



DIGGING FOR A LIVING NEWSLETTER

September 2025

FUN FACTS ABOUT TRUCK DRIVERS

1. Between 6 to 14% of truck drivers are women.
2. Truck Drivers cover an average of 115,000 miles per year
3. The first semi-truck trailer truck was invented in 1898.
4. If all 15.5 million trucks in America were stacked end to end, they would reach the moon.
5. Elvis Presley was a truck driver before he became famous.
6. Most truck drivers are from Florida.

A NOTE FROM THE TOP

The days are getting shorter, the mornings are a little cooler, could that be fall in the air? And hopefully you are feeling a little relief at the job sites.

This month we recognize our truck drivers with Truck Driver Appreciation week. We appreciate your time and dedication to your job. We understand that your job is essential, challenging, and usually full of stories.

Sincerely,
Mike & Tammi Swearington
Owners

Congratulations on a Job Well Done

In the month of August, we had several people make the SAFE DRIVER report. These drivers received no Azuga Speed Alerts for the month of August.

* Archie Hicks	* Alex Clark	* Chauncey Scanin
* Brian Zabell	* Bill Frazier	* Brad Burns
* Bryan Ingram	* Cecil Bryant	* James Palazzo
* Cody Keller	* Darryl Becker	* David Wooten
* Donald Vaughn	* John Gilliland	* John Riesett
* Herschel Carnley	* Matt Summers	* Michael Blattner
* James Anderson	* Janet Holladay	* Rex Ivey
* Timothy Bell	* Jerimey Tyner	* Todd Thames
* Tyler Wise	* Wally Phillmon	* Michael Fowler
* Oscar Miller	* Robert Nelson	* Thomas Stubbs
* Tony Joplin		

What type of music does a construction worker listen to? Heavy Metal

SEPTEMBER SAFETY

Identifying Job Site Hazards for Truck Drivers

1. Drive the speed limit and obey traffic laws.
2. Be aware of your surroundings and what is going on around you.
3. Put your cell phones down.
4. Be observant of overhead power lines.

September 15th- 19th is National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

Thank you for your early mornings, late nights, and long hauls you play a vitale role in our daily operations.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Michael Scott – Superintendent

Michael is from Vernon and started working here in 2019 as an operator and has worked his way up to Superintendent. Michael is currently supervising three of our projects. Michael's favorite aspect of the job is the dirt moving and his favorite project so far has been Tallahassee Memorial Hospital on Panama City Beach.

When Michael is not working you will find him spending time with his family and running the sound board at church. He is currently enjoying the pee wee football season with his son.

If you want to hear a funny story – ask Michael about Blue Crayons.



JOB COMPLETION SPOTLIGHT:

Gulf Power Steam Plant Haul for Cooper, Barnette, & Page

This project required a massive amount of dirt to be moved. From 2019 when we started the project until it was completed this year we hauled over 2 million yards of dirt to the plant. (That's enough dirt to fill over 7,000 standard-sized swimming pools).

The trucks went up and down Highway 77 from the Hwy 20 pit to the Steam Plant multiple times a day during this time. It is worth noting that we only had one accident throughout this whole job (and it was not on Hwy 77). The trucks safely pulled in and out of traffic on Highway 77 for six years without an incident.

September Anniversaries

*Joseph Adams – 1 year

*Shannon Duncan – 1 year

*Amanda Strickland – 3 years

*John Barfield – 11 years

*Blake Adams – 1 year

*Gary Fisk – 1 year

*James Merville – 3 years

*Ray Hernandez - 14 years

*Weslee Dolly – 1 year

*Lance Warren – 1 year

*Johnny Kegg – 4 years

September Birthdays

*David Adkinson

*Ryan Corbin

*Gary Fisk Jr.

*Bryan Ingram

*Cheryl Palazzo

*Christopher Testut

*Cecil Bryant

*Staci Corbin

*Crystal Hartwig

*Jordan Lingg

*James Palazzo

*Cory West

*Wesley Burnham

*David Elmore

*Joshua Hicks

*Nathan Merchant

*Cason Rogers

*Jared Yeomans

*Chris Corbin

*Dennis Ferrari

*Michael Hines

*Michael Owens

*Shawn Roush

*Cynthia Zabell