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The Fed Ex district manager and a lovely assistant had a crash course on the mass production of hamburgers and hot dogs, as they broke in the new stainless steel Convoy for Kids BBQ grill, which raised about \$400.00 in a couple of hours. Community organizations like the Brewer Eagles Club and the Bangor Lions Club are to be commended for their involvement to make the N. Convoy for Kids a success.

**Ron Hutchins** and **Cliff Gray** came with the MMTA truck, and had a tough job judging the trucks. Mrs. Boynton of E. C. Boynton and sons collected almost \$1200 on the pledge sheet and then contributed even more money while at the event. The N. Convoy will surely be successful as long as good people like the ones mentioned plus all the VIP's that make the N. Convoy. It seemed quite apparent that all the children were having a very good time. The work for next years N. Convoy has already begun. Soon the web-site will have this years updates and pictures so check out [www.northernconvoyforkids.org](http://www.northernconvoyforkids.org)

*Stan McLaughlin*

## NEWS FROM THE ROADTEAM

Well I have missed getting anything in the last couple of issues of *Behind the Wheel* so I have some catching up to do.

First of all, good job to all who participated in the State Driving Championship and congratulations to the top scorers of each class. Good luck to those who will be going on to both the ATA Nationals and the Professional Drivers Championship.

We had our first coffee break on Friday May the 28<sup>th</sup> at the York weigh station. Considering the rainy weather conditions I think we can consider our efforts a success. We had about 50 to 60 people stop by which isn't bad considering the weather. We also had visits from the Maine State Police and the Maine DOT Good Samaritan patrol. **Ron Hutchins** went down with the MMTA Mobile Training Unit, **Dick Brown** went down in his Jeep Wagoneer to help set up our signage and spend the day. My lovely wife **Diane** went down in our car to help out all day and to keep me on track as usual. I took the MPDA trailer down with the *Old Macomber One Stack Mack*. We also had **Dave** and **Terry Stuart** and **Denis Litalien** ready to come down if we needed them but due to the poor weather conditions the four of us had things under control. I hope we can do this again next year as a service to the motoring public.



The Northern convoy was a huge success thanks to the efforts of **Stan McLaughlin** and his family, the Bangor/Brewer Lions club and **Ray Rogers** and family and many others whose names I do not know but who helped with this very worthwhile charitable event. I think there were around 80 trucks that participated and raised somewhere between \$4500.00 to \$5000.00 dollars for a couple of different charities.

**Dave Stuart** has been doing some more drivers ed classes this summer. I have missed a few classes this summer because of my work schedule and the fact that **Mike Shepard's** classes are during the day for the summer months. I do still supply him with materials about sharing the road with large trucks though. Well that is the long and the short of it for this issue so I'll see you on the boulevard. Keep the shiny side up and the greasy side down and drive safe.

*Fred Thompson, MPDA ROADTEAM Captain*

## New Hampshire's TDC Results

### 3 AXLE

1ST	Rick Wickman	Roadway Express
2ND	Jose Rivas	Fed X
3RD	Ronald White	CCX

### 4 AXLE

1ST	Tom Hartt	Roadway Express
2ND	George Orchard	Walmart
3RD	Jasmin Hasanovic	CCX

### 5 AXLE

1ST	Robert Gaudette	Fed X
2ND	Laurier Dumont	Roadway
3RD	Daniel Allard	Penske Logistics

### FLATBED

1ST	Paul Robichaud	Fed X
2ND	Paul Bullard	RSD
3RD	Fred Varney	Wal-Mart

### SLEEPER

1ST	Steven Cochran	Fed X
2ND	Mike Cloutier	Wal-Mart

### STRAIGHT

1ST	Joseph Martin	CCX
2ND	Robert Provost	Waste Management

### TANK

1ST	Chris Lemauk	PS Marston
2ND	Wayne Farmer	Wal-Mart
3RD	Dennis Memmolo	PS Marston

### TWINS

1ST	Jason McCarthy	Wal-Mart
2ND	Daniel R. Roy	CCX
3RD	Andrew Worster	CCX

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2004 TDC COMPETITORS

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## RYDER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES NAMES STATE OF MAINE DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Bruce "Bear" Simpson, (pictured on left, beside Andy Reed) a professional driver for Huttig Building Products of Saco, Maine was recently selected as the **Ryder Transportation** 2003 Driver of the Year from the Portland, Maine Customer Business Unit. Mr. Simpson was also nominated as a finalist for the Ryder Northeast Region Driver of the Year.

