



RUMBLINGS

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It's National Trucking Week!

A week-long celebration, coordinated by the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA), spotlights the contribution made by the 400,000 Canadians who work in the industry. The association also steps up its awareness campaign during the week to educate those from outside the industry how to safely share the road with trucks and how the trucking industry is reducing its environmental footprint.



CTA chief David Bradley says, "During National Trucking Week we salute the men and women who form the backbone of the trucking industry. Without you the country would literally stop!"

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said, "I would like to commend everyone involved in the trucking industry for their diligence and skills in ensuring the safe and smooth movement of freight across the country and across the borders. The trucking industry plays a vital role in the economic progress of the nation. In fact, our supply chain is dependent upon the professionalism and dedication of the more than 400,000 Canadians who keep Canada's freight moving. This week pays tribute to them, while raising awareness of the challenges and opportunities facing this \$54.7 billion industry".

Now if only all the nice words would translate into a reduction in fuel prices!

And sure enough.... Conservatives promise a cut in diesel excise tax.

Stephen Harper announced this week that if elected he will cut the diesel excise tax by 2 cent/per litre, a 50% reduction. Trucking associations estimate this will save truckers \$1600-\$1800 per year. That would translate to an approximate \$31 million per year for BC trucking.

Meanwhile, the federal Liberals announced their "Green Plan", which would add another 7 cents per litre to diesel prices. Stephane Dion also announced a package that would help trucking "go green", and promised \$400 million in emission-reduction credits to forest companies.

Good Job, Guys! ... but you'll never see this in the newspaper

Peter Lineen, Director of Safety at Western Forest Products, passed along this letter, and noted, "Don't hear these stories in the Times-Colonist". A couple and their dog were stranded on a logging road on northern

Vancouver Island after a rock punctured their oil filter. They ended up having to camp on the side of the road overnight. An Interfor crew on their way to work early the next morning stopped to help, and when they heard what was going on, got hold of Western Forest Products, who sent a mechanic out to help – he replaced the filter, refilled their oil, and got them safely on their way, without accepting any money.

They wrote,

“We want to thank Interfor and Western Forest Products, plus all the people who helped us in our dire situation. In this day and age of “big business”, where the “bottom line” is the only consideration most corporations consider, it’s comforting to know there are still businesses whose people will take the time to help those in need. It has to be very rare to find two companies who work so closely together with policies that encourage helping the community. You have earned our respect and your employees have our gratitude! Everyone treated us with courtesy and professionalism, and we appreciate them taking time out of their busy days to help us. We didn’t get any of their names, but hope a copy of this letter might be posted somewhere for them to see this sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU!”
George and Pat Rusinski

Good job, guys! You did us proud!

Winter conditions coming... get your chains ready!

While some parts of the province are still basking in summer-like conditions, the fact is that there has already been some snow fall in parts of the province, and we’re only two weeks away from mandatory requirements to carry chains. It is mandatory for vehicles over 27,000 kgs to carry chains from October 1 to April 30. With the nice weather ongoing, October will sneak up on most of us before we know it! To see on which highways chains are mandatory go to <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/roadreports/chains/chains.asp> This web page was just updated yesterday, Sept 11, so the info is current for this year.

WorkSafeBC starts enforcing Part 26 logbook requirements – including Cycle Times

We got a call from Houston this week, that WorkSafe had a roadside check, along with CVSE, and was checking logbooks, looking for compliance to the Part 26 logbook requirements that came into effect May 1. Several of the trucks had issues with theirs, using the old templates that don’t have the cycle times on them. So this is a reminder – you MUST have a logbook that shows your cycle times, whether you’re a highway truck or an off-hwy. We have WorkSafeBC compliant and CVSE approved templates available for both types. Give us a call and we’ll email or fax them to you. If you’re running an off-highway truck, you don’t need to do the grid, but you still do need to have basic info and cycle times. Here is the section of Workers’ Compensation Act, Part 26 that applies. Make sure whatever form you’re using has these elements:

Part 26.71

(2) The operator of a log transporter referred to in subsection (1) must maintain a daily log into which must be entered the following:

- (a) the date;**
- (b) the printed name of the operator;**
- (c) the truck licence plate or unit number;**
- (d) the odometer reading of the truck at the beginning of the day;**
- (e) the name of the contractor or employer for whom the operator worked during the day;**
- (f) the start and stop time of each trip;**
- (g) the distance driven for each trip;**
- (h) the total distance driven by the operator during the day;**
- (i) the total driving hours during the day.**

CVSE issues Safety Bulletin about Crummy’s

Bulletin #2 issued August 7, warns vehicle inspectors about ‘crummy’ or ‘crew truck’ body styles. According to

CVSE, these vehicles are generally modified trucks with an additional passenger component or buses and are primarily used to transport passengers. To see the complete circular, go to http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/vehicle_saftey_and_standards/PDF/bulletins/080807_bulletin_2_crummy.pdf



Antique Truck Show this weekend in Port Alberni

The antique truck show goes this weekend at the McLean Mill Historic Site. Come on out and see the fascinating display of vintage trucks. MaryAnne will be there with a booth if you have questions or issues you want to raise, or info you'd like to get. The weather is supposed to be great (28!) and it'll a good family time. The McLean "Steam" Sawmill is the only steam-operated sawmill in Canada. You can experience the excitement of steam, as the sawmill cuts wood for demonstration and sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 12, 13 Antique Truck Show, Port Alberni
- Oct 23, 24 Work Drug Free Conference, Prince George (BC Council on Substance Abuse)
- Nov 1 Vancouver Island Safety Conference, Qualicum Beach

BC Safety Council Health and Safety Summits (go to www.safetycouncil.bc.ca for details)

- Kelowna: September 29 - October 2, 2008
- Prince George: October 21 - 24, 2008
- Victoria: November 18 - 21, 2008
- Langley: December 2 - 5, 2008

If you have a trucking related event you'd like us to post for you, email arcand@bcforestsafesafe.org with the details.

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