



The Niagara News

February 2011

Niagara Logistics, Inc. would like to welcome Andy Crispigna to our team. He is our newest dispatcher and comes to us from Escanaba. Andy is a 2001 Graduate from Escanaba High School. He graduated from Bay de Noc Community College with a degree in Computer Aided Design. Andy is a great cook learning from his parents who owned Crispigna's in Escanaba. Along with cooking, he enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. Welcome to our team Andy!

We would also like to welcome Roy Kurtz, Bill Hansen and David Rose, Jim Hohn and Ramon Cruz to our Driving Team.

Thank you everyone who made the Awards Banquet possible! We had a great turn out and for those of you who couldn't make it this year we missed you and hope you can attend next year! If you would like to check out pictures from this year's party you can do so at www.niagaralogistics.net.

Congratulations to all of those who won Awards this year, we really appreciate your hard work!

Owner Operator Drivers of the Year Award went to Mike Crampton and Dan Collins. Company Driver of the Year was claimed by Kevin Nielson, Most Improved Driver of the Year went to Richard Young and Safety Award for 2010 went to Troy Stebbins. Once again thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Dispatch would like to thank those of you who are using your satellites properly. If you need help learning or using the satellite, get a hold of Danna and she can give you a quick lesson on how to work it. If you do not have a satellite, please leave a message on your dispatcher's phone with in and out times provided for pick up and deliveries, and also your trailer number and dropping or hooking information.

Drivers: Please make sure you are using diesel additive (TMP) in your fuel during the winter. Let Danna or Jon know when you need a refill on fluids. Send them a message when you are going to be in and they can meet you at the shop to refill. Or if you are in after hours, they can leave some outside for you.

We have hired someone to be at the shop. He will be in place by March 1st making it easier on everyone.

Remember Drivers, to make an appointment with Danna **FIRST** before dropping trucks over at Tony's shop. They will **NOT** be working on anything unless they have prior approval.

Owner/Operators: Please remember that all trucks (no matter the year) have to get inspections done at Tony's shop every three months. Niagara will cover the cost of the inspection, but not any other necessary work to make it road worthy.

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All Drivers: Please remember to check all of your lights! The DOT is really cracking down and any light out is a reason for them to pull you over. With the new CSA we cannot afford to have any violations. Also remember all mud flaps **MUST** have reflective strips on them. If you have any questions or issues please contact Jon, Danna or Kristy regarding the DOT regulations.

At the last Safety Meeting on January 22nd, Jan from the Michigan Center for Truck Safety went over the proposed changes to Hours of Service. You can make comments by going to www.regulations.gov. You can review the proposed changes at www.fmcsa.dot.gov.

We are in our last leg of winter and Mother Nature is not done throwing her fury at us. Please be prepared for possible delays, road shutdowns, and extremely cold weather conditions.

There is money to be earned here at Niagara Logistics, Inc.! If you refer a new driver you will get \$100.00 after they complete their first load, \$200.00 at 3 months accident free, and **BOTH** drivers will receive \$300 at 6 months accident free! Drivers that have recently received Referral Bonuses are Bob Bianco for Mark Beeler, Jim Benoit for Ron Morgan and Bryan Mier for Ramon Cruz. Congrats guys and thank you for bringing in good drivers!

Also, the \$100.00 clean DOT bonus ends on February 11th. It will be \$50.00 for the 1st, \$75.00 for the second clean stop, and \$100.00 for the third and after. Keep up the clean stops everyone!

Last but not least, Rae and Cindy would like to THANK all drivers for putting their load numbers on the BOL's. This is a HUGE help to them. And just a reminder that the bills are scanned into the computer so, folding them once in half works great! **A big THANK YOU to all of you!**

February Birthdays

Kristy Benoit - February 1
Shane King - February 2
Buckie McCrackin - February 3
Bill Doneau - February 7
Delmar Mier - February 10
Robert Truax - February 12
Dennis Cowell - February 12
Stephanie Rudden - February 14
Mike Duchaine February 16
Lorna Muller - February 17
David Rose February 22
Dale Latham - February 25
Charlie Rivers - February 28
Happy Birthday Everyone!

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