objective. Since the inception of the Foundation, over 400 scholarships have been awarded to students with ties back to our industry.

Scholarships are offered through the MTAF and Endowments established by MTA members, as a way to give back to the industry through the scholarship program. An endowment takes \$100,000 to get started and it can be custom-fit with a bent towards either geographic or occupational classification as to who gets preference on the scholarship award. Current established Endowments are: Mike McLarty, John Fayard, H. Dean Cotten, G. Larry Kerr, R. Gene Holmes, Vernon G. & Nancy Sawyer, John Stomps and W. Todd Bates.

Our Foundation is dedicated to furthering the education of industry employees and their children, as well as educating the public about our great industry. We also sponsor educational and informational activities focused on highway safety and other industry issues.

Century Club

Shortly after the Foundation was created, the prestigious Century Club was established to recognize those donors who made a one-time significant contribution to support the activities of the Foundation. Since then, over 95 MTA members have joined the Century Club.

If you would like to be a part of this group, the request is to make an \$10,000 contribution to the Foundation. It can either be a lump sum donation or spread out over a 4-year period. Those new members will be given special recognition at our Annual Convention in June.

**If you are interested, please contact
Hal or Mary John at 601-354-0616.**

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CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS**



2024 MTA TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 2-4, 2024 • GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

To be eligible to compete in the Mississippi Truck Driving Championship the contestant must:

- (a) Be accident-free from MAY 6, 2023 to MAY 4, 2024.
- (b) Be a full-time truck driver. Spotters, hostlers, etc., are not eligible.
- (c) Shall have driven and performed the duties of a professional truck driver for 12 months for your company prior to entry.
- (d) Live in Mississippi or must operate out of a Mississippi terminal.
- (e) A safety/company representative of a qualified road driver must be present at the TDC to be assigned duties as a worker during the two-day event. The company represented must have at least one worker for every five drivers entered from the same company.

A company may enter as many drivers in EACH class of competition as they wish. Drivers may not drive in any class unless his driver's license shows that class's endorsement. *ATA Truck Driving Championships rules are followed.*

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024. Need More Information?

Contact Steve Boudreaux, CDS, CSIWCP at steveb@mstrucking.org or 601-354-0616.

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**MTA SAFETY
COUNCIL MEETINGS**

MTA Building
Jackson, MS



MTA AWARD NOMINATIONS

2024 FLEET SAFETY CONTEST

All MTA member are eligible to enter the MTA Fleet Safety and Driver of the Year Contests. There are two mileage categories LOCAL and INTERCITY (Mississippi miles only). They are as follows:

INTERCITY

500,000- 2 Million Miles
Over 2 Million Miles

LOCAL

0-1 Million Miles
Over 1 Million Miles

All awards will be presented following the annual TDC in Gulfport on May 4, 2024.

Definitions:

INTERCITY OPERATIONS

Operations beyond commercial zone or urban- suburban areas including peddle runs, short-haul operations, and intercity operations.

LOCAL OPERATIONS

Transportation wholly within a municipality or contiguous municipalities or wholly within a commercial zone as defined by the ICC or the regulatory agency having jurisdiction, whether or not performed incidental to intercity transportation of freight.

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2024 MS DRIVER OF THE YEAR

BASIS FOR NOMINATION

A driver may be nominated for a number of reasons – outstanding deeds, highway safety, or long record of safe and courteous driving. Give any information to consider on the person including community or church involvement, internal company driver awards, special events done, and any other accomplishments you would like to be considered in their selection.

Submission may include letters of recommendation, commendations or other awards the driver has received.

Winner of the Driver of the year receives a nice commemorative trophy, \$1000 award and recognition by the Mississippi Legislature

QUESTIONS?

Contact Steve Boudreaux, CDS at steveb@mstrucking.org or 601-354-0616.

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ATRI'S 2024 BOTTLENECK LIST PROVIDES CRITICAL INSIGHT INTO INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT NEEDS THROUGHOUT AMERICA

ATRI recently released its 13th annual list highlighting the most congested bottlenecks for trucks in America. For the sixth year in a row, the intersection of I-95 and SR 4 in Fort Lee, New Jersey is once again the Number One freight bottleneck in the country.

The remaining Top 10 bottlenecks include:

- Chicago: I-294 at I-290/I-88
- Chicago: I-55
- Houston: I-45 at I-69/US 59
- Atlanta: I-285 at I-85 (North)
- Atlanta: I-20 at I-285 (West)
- Los Angeles: SR 60 at SR 57
- Houston: I-10 at I-45
- Atlanta: I-285 at SR 400
- Nashville: I-24/I-40 at I-440 (East)

ATRI's bottleneck analysis incorporates and synthesizes several unique components, including a massive database of truck GPS data at freight-significant locations throughout the U.S., and a speed/volume algorithm that quantifies the impact of congestion on truck-based freight. In addition, the annual reports provide a chronological repository of mobility profiles, allowing congestion changes to be assessed over time. This allows both transportation analysts and planners to conduct performance benchmarking and identify influential factors contributing to congestion and the requisite consequences on freight mobility.

