



## 2023 MTA ANNUAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

If you did not attend the 2023 Convention, you missed out on an amazing event with lots of fellowship, great food, top-notch entertainment, and educational speakers! This year we had record-breaking attendance with close to 500 registrants – one of the largest turnouts MTA has ever experienced! With the help of our many generous sponsors, we were able to provide a memorable time for all! Thank you to all who participated!



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GOLF RESORT & SPA



SANDESTIN, FLORIDA  
JUNE 7-11, 2023

# MTA ANNUAL CONVENTION

## SPECIAL BULLETIN

# THE MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION APPRECIATES OUR TOP GUN SPONSORS

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**Meetings:** Business Casual  
**Receptions:** Casual/Resort Attire

# AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Front Lobby
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Reception</b> <i>Dinner on Your Own</i>	Sunset Deck

## THURSDAY, JUNE 8

5:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Fishing the Emerald Coast</b>	Destin Harbor
8:00 a.m.	<b>Golf Tournament</b>	The Raven – Sandestin Golf Resort
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	<i>Free Time</i>	
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Front Lobby
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	Coral Ballroom
5:30 – 10:30 p.m.	<b>Kids Night Out</b> <i>Dinner on Your Own</i>	Kids Krew Room

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9

7:00 – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> <i>Family Invited</i>	Seagars Restaurant
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Trucking Session</b> Welcome – Hal Miller, President Angie Kenney, Secretary Women in Trucking Panel – Stormie Janzen, Moderator, Total Transportation Driver of the Year Recognition Donald Broughton, Broughton Capital, Founder – Economic Outlook Lead MTA Presentation	Emerald Ballroom
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Canvas &amp; Cocktails</b>	Coral Ballroom
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Pool Party/Adult Cornhole Tournament</b>	Spa Pool
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sponsor Appreciation Reception</b> <i>Carriers and Sponsors Only</i>	Sunset Deck
5:30 – 10:30 p.m.	<b>Kids Night Out</b> <i>Dinner on Your Own</i>	Kids Krew Room

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10

7:00 – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> <i>Family Invited</i>	Seagars Restaurant
8:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Trucking Industry Update Session</b> Chris Wood, Chairman Dan Horvath, American Trucking Association – Safety Regulatory Update “Hiring Our Heroes” – Zachary Conaway, General Manager, Truckworx Jackson and Allen McDaniel, Executive Director, National Guard Association of MS	Emerald Ballroom
10:30 – 12:30 a.m.	<b>General Session</b> Chris Wood, Chairman Century Club Recognition and Induction 2023-2024 Officers and Directors Introduction <b>Key Note Speaker</b> <i>Family Invited</i> Greg “Boss” Wooldridge, Former Commanding Officer to lead the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Announcements, Adjournment	Emerald Ballroom
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Beach Party/Kids Cornhole Tournament</b>	Center Beach
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	<b>Family Fun Night</b>	Barefoots Deck
10:00 – 11:30 p.m.	<b>Karaoke</b>	Emerald Ballroom





# RECEPTIONS

On Wednesday afternoon, we picked up our “Top Gun” swag, grabbed our aviators, and headed to the Sunset Deck for our **Welcome Reception**, sponsored by **Cummins Sales & Service** and **McGriff Insurance Services**. We continued welcoming new “flight crew” at our Thursday night reception sponsored by **Big M Transportation** and **Jackson Truck & Trailer**. We enjoyed delicious hors d’oeuvres, cocktails and music while mingling with our fellow MTA members.





# FISHING EXCURSION

The "Phoenix" picked up an eager crew quite early and took off for the emerald waters of the Gulf for a fun day of fishing, sponsored by **Total Transportation**. The weather was perfect and the crew caught their limit of red snapper!



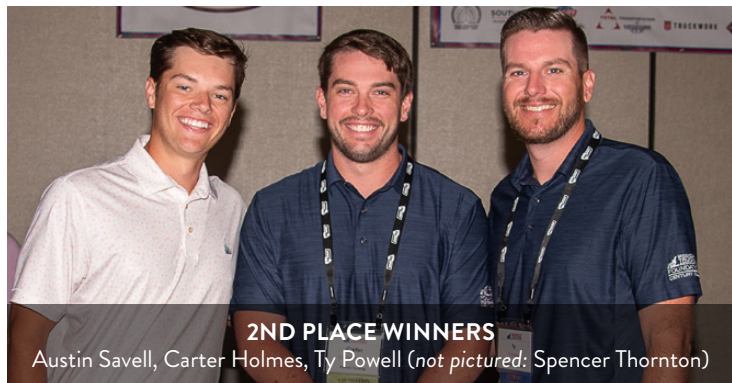


It was all sunshine and birdies for the Golf Tournament this year! **Southern States Utility Trailer Sales** sponsored this event at the Raven Course at the Sandestin Hilton Golf Resort. Longest Drive Winner: Austin Savell; Closest to the Hole Winner: Jared Hawkins.



### 1ST PLACE WINNERS

R.J. Williams, Sonny Williams, Baylor Downs, Kennedy Miller, Hal Dowland



### 2ND PLACE WINNERS

Austin Savell, Carter Holmes, Ty Powell (not pictured: Spencer Thornton)



Ready to Play Golf!



