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As we kick off what is shaping up to be an extremely active 2026, I am reminded once again how fortunate we are to belong to such a strong and engaged association.

We are now just one week away from the close of the 2026 Utah Legislative Session. It has been a very busy session — one that has required significant time, careful attention, and real technical expertise. This year especially, I have leaned heavily on many of you. Whether it was reaching out to legislators directly to explain how proposed bills would impact your business, or providing me with the technical guidance necessary to shape sound policy recommendations, your involvement has been invaluable.

There is great comfort in knowing that when an issue arises, I can quickly reach out to members who understand the operational realities of trucking and receive thoughtful, informed direction. That is the power of association. When policymakers hear directly from those who move Utah's economy every day, it makes a difference.

I also want to express appreciation for those who serve in the Legislature. As intense and, at times, tense as some issues can become, I continue to be impressed by the individuals who dedicate themselves to public service and who sincerely aim to make life better for their constituents. The legislative process can certainly be frustrating. It requires patience, persistence, and compromise. But in the end, it remains one of the best ways to ensure that the needs and concerns of the people are heard and addressed.

We are grateful for the accessibility of our elected officials and for their willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue.

As we move out of the legislative session, we transition immediately into one of our busiest seasons of the year.

In April, we are excited to participate in our annual Call on Washington trip, where a dozen of our UTA leaders will join the American Trucking Associations to meet with Utah's Congressional delegation. This trip has proven to be extremely successful. Last year, several members of our delegation signed onto key federal legislation at our request. These face-to-face conversations matter. They strengthen relationships and ensure that Utah trucking has a respected and credible voice at the national level.

Closer to home, we look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Southern Utah Trucking Association Scholarship Golf Tournament. This is always a great event that supports an important cause while providing an opportunity to connect with industry friends. Please visit our website for details and registration information.

And right around the corner is one of the highlights of our year — the UTA Management Conference & Truck Expo. We are seeing strong early registration activity and encourage you to secure your spot soon. We are thrilled with this year's speaker lineup and are excited to continue our tradition of combining meaningful education with the networking and fun that make this event so special.

From industry insights to the expo floor to our evening receptions, it is a time to reconnect, recharge, and refocus.

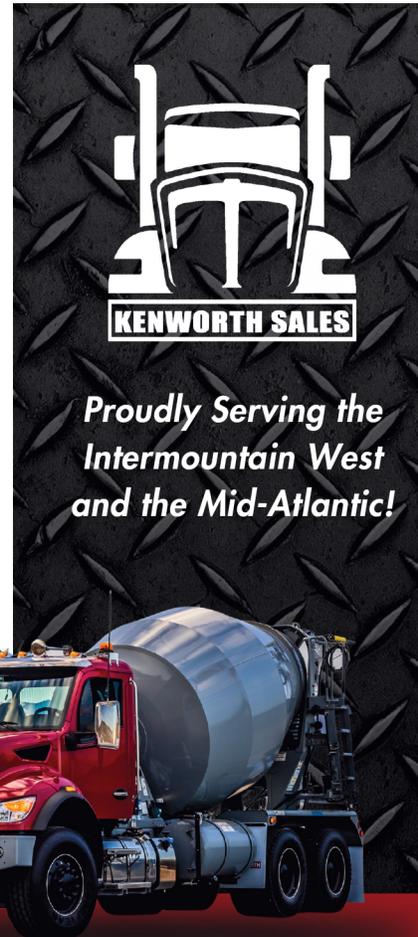
As always, we welcome support in identifying silent auction and raffle items for the conference. These contributions play an important role in enhancing the experience and supporting our programs. If you or your company can assist, please coordinate with our staff.

The value of association is never more evident than during busy seasons like this. Advocacy, education, relationships, and shared expertise are not accidental — they are the direct result of engaged members working together. As I have often said, “When we speak with one voice, we are far stronger than any one company could ever be alone.”

Thank you for your continued involvement, your trust, and your leadership within Utah’s trucking industry. I look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks ahead.



