

# We Are The Z-Team!

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## ACCIDENT, BUT NO ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

**V**an Driver **Gary Reck**, driving truck 1636, was involved in an unusual accident while approaching an intersection in Brookville, PA on August 17th. Here's the setup: in the first photo on the right side you can see a car (blue arrow) which has just completed a left turn in front of the camera. In the second photo, Gary in truck 1636 (red arrow points to Gary's truck *facing the camera*) is traveling behind a black car, which is in the adjacent lane.



### Where's the Camera?

To eliminate any confusion, we need to tell you that these pictures were taken from a high resolution video dash camera in a truck traveling in the opposite direction of Gary. It was not a Zimmerman truck, but we obtained the video because of our involvement in the accident.

You can see the black car facing the camera is set up to make a left turn. But instead of yielding to oncoming traffic ...

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# ANALYSIS OF AN ACCIDENT

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... the driver continues into the intersection (see photo 3 below). After being struck head-on (photo 4), the car was then pushed out of it's lane and into the adjacent lane and Gary's oncoming truck (photo 5).



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These five photos depict the entire event. In all of them you can see the light was green.

In the photos you can see the clock which indicates the time of day and the speed of the approaching truck.

From the time the car started it's left turn (second photo, previous page) to the impact (fourth photo) only 1.32 seconds elapsed. During that time, the approaching truck driver's reaction time only allowed him to reduce his speed by 3.9 MPH!



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Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt (which is a testament to the safety systems in the car).

You probably find yourself in this same type of situation several times per day. Be alert and drive defensively!



## NEWS ABOUT OUR OWN



### MARK KLING, JR / MIRANDA BILGER

On Saturday July 15, 2017 Miranda Danielle Bilger and our own **Mark Kling, Jr.** were married. Mark is a driver in the flatbed division. As you can see from the photo taken at the Bell Mountain Estates in Lewistown, they had beautiful weather for their special day. Mark met Miranda about seven years ago. They reconnected in the summer of 2015, three months after he started at ZTL. Both Miranda and Mark are from Huntingdon.

(Photo credit: Rick Hamilton Photography)

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## GRAND AND GREAT-GRAND KIDS



On September 11th Kamden Maddox Wagner was brought into the world at 6 lbs, 12 oz. Kamden (left) is the first great-grandson of **Dot Dowling** in our Billing Department. In a way, he was a birthday gift to Dot's husband, Fred, Kamden's great-grandfather, who was born on the same day.

Three days later on September 14 at 1:56 AM, Weston Hall Dobson was born at 6 lbs, 13 oz. Weston (right) is the grandson of **Sonny Dobson**, our Parts Manager.




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## WATCH YOUR HEALTH CARE DEDUCTIBLE!

Our CFO, **Derek Ritzman**, relays the following story: "I was reviewing my family's health care costs so far this year. I was sure we had already exceeded our deductible. I checked—and I was right, but Capital Blue Cross continued to decline provider payment requests even after we had met our deductible. I contacted our insurance broker and they took care of it right away, but this likely is not a one-off for my family alone. It's likely this was caused by a computer error of some kind. My advice is that if you think you have met your health care deductible for 2017, check to make sure that the records are correct." Benefits Manager, **Cinda Lauver**, added that she would be your first contact at x250 if you think this might apply to you. She said, "Call me first and I'll have our insurance broker check your individual records."



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## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION



**Lynne Brown** was the first to get ice cream at the employee and family gathering on Friday afternoon August 25th during Employee Appreciation Days.



While everyone received \$50 gift cards, there were also daily winners from raffle drawings. Some of those winners included:

CHRIS WITTER  
STEVE CLOUSE  
SHANE KREAMER  
RICHARD CRESSLER  
DALE KUKUKA  
JACOB STRAUSER  
CINDA LAUVER  
BRYAN RUDY  
CHARLES MILLER  
JAMES PRICE, JR.  
DON CASNER  
GARRY BROWN

BRIAN GRIFFITHS  
HERB HAAGEN  
DANIEL BLACK  
DARREN WEAVER  
CAROLYN FORDHAM  
JUSTIN HENRY  
RODNEY MOIST  
DAN HAUBERT  
DAN HACKENBURG  
SCOTT WALTER  
STEVE DENOTSKO

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat October 7, Winter Safety Meeting I  
Sat October 28, Winter Safety Meeting II

Special guest speaker, **Charlie Clifford**, Commercial Sales Manager for Bridgestone will talk about best practices for extending tire life.



*Together we can make it better!*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS ...

Dan Haubert — October 2  
David Burkey — October 6  
Mark Kling — October 7  
Terry Neely — October 24  
Dennis Peterson — October 25  
Dan Hesketh — October 26  
Bob Camenisch — October 29  
Greg Reigel — October 29  
Tracy Harris—October 31

## ... AND ANNIVERSARIES

Cathy Wible — 22 years  
Dale Kukuka — 16 years  
Tracey Heffner — 14 years  
Dan Black — 10 years  
Kevin Swailes — 6 years  
Travis Twigg — 6 years  
Denny Gilmore — 4 years  
Jon Kindervator — 3 years  
Chad Walters — 3 years  
Kirby Nickel — 2 years  
Mike Hamilton — 2 years  
Steve Hornblower — 2 years

## CSA LATEST CSA SCORES

The latest numbers as of August 25th with the DOT intervention thresholds in parentheses. Arrows show the trend change from last month:

<b>Unsafe Driving (65)</b>	ZTL Score: 9	↓
<b>HOS Compliance (65)</b>	ZTL Score: 51	↔
<b>Vehicle Maintenance (80)</b>	ZTL Score: 19	↑

Accidents have dropped dramatically this year according to Operations Manager, **Dave Wetzler** — and our Unsafe Driving score reflects this.

## QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

*"As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind: Every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder."  
— John Glenn, Astronaut and United States Senator*

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