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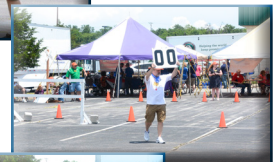
Truck Driving Championships

June 12-13, 2015

Joplin, Missouri

The 2015 Truck Driving Championships, sponsored by the Missouri Trucking Association's Council of Safety Supervisors, were held at the Joplin Convention & Trade Center in Joplin, Missouri.

The 2-day event saw 192 drivers put their skills to the test. They were given a written exam, completed a federal pre-trip inspection and then took to the driving course that consisted of six obstacles.



Drivers compete as the spectators cheer them on.





Everyone receives their instructions as they gear up for an exciting and busy two days.



Pre-trip inspections are completed by drivers under the watchful eye of industry experts.



The skills driving course was kept very busy during the 2-day event.



Championships Banquet



Keynote speaker for the banquet was Lt. Kevin Kelley of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.



Breakfast of Champions



First & second place winners were invited to a breakfast along with past winners who went on to Nationals. They shared information with the new winners to help prepare them for the National competition that will be held in St. Louis, MO in August.

And the Winners are . . .



TANK TRUCK CLASS

Melvin Tesson Walmart Transportation
Jack Lovan Walmart Transportation
Michael Hausner FedEx Freight



FLATBED CLASS

Andy Hunt FedEx Freight
Guy Barber Con-way Truckload
Ray Parker Tri-State Motor Transit (not pictured)



STEP VAN CLASS

Jared Weidmann FedEx Ground
Nick Frazier FedEx Ground
Grant Garwood FedEx Ground



STRAIGHT TRUCK CLASS

Paul Tyler Con-way Freight
Michael Millaway UPS Freight
James Houghton FedEx Express



THREE AXLE CLASS

Robert Elder FedEx Freight
Barry Banzet Old Dominion Freight
Robert Bramwell ABF Freight



FOUR AXLE CLASS

Jeff Downen FedEx Freight
Albert Hockett Con-way Freight
Chad Daniel Prime



FIVE AXLE CLASS

Tracy Enochs Tri-State Motor Transit
Joseph Hartsell UPS Freight
Buddy Gray Prime



SLEEPER BERTH CLASS

Don Decan Transport Distribution Co
Bobby Chilcoat Con-way Truckload
Wyatt Hooper Con-way Freight



TWIN TRAILERS CLASS

Jeffrey Viles Old Dominion Freight Line
Regnald Ansbach ABF Freight
Jason Budd FedEx Freight



PRE-TRIP INSPECTION AWARD

Regnald Ansbach ABF Freight



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Melvin Tesson Walmart Transportation



WRITTEN TEST AWARD

Joseph Hartsell UPS Freight



MO PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Steve Fields YRC Freight



GRAND CHAMPION

Regnald Ansbach ABF Freight



TEAM CHAMPION

FedEx
Freight