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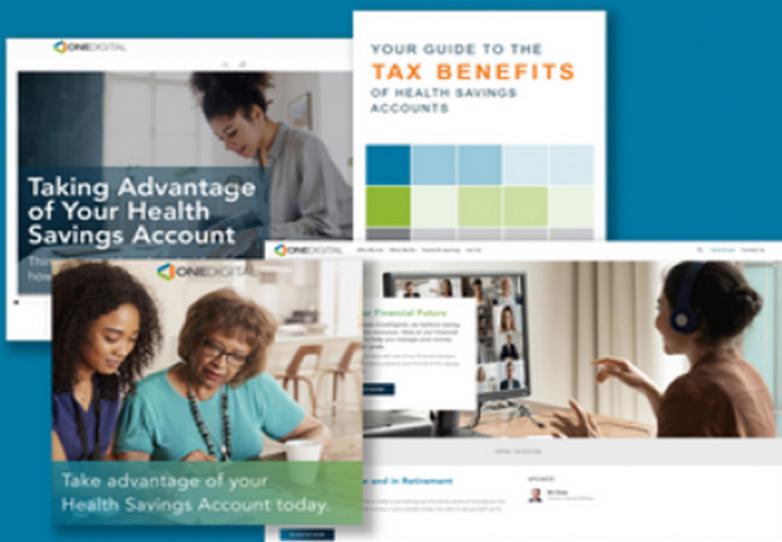
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Do you know someone who should win TAT's Harriet Tubman Award?

Each year, TAT (Truckers Against Trafficking) presents its most prestigious award – the Harriet Tubman Award – along with a \$5,000 check and a trophy to a member of the trucking, bus or energy industry whose direct actions have either helped save or improve the lives of those exploited or prevented human trafficking from taking place.

Do you know someone who deserves to win this award? If so, check out the nomination process for the award now at tatnonprofit.org/awards/.

TAT created the award in 2013 and named it to honor famed abolitionist Harriet Tubman, whose courageous personal actions resulted in the transportation of 70 slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad and whose overall role in the freedom movement was instrumental in the freeing of thousands more. Born into slavery in 1820, Miss Tubman was the first African American woman buried with full military honors and the first to have the inaugural Liberty ship named after her – the SS Harriet Tubman – by the U.S. Maritime Commission.

The Harriet Tubman Award was presented for the first time the following year to a travel plaza general manager in Washington. You can read the stories of all the past winners at tatnonprofit.org/tat-in-action/#harriet-tubman.

Joe Aguayo, 2023 Harriet Tubman Award winner

WinCo Foods began rolling out TAT training in 2022. Later that year, after seeing a woman with a shaved head, clad only in a towel, standing along a remote stretch of mountainous highway, Joe Aguayo, a WinCo Foods driver, made a call alerting police. His call resulted in the recovery of a trafficking victim. Law enforcement reported this to be the second Indigenous human trafficking victim found naked in this area, and they believe the remote location, coupled with limited access to cell service, has made the area a dumping ground for perpetrators. The trooper told Aguayo that he likely saved the woman's life.

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The Utah Trucking Association proudly hosted the 2025 Driver Awards Banquet on Friday, November 7th, 2025, at the UTA office. This annual event celebrates the outstanding professionalism, safety, and dedication of Utah's drivers—individuals who represent the very best of the trucking industry.

Guests enjoyed a fantastic dinner prepared by **Tom Albritton with Premier Restaurant Group** before the evening's award presentations began.

The program kicked off with **Brad Clayton, TDC Committee Chair**, presenting awards for the 2025 Utah Truck Driving Championship. Where individuals were recognized for their exceptional performance in their respective classes:

Following the TDC awards, **Terry Smith, UTA Safety Director**, presented the Driver of the Month honorees. These drivers exemplify safety, professionalism, and commitment throughout the year:

The final award of the evening was presented by **Reed Newman of Great West Casualty and Utah Safety Management Council Chair**. The prestigious **Driver of the Year Award** was awarded to:

John Dombrowski – C.R. England, Inc.

(More information on this award can be found in the 2025 Driver of the Year feature article.)

We are incredibly grateful to our members who continue to support these programs by nominating their drivers and participating in the Truck Driving Championship. These initiatives are vital in recognizing the hard-working professionals who keep Utah moving safely every day.

A special thank you to **BrightPoint Creative** for producing the awards, and to our generous event sponsors:

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We look forward to opening registration for the **2026 Truck Driving Championship** soon and encourage all members to continue submitting nominations for the **Driver of the Month Program**.

Both the **Driver of the Year** and **Grand Champion** will be honored as special guests at the **2026 Utah Trucking Association Management Conference & Trucking Expo**.