Whitestone Transportation and Truckworx



Truckworx and Polar Tank Trailer



Southern States, Big M and Empire



Dobbs Peterbilt, Jones Logistics, JT&T and Corporate Billing



# MEETINGS AND MORE

With all the fun, we had to build in some time to learn new things about the industry, celebrate our Driver of the Year, induct a new class of Century Club members, and recognize the graduating and upcoming Lead MTA classes! MTA meetings are always filled with class-act presenters and keynote speakers. Thank you to our speaker sponsors **Cummins Sales & Service**, **MCH Transportation**, **Performance Peterbilt**, and **Southern Tire Mart**.



2022-2023 Lead MTA



Donald Broughton



2023 Century Club



Women in Trucking Panel



Passing the Gavel



2023-2024 Lead MTA



# MEETINGS AND MORE

We began Friday with a delicious Breakfast Buffet sponsored by **Dobbs Peterbilt** and **Great West Casualty** and again on Saturday, sponsored by **Ergon Trucking**. On Thursday and Friday evenings, parents were able to drop their children off at Kids Night Out, sponsored by **Bank First** and **Southern Insurance Group**. Thursday morning, we offered our Canvas & Cocktails event, sponsored by **Johnson & Johnson**. Our extraordinary Keynote Speaker, Greg “Boss” Wooldridge, was sponsored by **AmFed**, **MTFF-SIF**, and **Tri-State Truck Center**.



2023 Canvas and Cocktails



Morgan Van Lines — Theo Carouthers, Driver of the Year



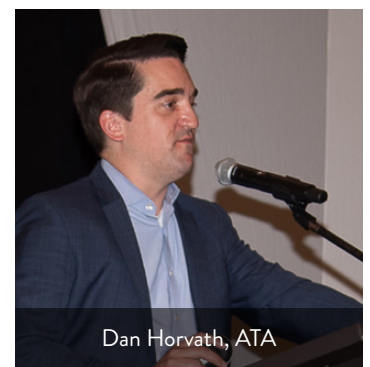
Zach Conaway and Allen McDaniel



“Boss”



Kids Night Out — Friday Night



Dan Horvath, ATA



Hal Miller, MTA



Kids Night Out — Thursday Night





# POOL PARTY

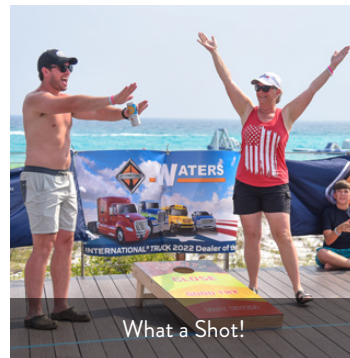
After the meetings on Friday, everyone put on their Top Gun ballcap, grabbed their wingman, and headed to the Spa Pool/Sunset Deck for the fabulous pool party/cornhole tournament sponsored by **Waters Truck & Tractor** and **Navistar**! We enjoyed ice cold beverages and frozen drinks while we cheered on our favorite team in the very competitive MTA Cornhole Tournament! **1st Place Winners and Returning Champs** – Carter Holmes and Ty Powell; **2nd Place** – Sandy & Jim McClure; **3rd Place** – Chris Hill & Jason Hufford; **Best Team Name** – “Maized & Confused” – John Ivy & Steve Massengill; **1st Out** – Les & Jacob Merritt.



37 Teams of Cornhole Competitors



Determination!



What a Shot!



Hill and Hufford, 3rd Place



Face Off x2



1st Out and Looking Good!



Best Name – “Maized and Confused”



Navistar and Waters with Returning Champs



# BEACH PARTY

We grabbed our Top Gun cooler and “buzzed the beach” to have a cold beverage or frozen drink. Sponsored by **Tri-State Truck Center**, we had 150 beach chairs to relax and watch the kids participate in their own cornhole tournament or enjoy a special ice cream treat!



Thank You Tri-State Truck Center!





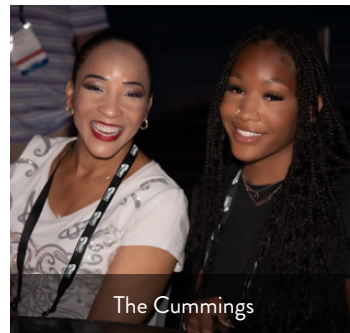
# SATURDAY NIGHT

Family Fun Night, sponsored by **Carr, Riggs & Ingram, Chartwell Law, Gulf Relay, KLLM, Meritor, Transport Resources, Trustmark Bank, and Wilson Elser**, included something for everyone! Many had caricatures drawn by Deano & Victor, sponsored by **Old River Truck Sales**, we danced the night away to the tunes of the famous cover band, Dr. Zarr & the Funk Monsters, sponsored by **Truckworx/Kenworth**, and enjoyed delicious food and drinks! The fabulous Top-Gun themed fireworks show was sponsored by **Empire/TAG/Freightliner**.

We took the after-party inside for our 2nd Annual MTA Karaoke Party, sponsored by **ECJV/ Eaton Cummins!** Who knew the MTA had so many talented performers in our “flight crew”?



Family Fun Night was a Success!



The Cummings



Jessica and Her Boys



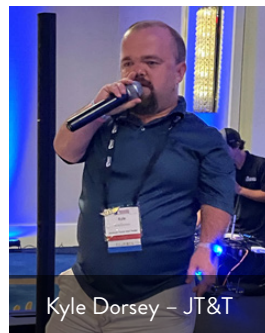
Cartoons by Deano



Children in Line for Balloon Art



Thank You, Truckworx!



Kyle Dorsey - JT&T



The Massengills - Big M



Oh, What a Night!




# SAVE THE DATE

# DATE

## JUNE 5-9

## 2024

Plan to bring your family and join your MTA friends in 2024 for the MTA Annual Convention at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach