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Lead MTA Class of 2023-2024

**2024-2025 UPCOMING
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Darin Bridges
Michael Bungler
Harper Evans
Rodney Little
Shane Moncus
Marley Montgomery
Micah Peagler
Jacob Ralph
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Jackson Trailer & Equipment, *Pearl, MS*
Big Level Trucking, *Tupelo, MS*
Mid-South Transportation, *Tupelo, MS*
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Holmes Company of Jackson, *Richland, MS*
Total Transportation of MS, *Richland, MS*
Big M Transportation, *Blue Mountain, MS*
MCH Transportation, *Jackson, MS*

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TRUCKING FAST FACTS



TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



CAREERS

82,290

Trucking industry jobs in Mississippi

1 in 11 jobs in the state



SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

12,340

Trucking companies located in Mississippi

Primarily small, locally owned businesses, these companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.



COMPETITIVE WAGES

Total trucking industry wages paid in Mississippi in 2022 exceeded **\$4.0 billion**, with an average annual trucking industry salary of **\$48,517**.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **23,780** jobs in Mississippi in 2022. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$69,387**.



TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS



of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Mississippi. **90,020 tons per day**



of communities in the state depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

SAFETY MATTERS



SAFETY FIRST

Mississippi Trucking Association members put safety first through:

- ✓ Improved driver training
- ✓ Investment in advanced safety technologies
- ✓ Active participation in industry safety initiatives

ATRI research shows the success of their efforts. Members of State Trucking Associations are involved in fewer crashes and receive fewer violations at roadside inspections than their industry peers.

Crashes per 100 Million Miles by STA Membership Status:

CURRENT MEMBERS	95.10 ★
FORMER MEMBERS	121.21
NEVER MEMBERS	146.33



CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

2021 U.S. fatal crash rate: Mississippi: 2.08 / USA: 1.57 per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Between 1975 and 2021, the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped **65.7%**



COMMITMENT TO SHARING THE ROAD

The **Share the Road** program sends a team of professional truck drivers to communities around the country to teach car drivers about truck blind spots, stopping distances and how to merge safely around large trucks.



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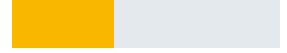


THE INDUSTRY

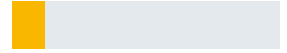
The trucking industry in Mississippi paid approximately

\$402 million in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **38%** of all taxes owed by Mississippi motorists ...



... despite trucks representing only **12%** of vehicle miles traveled in the state.



INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2024, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid highway user fees and taxes of ...

STATE **\$6,178**
FEDERAL **\$10,556**

These taxes were **over and above** the typical taxes paid by businesses in Mississippi.



ROADWAY USE

77,514 Miles of public roads in Mississippi

Miles driven on public roads: All Motorists: **40.9 billion**

Trucks: **4.7 billion**



Traffic congestion in Mississippi cost the trucking industry **\$800 million** in 2021.

DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW



EMISSIONS

53% of Mississippi commercial trucks are now powered by the newest-generation, near-zero emissions diesel technology.

Medium- and heavy-duty trucks contribute just **23%** of all transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the U.S. and represent only **7%** of total U.S. GHG emissions.



FUEL CONSUMPTION

The trucking industry continues to improve energy and environmental efficiency even while increasing the number of miles driven. In 2021:

- ✓ Combination trucks accounted for just **17%** of the total highway transportation fuel consumed.
- ✓ Combination trucks consumed nearly **113 billion** fewer gallons of fuel than passenger vehicles in the U.S.



PARTNERSHIPS

Through the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SmartWay Transport Partnership**, the trucking industry is working with government and businesses to quantify greenhouse gas emissions and take steps to reduce them.



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The following data sources were utilized for the Fast Facts: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (2022); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: Analysis & Information (2023); American Trucking Associations Driver Compensation Study (2022); Commodity Flow Survey Public Use Microdataset (2017); American Transportation Research Institute: Membership Counts - Associations with Safety (2023); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: Large Truck and Bus Crash Facts (2021); Federal Highway Administration: Highway Statistics Series (2021); Energy Information Administration: Fuel Taxes (2024); International Fuel Tax Association: Fuel Tax Rates (Q1 2024); International Registration Plan, Inc.: Jurisdiction Data (2024); American Transportation Research Institute: Cost of Congestion to the Trucking Industry (2023); Diesel Technology Forum Clean Diesel Powers in Your State (2022); Environmental Protection Agency Fast Facts on Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2021).



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