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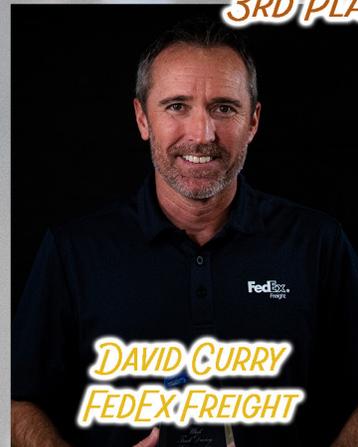
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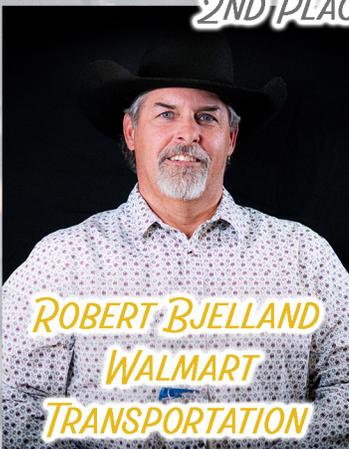
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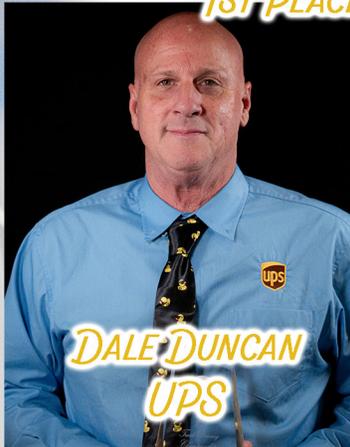
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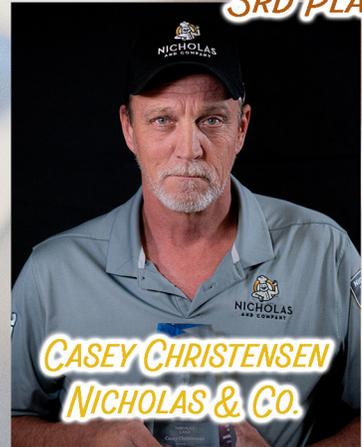
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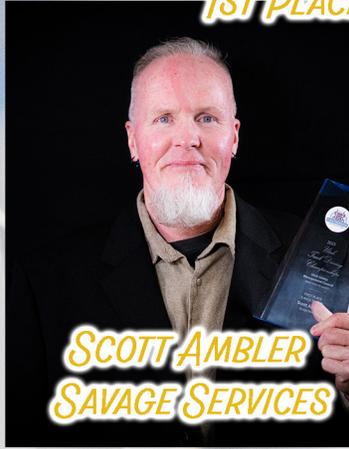
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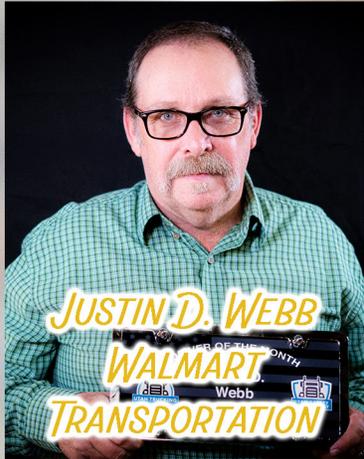
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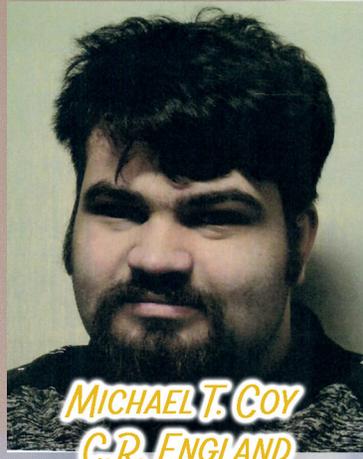


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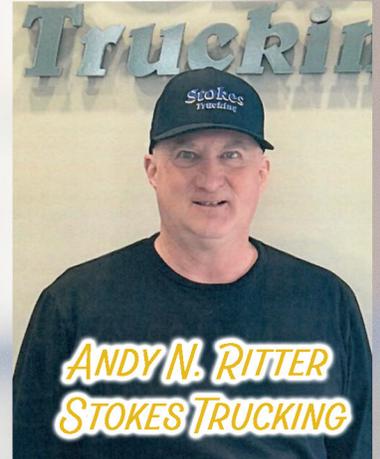
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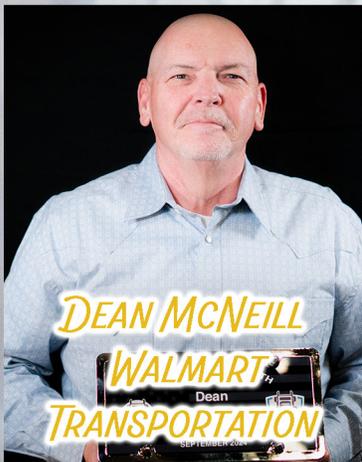


