

SAFETY ...

IT'S A BIG DEAL!

By Mark Reuber

Safety is a BIG DEAL! It always has been, it's just that safety was (more or less) left up to individuals in the past. Now, organizations and property owners are responsible and held accountable for the safety of any/all personnel. It's not all bad actually; at times industries need a nudge to come up with creative new ideas instead of just accepting the "status quo".

Take for example the new tarp system LRFT staff invented and implemented keeping personnel from unsafe working heights. I look at it and wonder, "Why didn't we come up with that a long time ago!" Not only does the new system prevent drivers and loaders from working at unsafe heights, it makes their job so much easier as well!

Nobody wins when somebody gets hurt, that's for sure. So let's do this. Let's commit to working together to come up with new ideas and ways of making the environment we work in safer AND easier.

Do you have an idea that would make your working environment safer?

Let us know...perhaps together we can set the standard rather than following it!

facebook

Are you on 'Facebook'? Well we are! That's right. Little Rock is keeping up with the times of techno-craved individuals.

Letters used to journey by horse & buggy, truck, boat or air plane. Now they journey via satellite with email, text, and Facebook.

This new world of gazing into an LED lit monitor emitting unknown radiations can be a complete waste of time BUT can keep people connected on a whole other level. Creepy or not, Facebook is a great, user friendly webpage designed for social networking; keeping you connected with friends around the globe.

So 'LIKE' our 'Little Rock Farm Trucking' page and upload your Little Rock pictures, or share a light hearted story with the rest of us.



Just another way to keep us all connected in a very weird way.

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LRFT employs over 60 people who include drivers, mechanics, students and administration to serve our customer's needs.

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Happy New Year

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We Provide

- Satellite Tracking
- Instant Messaging
- Track & Trace
- Dedicated Dispatchers
- 24/7 Availability
- Experienced Drivers
- Accurate Billing
- Hard Copy POD's
- CFIA Approved Docs
- Bio Security Aware
- Ace Manifests
- Modern Equipment



LITTLE ROCK FARM Trucking

A Message from your Friendly Controller:

Dear Little Rock Employees,
Your annual T4's will be ready for pick-up in the office by January 23rd, 2012.

Sincerely, Theresa

YEAR-END TAX PLANNING

Gavillier & Company LLP: Tax Tips

- 1) A **tax credit** for children under 16, at the beginning of the year, enrolled in certain organized activities is available.
- 2) **Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)** A **Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG)** for RESP contributions will be permitted equal to 20% of annual contributions for children (maximum \$500 per child per year).
- 3) **Health and dental premiums for the self-employed individuals** will be allowed to **deduct** amounts payable for **Private Health Service Plan** coverage in computing **business income** provided.
- 4) You have until **February 29, 2012** to make tax deductible Registered Retirement Savings Plan (**RRSP**) contributions for the 2011 year. Consider contributing to a **spousal RRSP** to achieve income splitting in the future.

These tips and more can be found in Gavillier's December Newsletter. You can also view it online at:
<http://www.gavillier.com/downloads/December 2011 Newsletter.pdf>

Paperwork Refresher

It's time for a refresher on trip paperwork.

Any load that comes in from the USA will have a 5549PARS (or 5549LIVE) number associated with it. These need to be **STAMPED BY CANADA CUSTOMS** when the load crosses the border. The stamps are our only proof that the load entered the country legally.

The original customs documents need to go into your trip envelope. If the consignee wants a copy of the customs documents, they can request that Little Rock send it to them. A copy of the stamped documents is also sent to our customer with their invoice.

Please do not leave stamped "Customs Documents" with the load if you drop a trailer for someone else to deliver. **THE STAMPED DOCUMENTS ALWAYS GO IN YOUR TRIP ENVELOPE.**

When you make a delivery to a customer, you have to get a copy of the paperwork signed. Almost all loads will have a "Bill of Lading". A signed B/L is best for proof of delivery, and **THAT SIGNED COPY NEEDS TO GO IN YOUR TRIP ENVELOPE.** Any damages or missing items also need to be noted on the B/L.

If you should drop a trailer at a consignee for them to unload, you also need someone to sign they have received it. **IF YOU CAN'T FIND SOMEONE TO SIGN FOR IT, MAKE SURE A COPY OF THE B/L ENDS UP IN YOUR TRIP ENVELOPE.**

Thanks for your cooperation with this,

~Mike

-A Little Quiz-

I hope you kept your last newsletter to combine all the clues. Here are hint's 3 and 4 for the Quiz:

*I come in different colours but Little Rock prefers Red;
I don't make a sound, but I cause a lot of noise.*

Remember, you only get ONE guess in this competition.
To those of you who have already guessed ... sorry.
If these don't help, more hints will appear in the newsletter to follow.



The Clown in You

Christmas 2011 was a colourful affair. Little Rock employees not only dressed for the occasion but danced the night away at both Walkerton and Mildmay parades. It was a joy and also a surprise in some cases as the more colourful sides of people shone through in the Birthday Celebration.

We are so glad you could make it and hope you had just (if not more) as much fun as the rest of us. Next year will be difficult to top!
Congratulations on winning first prize in the float contest in the Walkerton Parade!



If you'd like to view the parade photos, check out the lrft website or go to:
<http://www.lrft.net/christmas.html>