Bruce has logged over 2, 400,000 safe driving miles in his 25 years as a professional truck driver. He has also been employed at Huttig Building Products since 1979. He and his wife, Karolyn and son James, reside in Scarborough, Maine.



The criteria for nomination includes accident free miles, length of service, overall driving record, DOT and regulatory compliance and community service .

Congratulations to Bruce Simpson for his professionalism and outstanding achievement as Ryder's Driver of the Year and to the Huttig Building Products Company for their commitment and support of Transportation Safety.

### TRUCKING TRIVIA

Answers on page 5

- #1 Truck manufacturer Peterbilt was founded in what year?
- #2 What city was Sanborn's Express based in?
- #3 Carl Subler Trucking was a truck load carrier. Who were they purchased by?
- #4 P.I.E. Trucking Company - What did P.I.E. stand for?
- #5 Sanborns Express was bought by who and in what year?

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## 2004 MPDA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(As of July 3, 2004 - includes events that our members are involved in, or are of interest to our members)

### July

- 10 MPDA Officers Meeting** - MMTA Office, Augusta, ME - 9:00AM - contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or ronh@mmta.com
- 17 MPDA General Meeting** - MMTA Office, Augusta, ME - 9:00AM - contact Ron Hutchins at 623-4128 or ronh@mmta.com

### August

- 1 August Newsletter Deadline** - All submissions must be emailed to behindthewheel@mainepda.org>
- 17 Southern Convoy Meeting** - Old Country Buffet Maine Mall - 6:00PM contact Jim Costa at 727-5349 or jcosta@sacoriver.net
- 17-24 ATA National Truck Driving Championships** Salt Lake City, Utah - FMI Cliff Gray at <grayc@mmta.com> or 207-623-4128