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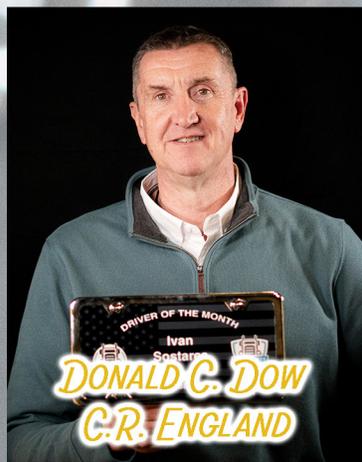
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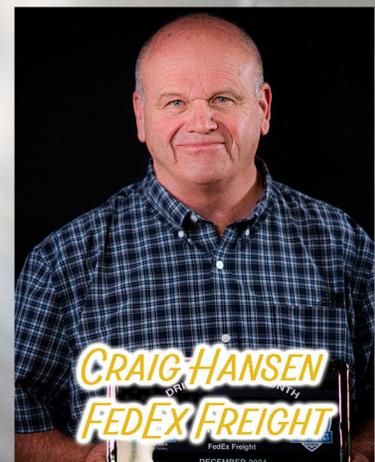


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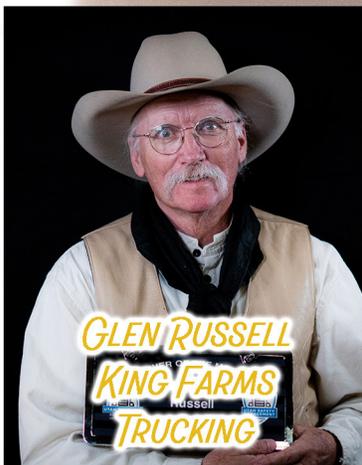
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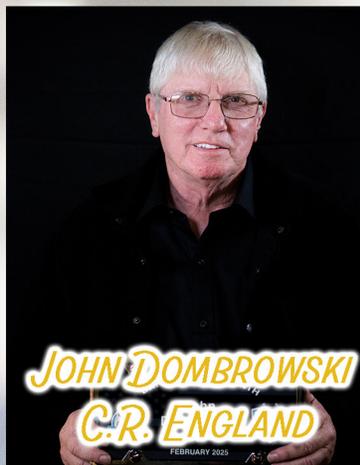


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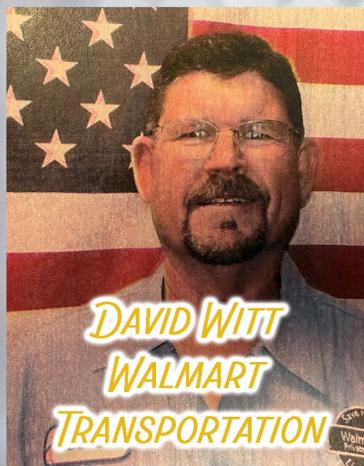
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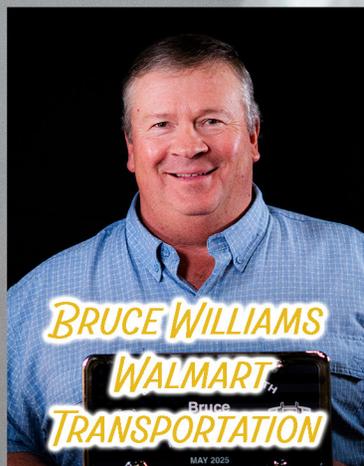


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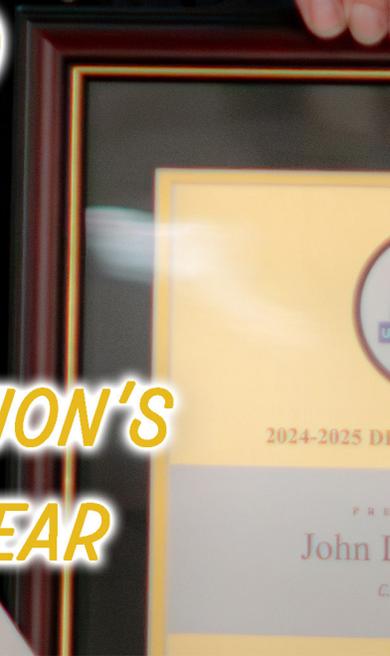
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*UTAH TRUCKING ASSOCIATION'S
2025 DRIVER OF THE YEAR*





When C.R. England’s John Dombrowski first climbed into the driver’s seat in January 1994, he gave himself six months to see how he liked trucking. Thirty-one years later, he’s still rolling strong — proof that sometimes a “temporary plan” turns into a life-long calling.

