

MAPLETON AG LLC NEWSLETTER

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Brake Safety Week: August 22-28

Brake Safety Week is part of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's Operation Airbrake initiative – an enforcement campaign that aims to reduce the number of highway crashes caused by faulty brake systems on commercial motor vehicles. Local, state and federal safety officials will be checking for:

- Loose or missing parts
- Air or hydraulic fluid leaks
- Trouble-indicator lights on the dash, including antilock brakes
- Worn linings, pads, drums or rotors
- Mismatched air chamber sizes across axles
- Proper brake adjustment
- Brake hoses and tubing condition (a special focus for this year's inspections)

Help Prevent Violations! Please make sure you are checking the following *everyday* when you conduct your pre-trip inspection:

- Check for damaged or loose-hanging air chambers, pushrods or slack adjusters.
- Make sure slack adjusters on each axle are extended out to the same angle. Different angles can indicate an out-of-adjustment brake or a broken spring brake power spring.
- Examine tubing and hose condition, positioning and connections.
- Every week, you should perform a 90 to 100 psi brake application with the wheels chocked and the parking brakes released to listen for leaks. The air disc brake rotors and brake drum linings should also be checked for wear/cracks.

BIRTHDAYS

JUL 7: JIM JORDAN
JUL 25: SEAN DRISCOLL
JUL 30: QUEBIN JIMENES
JUL 31: DAVE ARMSTRONG
AUG 12: MIKE GULLIVER
AUG 20: CHAD BROWN
AUG 23: DAVE JORDAN
AUG 24: STEVE SMITH JR.
AUG 30: JUDY MOODY
AUG 30: DOUG TARBY
SEP 13: MATT REJMAN
SEP 29: JOSH PATTI

FEATURED STORIES

Brake Safety Week

Summer Safety Day Recap & Prize Winners

Summer Picnic Update

Industry Updates – Thruway Rest Area Construction

Service Call Update!

Woody will be taking over the off-hour service calls. If you break down after hours, please call Woody's cell phone.



View all of the Mapleton Ag Newsletters online at:

www.mapletonag.com/news-updates

Employees will receive the newsletter via email, or can find it on Facebook or the website.

Summer Safety Day Recap

Thank you all for attending Mapleton's 3rd annual Summer Safety Day! We had a great turnout and were fortunate to receive information from the New York State DOT and Department of Labor, plus fire extinguisher training from Pete Sokernyk! Gary Schenck did an excellent job on the grill, and Melanie prepared a delicious spread of food!



Congratulations to this year's prize winners:

- 30lb Beef Box: Doug Tarby
- 15lb Beef Box: Roger Marshall
- 5lb Beef Box: Matt Rejman
- Marshall's Gift Card: Melanie Quinn



Summer Picnic/Clambake Update

Don't worry - We didn't forget about the summer clambake! We're cautious about getting everyone together due to COVID - we'd like to host a get-together for employees in **late-October or early-November**. We're planning to host an Employee Appreciation Day after harvest season and manure spreading is over. Stay tuned for more details!

If you have any ideas or comments, please let us know!

Industry Updates: Thruway Rest Areas

The 27 New York State Thruway rest areas are currently being renovated/rebuilt as part of a \$450 million investment plan. The project will be completed in two phases:

- **Phase 1: July 2021 - November 2023**
Service Areas: Indian Castle, Junius Ponds, Chittenango, Ardsley, Iroquois, Clarence, Plattekill, Clifton Springs, New Baltimore, Pembroke, Seneca, Oneida, Pattersonville, Sloatsburg, Scottsville, Ulster
- **Phase 2: January 2023 - May 2025**
Service Areas: Schuyler, Ontario, Malden, Guilderland, Port Byron, Warners, Ramapo, Angola, Dewitt, Mohawk, Modena

Fuel service and commercial parking will be available at *all* service areas during construction (with the exception of the Ardsley location, which is open for fuel only). Port-a-johns have been placed at rest area locations that have been closed for renovations.