



December 2022 Newsletter



Spotlight Driver- Randy Roberts



Randy has been a local driver at GT for 1 year. In that year he has quickly made friends within the fleet and office, won the chili cook off, and has consistently been a top scorer on the Netradyme cameras. You can often spot Randy in the yard with his guitar that he picks on when he has down time in a dock. When Randy isn't hard at work at GT, he enjoys playing music, going to concerts, and spending time with his family. We are proud to have you part of the GT Family!

Office Spotlight- Mike G.

Mike is a proud Navy vet before entering into the transportation industry. He has been in logistics at GT since October 2021. When Mike isn't at work, he enjoys spending time with his wife Brooke and 2 kids Kelly (Senior) and Jake (7th grade). He also enjoys golf, hiking, swimming, Ping-Pong, poker, chess, watching football, and tropical vacations. We are proud to have you part of the GT Family!



Dropping Dirty Trailers

If you are dropping a dirty trailer in the yard, please let someone in maintenance know it needs cleaned out. You know you don't want to be the driver who hooks up to an empty only to find out it needs to be cleaned before you take off.



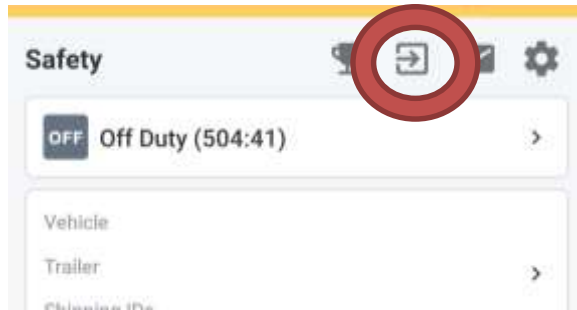
Reminders for January

- IFTA stickers do not have to be on January 1st. We are given a grace period and stickers must be on your truck no later than February 28th.
- Safety will run your clearinghouse report before January 6th so if you get an email that your report was run, it is just us staying compliant.
- Since the FMCSA has removed the requirement for drivers to sign their annual review, we will run the entire fleets MVR's at the same time. You will receive an email to view your MVR once completed.





- MIKE F.- TRUCK 603



Please make sure you are logging out of your Samsara App occasionally. Samsara recommends that you do this daily. It allows for any updates to come through and also keeps the app working better while in use.

Driving in Winter Conditions

Can you believe it is winter season already? I feel like lately the nice weather days are on fast forward and we are bracing for snow storms again. If you are reading this, let safety know to be entered to win something.

- **Proper supplies** in the truck include things like: extra clothing with layers, gloves, flashlight, rain gear, windshield fluid, blankets, sand/salt, jumper cables, snow scrapers/brushes, and food.
- **Slow down-** The slower you drive, the more time you have



to react. Hydroplaning is also caused by going too fast. Avoid winter accidents by watching your speed.

- **Keep a Firm Grip on the Wheel-** This allows you to maintain control. Keeping both hands on the wheel at all times to guide the vehicle through snow and ice.
- **Allow Safe Space-** I know that keeping a safe stopping distance can be difficult, but it is important to when the weather is good but especially important when driving in the winter.

- **Avoid Black Ice-** Black Ice is not just found on bridges. It is a layer of



transparent ice that makes the road look wet. Drivers can spot black ice when the spray from other vehicles stops. You can also watch for frost on your truck antennae and mirrors.

- **Brake Slowly-** In winter, accelerate and brake slowly. If the truck is not equipped with an ABS braking system, lightly pump the brakes when you need to slow down.

Always remember, shut down when there is too much ice, snow, or driving winds.