



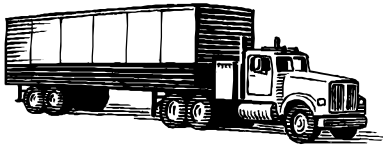
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Newsletter



2006 Trucker's Drive for Kids

The 2006 Trucker's Drive for Kids convoy will roll through the streets of Concord and Loudon on Sunday, October 22, 2006. Starting at the Dept of Safety and ending at the NHIS parking lot. Donations will go to the Salvation Army, NH Food Bank and CASA. Thank you to all those who have donated raffle items, help out at the event and who give up their Sunday to help New Hampshire's children. God Bless you all and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Totals from the event will be posted on our website at www.nhpda.com.

2006 Events

NHPDA has had a very busy year. We had a booth at the North American Truck show in Boston. We have set up and help run competitions for Wal Mart, Tru Serv, Abenaqui, Granite Group, HP Hood's, NH State, MA State, Huttig, and the Tow Show. We ran the raffle and sales booth at the Northeast Charity Challenge, helped at CT Wishes on Wheels, and we setup and ran the driving competition for the Maine Truckers for Kids Convoy. Our Trucker's Drive for Kids convoy is the last event for this year. Thank you to all of you who have helped out.

Notice to all NHPDA members and non members

NHPDA is looking for a place to hold our monthly meetings on the third Sat each month from 9:00 am-noon. We just need enough space for 10 people with parking space for several vehicles. If you know of any convenient location in the vicinity of Concord/Manchester please contact Mickey at 496-8005 or 435-6366, thank you.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, we need your input and ideas, please join us anytime.



NHPDA Banquet and Awards



We will hold our annual banquet in Feb, members will receive ballots and reservations by mail. Our banquet is open for public attendance so if you are not a member and would like to attend, please contact one of our members and we will reserve your tickets which are usually \$25 per person. You can check our website for updated banquet and contact information. We present a slide show of our events from the prior year and give a way door prizes as well as awards for the Driver of the Year, Good Samaritan, Sportsmanship, Special Recognition and many other appreciation awards. If you have someone you would like to nominate for an award (does not have to be a member of NHPDA) please let us know.



Chairman's Notes by Mickey Rafeal



As was stated above we have had a very busy year. I am so proud of the members that have come out of the cracks to help when needed. You do not have to make every meeting, or event, just the ones you can. Every little bit helps.

I have been working closely with Bob, Paul, Neil and Chris on getting all the paperwork in for the up coming Poker nights in Nashua starting Oct. 18th thru the 27. The laws have all changed and the State Para-Mutual had to complete background checks and get us licensed for this event. NHPDA stands to get more this year from it. Thanks for putting up with all my questions and needs to get it done.

We must also finish working on the second trailer as we now have one side of a banner and the good folks at Berube's Truck Accessories are waiting to complete the other side after it is painted. Then the long awaited sponsor ads will go on. Also , thank you to Andy Reed of Ryder who gave us a ramp for the trailer. This will make life much easier.

Thank you to all of you who have worked on this year's TDK. Every one of the officers have been tying up last minute details and have worked very hard to make this a successful event.

Bill and Barb Pooler have gone south for the winter, but not before they did a great job at rounding up lots of items to raffle at the TDK. A big thank you to them.

Linda has been spending a lot of time on this event and she is telling me she needs a vacation.

I just want to mention the NH team that went to the Nationals, they made us proud. And so did the crew that went to St Jude's Charity Challenge, great job. Congratulations to Yellow Transport for the team trophy!

It is events like these that show the real professionalism of our Association.

Be Safe! Stay Alert! So you can all make it home safely to your families.



FYI

HEADLINE: Police program aimed at calming down aggressive driving; Seven area departments sharing federal funds to increase patrols.

BYLINE: By Pamela Lehman of The Morning Call

Angry, aggressive drivers who show their frustrations by speeding past a slow-moving truck or zooming through a red light are as dangerous as those impaired by drugs and alcohol, a state police official said Monday.

A campaign aimed at targeting aggressive drivers, billed as Smooth Operator, will debut in the state this summer with seven area law enforcement agencies adding patrols to roads with high rates of crashes.

"The actions of aggressive drivers put the rest of us at risk," said state police Capt. Scott Snyder of the Bethlehem barracks. "We know the frustration of getting stuck in traffic. And you can't control the traffic, only your reaction to it."

About \$7,500 in federal funds will be divided to add patrols in Allentown and Bethlehem, Salisbury, South Whitehall and Whitehall townships, the Colonial Regional area and through state police, said Colonial Regional Police Deputy Chief James DePalma.

The program has been in use for nearly a decade in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. The goal is to help educate drivers about the dangers of tailgating, running red lights and following too closely.

The extra patrols on unidentified roads throughout the Lehigh Valley will happen during peak driving times during July and September, DePalma said.

He said last year, about 1,000 people were killed in aggressive driving crashes throughout Pennsylvania, according to figures released by the state Department of Transportation.

"Most, if not all of those deaths, were preventable," DePalma said. "There were thousands more people hurt and the economic loss is in the millions of dollars."

He said there's no stereotypical aggressive driver. Some are typically courteous people who let their frustration spin rapidly out of control and ignore the safety of other drivers or pedestrians on the road.

"We know there are overwhelmed drivers who turn their cars into an extension of the problems at work or home," Snyder said.

WAYS TO AVOID BEING AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER: Give yourself more travel time to reduce stress. Allow other drivers to merge with traffic. Resist the temptation to teach someone a "lesson." Concentrate on driving and ignore the cell phone, stereo or passengers Source: <http://www.smoothoperatorprogram.com/>



Just for fun

This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine! The year is 1906. One hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1906 :

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was **47** years.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in the U.S. was **22** cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at **HOME** .

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had **NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!**

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press **AND** the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost **four** cents a pound. Eggs were **fourteen** cents a dozen. Coffee was **fifteen** cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair **once** a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza 2. Tuberculosis 3. **Diarrhea** 4. Heart disease 5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about **230** reported murders in the **ENTIRE ! U.S.A. !**

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

To get updated information on all events and contacts please visit our website.

www.nhpda.com

If you have any information to be included please email to Robin LeMauk at membership@nhpda.com



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