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We are actually going to do this—Have a convention! It's been a rough few years for our convention—between hurricanes and the pandemic, we've been without a convention way too long!

But it's coming! October 7-9 at the Holiday Inn in Wrightsville Beach. This has always been a great location for us and this year will be no different.

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From the President

Convention 2021 is just around the corner! Please join us in Wrightsville Beach, NC on October 7-9 for our annual convention. You will find all the details and registration information included in this issue and on the website. Please make plans to attend and reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

This will be last "From the President" article and I will readily admit that these articles have been the hardest part of serving as President. I will not miss this part.

Thinking back over the last 2 years, I can say that my term as President did not go as I thought it would, but, then again, everything has changed for everyone. It has probably been helpful that as movers we are constantly adapting and being flexible.

I want to thank the members of our Association for allowing me the privilege to serve as your President. Thank you to the Board of Directors for all the good advice and insight they have shared. Thank you for volunteering your time and for your faithfulness. Pam Stanley, thank you for how hard you work for us. You are our best advocate and I appreciate you.

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Gabriel Whitfield



UniGroup Spotlights Gabriel Whitfield who has been a qualified Van Operator for Horne Moving Systems for over 18 years and in the industry over 50 years. Gabriel has been married to his wife Cynthia for nine years and his hobbies are spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoys meeting new customers and their families most when he's delivering as a Van Operator.

Gabriel's most memorable trips were when he delivered for a creative designer for one of the Marvel movie sets, who gave him a personal tour of the grounds during the delivery and another delivery where he shut down at midnight, during a rainstorm for some rest at an exit in Pennsylvania, and one of his trailer air-bags caught fire. Fortunately, only part of his load was lost, but his trailer and most of his equipment was lost.

On another move from Virginia to North Carolina, the customer somehow found out it was his birthday and surprised him with a cake and singing Happy Birthday to him.

Horne Moving Systems would like us to know that Gabriel is a genuine and honest person who is willing to help anyone with anything. All of his customers, both military & civilian become his "Family", many of which he maintains contact with. He is a very "company" minded driver that strives to make a positive impact in everything he does.

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We're working hard on this year's event.

Our featured speaker on Friday will be Steve Gilliland. Steve is a wonderful speaker who will add a lot to our convention.

We'll be having panels where you can get your questions answered.

We're bringing back our cornhole tournament for Thursday night.

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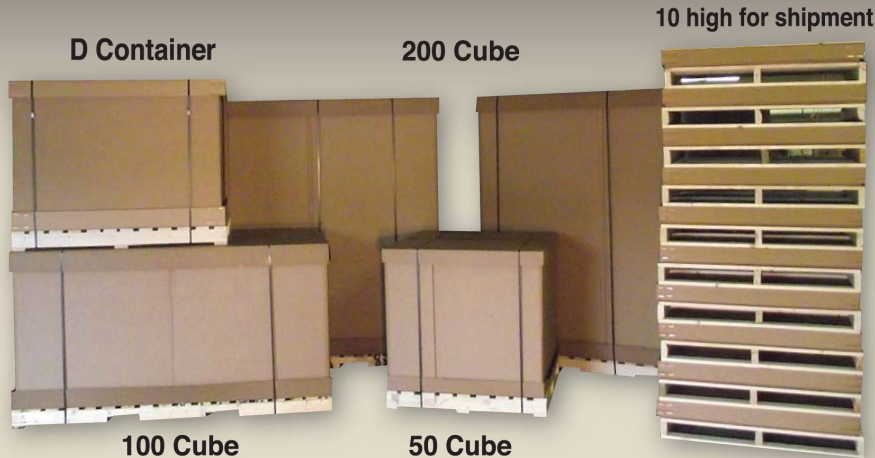
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Wayne Ray 1963—2021

Wayne Ray, president of Coastal Carrier Moving and Storage passed away on August 30, 2021. Wayne was a past member of the Board of Directors and was awarded the Mover of the Year Award in 2017.

Wayne is survived by his wife Lori and his children, Lauren, Dennis, Josh and Brandon.

Wayne's passion was in helping people. He founded Launch Pad, Inc., a Recovery Community Organization, where he was able to help countless individuals overcome their addictions as he had done himself. He pursued higher education in his quest to be able to help even more—earning a Master of Social Work from UNC Wilmington and obtained his LCSW, LCAS, and CCS.

You can see his full obituary [here](#)

He will be missed greatly.





Trucking Risk Advisor

September 2021

Driver Safety Tips for Fall

Fall is fast approaching, and it's one of the busiest seasons for truck drivers. During this time, stores are stocking up on goods for the winter and upcoming holidays. Complicating matters, fall is also characterized by decreased daylight hours, increased wildlife on the road and other driving challenges. To ensure drivers stay safe during this busy and potentially dangerous season, it's crucial for organizations to encourage the following driving behaviors:

- **Watch out for wildlife**—Animals like deer, elk and moose are increasingly active in fall. If drivers don't remain attentive, particularly at dusk and dawn, these animals can cause serious or even fatal accidents. To stay safe on the road, drivers should watch for animal crossing signs and drive slowly in areas where deer, elk, moose and other wildlife may be active. If an animal darts in front of their vehicle, drivers should hit the brakes only if they can maintain control of the vehicle and avoid swerving, as this can lead to more severe accidents.
- **Beware of leaves on the road**—Wet leaves can create slippery roads, increasing the odds of an accident. These leaves can also conceal potential hazards, like potholes and frost. Drivers should drive slow when leaves are on the road and avoid driving through patches of them whenever possible.
- **Plan for shorter days**—In fall, the days are shorter and the nights are longer. This can lead to decreased visibility and potential accident risks. To remain safe on the road, drivers should increase their following distance and pass others slowly. They should also ensure their headlights are working before each trip.
- **Be wary of harvest equipment**—Fall is synonymous with the harvest season. As such, truck drivers will have to share the road with heavy equipment like tractors, combines and trailers. To decrease the risk of accidents, drivers should give agricultural equipment ample space on the road. Even though this equipment often runs slowly, it's important for drivers to be patient when passing these vehicles to avoid head-on collisions with other vehicles.

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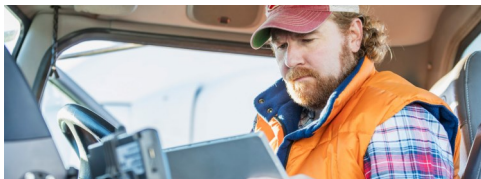
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Join us for a panel discussion on employment law, health plan and employee wellbeing considerations and challenges related to mandating employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The discussion will cover:

- Employment law considerations and risks
- Health plan considerations when offering a vaccine incentive program
- Risks and compliance complexities associated with incorporating employer health plan and other employee benefits
- The role of vaccine incentives in company wellness programs.

Join our ERISA attorney, Cory Jorbin and our employment attorney, Carrie Cherveney in a panel discussion moderated by Scott Fouts, SVP of Risk Services.

Note: This webinar is not intended to either advocate or oppose workplace mandatory vaccine programs but rather to provide the information needed for our clients to make informed decisions. HUB advises clients to have a full and thorough understanding of employment law, compliance, and employee well-being before making any decisions.

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November 15-17—ATA Moving & Storage

Conference Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas



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