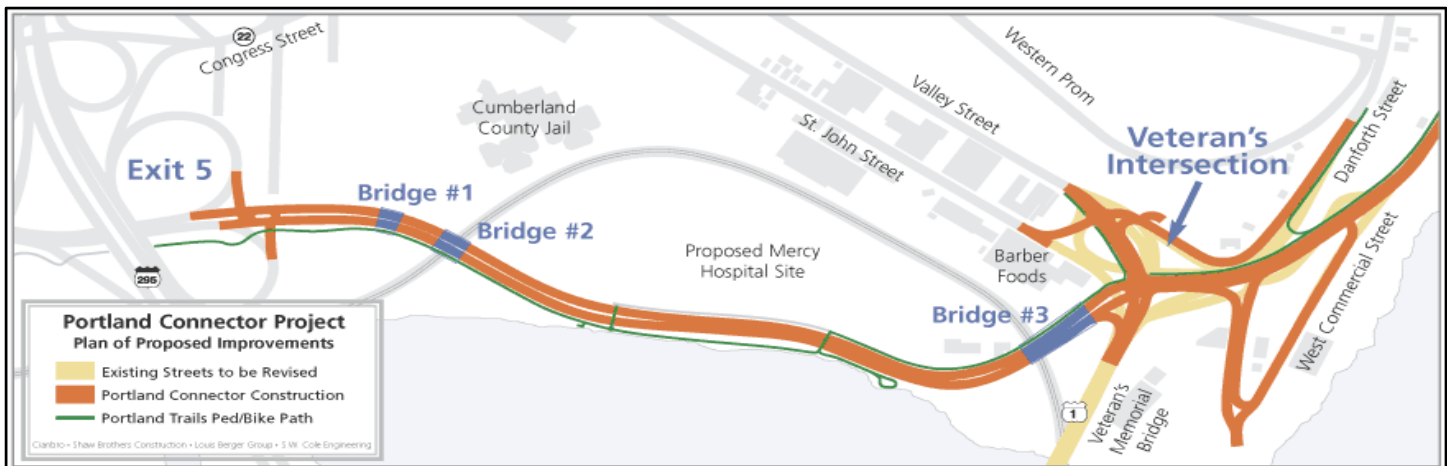
### September

- 4 Sept. Newsletter Deadline** - All submissions must be emailed to <behindthewheel@mainepda.org>
- 4 Tentative 2004 Charity FunDrive** - Virginia
- 9 "Wishes on Wheels" Convoy** - Willington, CT. contact Roland Bolduc at 413-525-0764 or <roadeo@charter.net>
- 23-25 US Professional Truck Driving Championships** - Wisconsin Center District, Milwaukee - contact Cliff Gray at <grayc@mmta.com> or 207-623-4128

### October

- 9 Trucking 4 Kids Convoy Set-up Day** - 9:00am Portland - contact Jim Costa at <jcosta@sacoriver.net> or 207-727- 5349 or <trucking4kids@aol.com>
- 10 Maine Trucking for Kids Convoy**, 7:00am - Portland/So. Portland - FMI Jim Costa at <jcosta@sacoriver.net> or 207-727-5349 or <trucking4kids@aol.com>
- 20 10<sup>th</sup> Annual N. H. Truckers Drive for Kids** Steeplegate Mall, Concord, NH to Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Hopkinton, NH - 7:30am - Contact Linda Rafeal at 603-435-6366 or <LndaRfl@nhpda.com>

(Corrections or additions should be sent to Pete Mortensen at morty@maine.rr.com or 284-4933)



## THE PORTLAND CONNECTOR PROJECT

SCOPE OF WORK	Start Date	End Date
Veteran's Intersection Utility Relocations	03/01/2004	05/01/2004
Veteran's Intersection Construction	05/01/2004	12/01/2004
Commercial St. & Industrial Drive Construction	03/01/2004	06/01/2004
Connector Roadway Construction	04/01/2004	11/18/2005
Bridge 3 Construction	09/01/2003	12/15/2004
Bridges 1 & 2 Construction	04/01/2005	11/01/2005
Portland Trails	04/01/2005	11/18/2005

### ANSWERS TO TRUCKING TRIVIA

- Question #1 1939  
 Question #2 Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.  
 Question #3 By Munson Transportation who was latter purchase by Heartland Express  
 Question #4 Pacific Intermountain Express  
 Question #5 By A.P.A. in 1986. and on February 20, 2002, APA closed its doors for good.



### Maine Motor Transportation Assn.

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# 2004 Maine State Truck Driving Championship Contestants

## Straight Truck

301	Roger Scott	FedEx Freight
281	Edward Abbott	Downeast Energy
231	Derek Armstrong	FedEx Ground
	<b>Harold Sherwood, Sr.</b>	<b>Pottle's Transportation</b>

## Three Axle Van

342	<b>Randy Devault</b>	<b>Roadway Express</b>
257	Adrien Doyon	<b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b>
233	John J. Dionne	<b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b>
	William G. Butland	<b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b>
	Pernell Gilliam	Con-way Central Express
	Jason King	<b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b>
	Clifford MacDonald	<b>Hutchins Trucking</b>
	Lester Lord	FedEx Freight
	Frank Smith Jr.	Overnite Transportation
	George Lavioe	FedEx Freight

## Four Axle Van

343	<b>Denis Litalien</b>	<b>Clifford W. Perham/Shaw's</b>
266	Kevin Smit	<b>Clifford W. Perham/Shaw's</b>
256	<b>Timothy Estabrook</b>	<b>Hartt Transportation</b>
	Eric Foster	Land Air Express
	Michael Swallow	Overnite Transportation
	Kevin Carroll	<b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b>
	James Vatter	Yellow Freight
	Mark Fillion	Yellow Freight

