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at the convention!***

***President's Message
Rob Behnke***

Thank you.....Thank you.....Thank you!

This is going to be another great convention this year! So many great things to look forward to this year; promising attendance, presenters, and high quality agenda items, lending to priceless networking with all our organizations and members. This issue is dedicated to our Partners for their support in our Association. It's their commitment that allows us to 'keep on truckin'. I so strongly encourage all of you to please take a moment at the convention (and throughout 2014) to patronize and thank our partners for their support in helping us 'bridge the gap' in both your classrooms and all throughout our industry. Our Partners have created user friendly processes for your needs-please consider them first when your needs arise.

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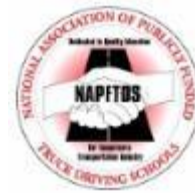
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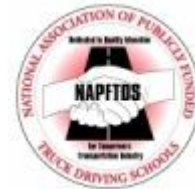
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NAPFTDS 24th Annual Convention

Charleston, South Carolina

Francis Marion Hotel

March 10-12, 2014

Theme: "*Bridging the Gap*"



This year's convention is in Charleston, South Carolina and has a promising agenda.

Monday, March 10, 1-5 p.m.

Classroom Lesson Plans Workshop by Chris and Susie Antonik, Delaware Technical Community College, Georgetown, Delaware, of which attendees will receive hands-on activities and a training certificate.

The following presentations will be done:

Tuesday, March 11

- *AAMVA Presentation*, Karen Morton, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, followed by a question and answer session.
- *Issues Affecting all ... Open Discussion* - lead by Rob Behnke, Martin Garsee and Robert McClanahan
- *Truckload Carrier Association Update* by Chris Burruss, President Truckload Carrier Association
- *Wreaths Across America* and *Trucker's Top Rookie Program* presentations by Rob Bentley, Randall Reilly
- *Truckers Against Trafficking* by Kendis Paris, TAT Executive Director
- Tuesday Evening Banquet *Guest Speaker* - Ellen Voie, Women in Trucking Inc., CEO/President

Wednesday, March 12

- *Learning Challenges for the Adult Learner - The Digital Learner* by John Sawyer, AAA Driver Training Consultant
- *Simulator Study* by Chris Antonik, Delaware Technical Community College
- *FMCSA presentation* by Rich Clemente, Transportation Specialist, FMCSA

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