John’s story begins in western New York, where his grandparents settled after emigrating from Poland in the late 1800s. Growing up on the family dairy farm, John learned responsibility and grit at an early age. He was as comfortable behind the wheel of a tractor or bulldozer as he was tending to livestock.

After years working in factory manufacturing and assembly — including parts deliveries to U.S. Air Force bases and grocery-store service contracts — John’s path began to cross with C.R. England drivers. When his factory eventually closed, those encounters came to mind. He decided to take a chance on trucking and enrolled in C.R. England’s driving school in Salt Lake City.

That “six-month trial run” stretched into a career

now entering its fourth decade.

Today, John is a proud member of C.R. England’s PODS Flatbed Fleet, one of the company’s most demanding assignments, covering all 48 states in every conceivable weather condition. Ask anyone who works with him and you’ll hear the same theme — professionalism.

“John is one of those drivers who flies under the radar,” says Logistics Coordinator Kurt Jacobsen. “He gets the job done. I never have to check where he is or what he’s doing — he’s always right on schedule.”

Account Supervisor Joseph Young agrees: “Our flatbed drivers face some of the toughest conditions out there — snow, hurricanes, black ice, freezing rain — but John handles it all with care and consistency.”

Transportation Account Manager Danielle Contreras adds, “He’s easygoing, always willing to go above and beyond, and incredibly reliable. We’re lucky to have him on our team.”

In early 2025, John crossed an extraordinary milestone — 4,013,084 safe miles — earning recognition for 4 million miles of accident-free driving. He now awaits the American Trucking Association's official 4 million Mile Award, a distinction achieved by only the most dedicated professionals in the industry.

John's contributions extend well beyond his career. He's the neighbor who donates to Goodwill and quietly helps others — like the retired man down the street whose overgrown yard he trimmed and cleared with a chainsaw.

He's also been known to stop for stranded motorists, including one memorable occasion in New York's Catskill Mountains when he helped a non-English-speaking traveler find assistance. Outside of trucking, John is an avid firearms enthusiast and safety instructor, mentoring others — especially women — in proper handling and marksmanship. His calm teaching style and emphasis on safety reflect the same patience he demonstrates on the highway.

A few years ago, a bout of appendicitis cut short one of John's deer-hunting trips, but not his good humor. He laughs about it now, calling it "a ruined hunting season, but a successful surgery."

When asked what advice he offers new drivers, John's answer is simple but profound: "Take it easy. Don't get in a hurry — especially in traffic. One bad choice can get you in trouble fast." He's known to check in with new recruits, offering guidance and encouragement whenever possible.

John Dombrowski's 31-year career stands as a model of professionalism, integrity, and quiet leadership. His dedication has earned the admiration of fellow drivers, customers, and C.R. England staff alike.

For his commitment to safety, service, and the spirit of trucking, the Utah Trucking Association proudly recognizes John Dombrowski as the 2025 Driver of the Year



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Written By: Tyler A. Brand **ECONOMY**

Ever wonder how various products get delivered to in-store retailers or show up at your doorstep?

We take for granted the gallon of milk, fuel at a gas station, household items, and a whole host of other products that are available in warehouses and stores. Via the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the U.S. trucking industry moved approximately 12 billion tons in 2024 and is projected to move 19 billion tons by 2050.

Who is making sure these items are properly delivered to various warehouses and retailers? This is where the logistics industry, specifically trucking companies, comes into play.

Trucking logistics is the lifeblood of our economy. We frequently forget the value that these companies provide to our daily lives. Oftentimes we see a tractor and trailer on the road, but seldom do we ask where it has come from, where it is going, or what it has in it. The only time trucking companies come into visibility is when there is a halt or supply chain issue.

Without them, our economy would not function. Even a small pause in trucking activity would cause detrimental harm to our country.

