

# We Are The Z-Team!

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## DRIVERS HAVE VARIOUS GPS OPTIONS

**T**hey're not perfect, but they are a very useful tool in navigating the highways. GPS devices were an expensive target of thieves a few years ago, now they are inexpensive and commonplace. Many truck drivers consider them an essential tool. "Just guessing, I would estimate 70% of our drivers use GPS," said **Dave Wetzler**, Operations Manager. "Until last year, GPS had been coming factory-installed in most trucks starting with the 2013 model year."

But the ones built into the trucks haven't proven reliable. In many of our trucks the OEM GPS units don't work at all. Dave said they break down and are very expensive to repair. But there are other options. "Some drivers have their own GPS unit. Rand McNally seems to be the most popular brand," Dave explained. "But many drivers have Co-Pilot navigation activated on their PeopleNet display."

The Co-Pilot system is set up just for truck navigation. It has many features including one where the driver can set multiple profiles for different length, height, width, and weight restrictions. According to Dave, "Drivers often set up a profile for a fully loaded trailer and another one for bob-tailing. The system asks which profile you want to use for each new route."



*Co-Pilot Main Screen*

Co-Pilot also integrates with the workflow data sent from Dispatch. "It's a time saver," said **Steve Clouse**, Van Division driver who was the first in our fleet to use Co-Pilot. "When ready to go to the next stop, it prompts to create the route. You just hit YES. No typing street names or numbers." Steve said he would be glad to answer questions from other drivers about Co-Pilot.

Anyone who has used a GPS knows they have limitations—and Co-Pilot does, too. But with 99.9% accuracy, it can be a great tool to ease stress and help out in unexpected situations. Anyone can request the Co-Pilot feature be activated on their PeopleNet unit by talking to Dave.

### A Global Position System Receiver

Not all information is up-to-date, street addresses are not always precise, and you cannot just blindly follow the directions.

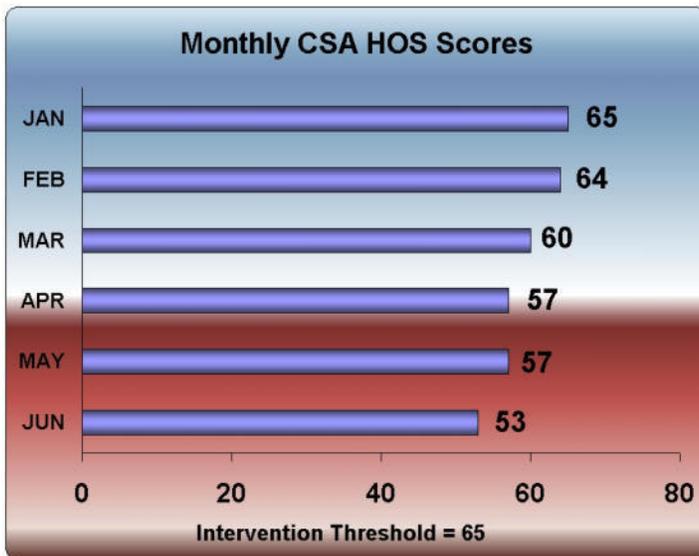
Sometimes you'll get a route that just isn't practical, as when it calculates a complex route to save a mile or two minutes travel.

From Wikipedia  
GPS satellites  
*continuously transmit their current time and position. A GPS receiver monitors multiple satellites and solves equations to determine the precise position of the receiver and its deviation from true time. At a minimum, four satellites must be in view of the receiver for it to compute four unknown quantities (three position coordinates and clock deviation from satellite time).*

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## 2017 Employee Appreciation DAYS

**T**his year, Employee Appreciation Days will be from Aug 21st through 25th. Snacks, sodas, and cold sandwiches are going to be available every day, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the grill will be fired-up starting at 3 PM and run until 8 PM. On Thursday and Friday the grill will start at 11 AM and go until 9 PM. On Friday afternoon employees and their families are invited to get together from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM for hot food from the grill and cold ice cream from the Creme Stop's ice cream truck! We'll also have daily raffles and drawings. Watch for more information in the days ahead!



### Dates to Remember

August 21—25, Employee Appreciation Days  
 Monday Sept 4, Labor Day Holiday  
 Sat October 7, Winter Safety Meeting I  
 Sat October 28, Winter Safety Meeting II

*Together we can make it better!*

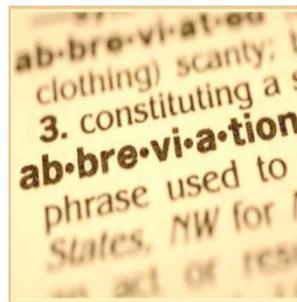
## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS ...

- Norm Stever — Aug 2
- John Johnson — Aug 2
- Ian Rosensteel — Aug 3
- Denny Gilmore — Aug 5
- Kris Embly — Aug 6
- Joey Brown — Aug 6
- Becky Shaw — Aug 11
- Jake Yoder — Aug 12
- Chris Witter — Aug 19
- Ray Snyder — Aug 28
- Mark Zimmerman — Aug 29



## ... AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Carl Heffner, Sr. — 20 years
- Cinda Lauver — 20 years
- John Johnson, Sr. — 13 years
- Denny Snook — 12 years
- Terry Wagner — 5 years
- Scott Moist — 4 years
- Dale Snook — 3 years
- Charles Leitzel — 3 years
- Gary Reck — 3 years
- Tracy Harris — 3 years
- Leonard Chubb — 2 years
- Jacob Strauser — 1 year
- Dakota Peck — 1 year
- Don Casner — 1 year



Editor's Note: This month's issue is in abbreviated form due to summer vacations and other demands on our time. We hope to return to our regular format next month!

## QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

*"A man who views the world the same at 50 as he did at 20, has wasted 30 years of his life."*  
 —Mohammed Ali

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