## Five Axle Van

294	<b>John Labonte</b>	<b>International Paper Co.</b>
267	<b>John Ellingwood Jr.</b>	FedEx Freight
265	Thomas Pooler	<b>Hannaford Trucking</b>
	Wade Flood	<b>Sysco Foods of NNE</b>
	<b>Ronald Round</b>	<b>Pottle's Transportation</b>
	<b>Mike Frith</b>	<b>A.G. of Maine</b>
	Wayne Berube	<b>Clifford W. Perham/Shaw's</b>
	Patrick Carroll	Central Maine Transport
	Clinton Wakefield	Currier Trucking Corp.
	Greg Cater	<b>A.G. of Maine</b>
	<b>Ed Fernald</b>	<b>Emery Waterhouse</b>
	Ed Conners	Maine Commercial Tire
	Douglas Martin	<b>Hartt Transportation</b>
	Robert Campbell	<b>Hutchins Trucking</b>
	David Porter	<b>A.G. of Maine</b>
	Eric Bickford	Overnite Transportation
	Randy Garcia	<b>A.G. of Maine</b>

## Five Axle Sleeper

225	Jeffrey Reutter	Currier Trucking Corp.
220	Roland Dubois	R.F. Chamberland, Inc.
216	<b>Ransford Begin</b>	R.F. Chamberland, Inc.
	Lenny Landry	R.F. Chamberland
	<b>Gregory Johnson</b>	<b>Hannaford Trucking</b>
	Charles Deveney	<b>Hartt Transportation</b>
	James Ouellette	R.F. Chamberland
	Carl Woodbury II	Central Maine Transport
	Roy Handran	Central Maine Transport
	James Harmon	<b>Hutchins Trucking</b>
	Kevin Seavey	<b>Hartt Transportation</b>
	Leonard Young Jr.	Currier Trucking Corp.

## Five Axle Flat

301	<b>David Gagne</b>	<b>Clifford W. Perham/Shaw's</b>
248	Joseph Lovejoy	<b>Wood Structures</b>
232	<b>Daniel Leighton</b>	<b>Pottle's Transportation</b>
	<b>Rick Magnuson</b>	<b>Hannaford Trucking</b>
	Rick Labonte	<b>Wood Structures</b>
	<b>Rodney Gerrish</b>	<b>Hartt Transportation</b>

## Five Axle Tank

325	<b>Robert Fernald</b>	Fowlers Express
281	Scott Crane	Superior Carriers Inc.
250	Scott Carter	<b>J&amp;S Oil Inc.</b>
	<b>Roger Martin</b>	<b>Webber Oil</b>
	<b>Mark Morrow</b>	<b>Boc Gasses</b>
	<b>Richard Hill</b>	<b>Hannaford Trucking</b>
	Jeffrey Grass	MBNA
	Shawn Withee	<b>J&amp;S Oil Inc.</b>
	Guy Currier	Webber Oil
	David Glendenning	<b>H.O. Bouchard Inc.</b>
	David Crockett	Currier Trucking Corp.

## Twin Trailers

267	Terrence Record	Con-way Central Express
195	<b>Fern Richard</b>	USF Redstar
194	<b>Raymond Rogers</b>	FedEx Freight
	Gregory Deterding	Overnite Transportation
	Michael Saucier	FedEx Ground
	<b>Gregory Hemmings</b>	<b>Overnite Transportation</b>

## ~VERMONT~

### Straight Truck

401	David Fountain	FedEx Express
251	Carroll Bean	FedEx Custom Critical
219	Dora Bean	FedEx Custom Critical

### Three Axle Van

290	William MacDonald	Roadway Express
256	Warren Henderson	Con-way Central Express
192	Brian Moody	Overnite Transportation

### Four Axle Van

277	David Blanchette	Yellow Freight
253	Raymond Gandy	Yellow Freight
252	Kevin Sherman	FedEx Freight East
	Kenneth Black	FedEx Freight East

### Five Axle Van

258	Chris Goddard	FedEx Express
227	Christopher Novack	FedEx Express
173	Zeb Lemieux	Mike Lemieux Trucking

### Twin Trailers

226	Steven Dunn	Overnite Transportation
145	Stephen Slack	CCX

Note: All contestants are listed in order of finish. Anyone wanting their individual scores should contact Cliff Gray or Denis Litalien.

**Bolded** names are members of the  
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