Key Figures

According to Knight Transportation, there are approximately 1.9 million semi-trucks in operation in the United States. A semi-truck typically averages 100,000-110,000 miles per year via the American Trucking Association. According to the American Trucking Association, trucks moved roughly 72.7% of the nation's freight by weight in 2024.

Issues

Trucking companies face incredibly thin margins. Oftentimes \$0.02-0.05 of every dollar is kept as profit.

They also incur cost volatility from increases in fuel prices, maintenance, and insurance. Cycles between equipment including tractors and trailers can present challenges for trucking company owners.

There is a driver shortage. American Trucking Association states, "At the end of 2018, the trucking industry was short 60,800 drivers and will need to hire over 1.1 million drivers in the next decade. The industry is also short of heavy-duty technicians. The industry will need 67,000 technicians by 2022 due to growth or replacement."

Tractor/Trailers and Commercial Real Estate

Tractors and trailers are like commercial real estate in that they are income-producing properties. Commercial real estate, whether it be office, industrial, multifamily, hotel, etc. makes money through the form of a tenant paying rent. Trucking companies are analogous from the standpoint that their trucks and trailers are basically real estate in mobile form with the hauling contracts being their lease income.

Real estate has a cycle of development, managing the asset, cash flow, maintenance, and refinance or exit. The trucking industry has capital expenditures on tractors and trailers, revenue per mile/load, maintenance/downtime, and replacement cycle through buying or leasing.

Financial Issue In Plain Sight

Should we lease or buy the next tractor?
What happens to cash flow if rates soften or maintenance spikes?
When do lease cliffs hit, and what is the replacement plan?

A new semi-truck can cost upwards of \$150,000 - \$250,000. The trailer itself can cost \$50,000 but it depends on the specifications and type of cargo being hauled. Combined this could end up being over a \$300,000 investment in equipment between just the tractor and trailer.

It is imperative that the assets of the trucking companies, in the form of tractors and trailers, are dependable and long-lasting. Proper financial planning must be undertaken when it comes to leasing and buying decisions of these assets. The fleet that wins long-term treats equipment like a portfolio and manages it with the same discipline as any savvy real estate investor would with an income-producing asset.

What Can Fleets Do Now?

Fleets can track true cost per mile between fuel, tires, maintenance, insurance, and payments. Maintain a lease/loan maturity calendar ("lease cliff" view). Build a 12-month cash forecast (best/base/worst case). Standardize equipment specifications + replacement triggers. Benchmark utilization + downtime (treat like vacancy in commercial real estate).

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**Association Welcomes Guest
Speaker Jason Chaffetz**

**Board of Directors
End-of-Year Meeting**

The Utah Trucking Association Board of Directors gathered on Thursday, December 11th at the Association office for their annual end-of-year meeting. Board members enjoyed lunch together and had the opportunity to connect and reflect on a successful year before diving into the day's discussions.

Executive Director Rick Clasby provided a comprehensive update on the Association's progress throughout 2025, highlighting key accomplishments, continued growth, and the overall strength of the organization. His report emphasized the impact of member engagement, successful events, and ongoing efforts to support and advocate for Utah's trucking industry.

The Board was also honored to welcome guest speaker Jason Chaffetz, a Fox News contributor and former U.S. Representative for Utah's 3rd Congressional District. Chaffetz shared insight into the current political landscape and discussed several issues impacting both Utah and the trucking industry.

A significant portion of his remarks focused on the challenges and opportunities facing Utah as it continues to grow. He highlighted concerns surrounding the state's rapidly changing demographics and stressed the importance of strong, generational leadership across industries to preserve Utah's economic strength and values.

Transportation and infrastructure were key themes, with Chaffetz underscoring the need for improved planning and expanded roadways to accommodate projected population growth. He also addressed broader issues such as homelessness, noting the complexity of the problem and the importance of targeted, practical solutions.

Looking ahead, Chaffetz shared projections about Utah's future development, including the expectation that Eagle Mountain could become one of the state's largest cities due to its geographic advantages and available space for expansion.

Following his remarks, Board members engaged in a thoughtful Q&A session, providing feedback and sharing perspectives on how policymakers can better support Utah's trucking industry.

The discussion offered valuable insight and reinforced the importance of continued collaboration between industry leaders and government officials.

The Utah Trucking Association extends its appreciation to Jason Chaffetz for taking the time to speak with the Board, as well as to all Board members for their leadership, participation, and ongoing commitment to the success of the Association.







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