

Washington State Drivers do well at the Nationals

Earlier this month the American Trucking Associations conducted the National Truck Driving Championships in Columbus, Ohio. The Nationals are a truck driving competition featuring the “Best of the Best” from all fifty states. The roster at the Nationals includes the first place winners from the 50 states in 8 classes of competition.

Approximately 100 to well over 1,000 drivers compete in each class nationwide to come up with each states first place winners who then get to compete in the Nationals.

We are very proud to announce we had 4 of our 8 drivers finish in the top ten at the Nationals. This is an outstanding accomplishment. The drivers and where they placed are as follows;

- Ken Jensen, driver for Conway Freight in Pasco won **2nd place** in the 3-axle class.
- Dana Moore, driver for The Boeing Co in Renton won **4th place** in the Sleeper class.
- Josh Jenkins, driver for Peninsula Truck Lines in Spokane won **5th place** in the Twins Class.
- Robert Dean, driver for Conway Freight in Pasco won **8th place** in the Flatbed class.

Congratulations to **all of our drivers** that represented Washington State this year at the Nationals.

Another point of interest, each year at the Nationals an award is given for the State who has the highest combined average score. This award is only given to the first place state team and 2nd and 3rd are not normally mentioned. This year at the awards ceremony, the announcer felt it was important to announce 1st, 2nd and 3rd place because only ½ point separated each of the three teams. Washington was 3rd place, a half point behind Mississippi who was a half point behind first place Oregon.

Congratulations to all **8 of the drivers** who contributed to the team award, and Congratulations and thanks to the Oregon Team for bring the award back to the Northwest.