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FROM THE DESK OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BART GIESLER

2020 - What did I learn?

- At least one person read my article last month as they pointed out that I had a typo on the number of legislators (the good news is that this may be the first time I had a comment – the bad news is that I need to do a better job of proofreading).
- When several of us work together and pitch in, we can do great things like the Trade Show. It can't be done by just a few and I encourage you to stay engaged, or start to become engaged. We want to continue the Trade Show, but we also need people to offer ideas for meetings or trainings.
- Everyone has a different perspective, whether this is politics or COVID, and these perspectives can change as we get new information. Be respectful of others' opinions. Their circumstances may be different than yours and this is why they have formed their opinions.
- We moved office space in December and it is amazing how much junk was accumulated in the years we have been here.
- My son lost his senior year of baseball due to COVID. I think I missed it more than he did as I was looking forward to the day when all of his friends would be on the same field together as they split up and played on different travel teams over the years. The good news is that I have another son who is a junior and is still playing.
- Speaking of my sons – the generation they are growing up in is different than when I grew up.
- What have you learned over this past year?

Hopefully, like me, you learned something over the past year. While a lot has changed, I think some simple things that my father taught me remain – you get out of life what you put into it – we all need someone to help get us through tough situations – life goes on – control the things you can control.

I hope that everyone knows that ITWA is here to assist our members and everyone has a Happy New Year. Hopefully, the vaccines will work and we all can get back to normal. We will be posting legislative updates on the website and will keep everyone up to date as they figure out how to legislate in these uncharted times. Thanks again for your support of the Association and let us know how we can be of assistance.



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WreckMaster Training Schedule

Coming up in **November** is a Level 2/3 in Elkhart, IN. This class is a Friday/Saturday course at Moore's Towing, Elkhart.

On **April 10-11, 2021**, there will be a WreckMaster Level 2/3 at Interstate Delaware & South in Indianapolis. Matt Bartlett is the host contact.

On **May 15-16, 2021**, there will be a WreckMaster level 4/5 at Ken's Westside Service & Towing in Bloomington. Ken Parrish is the host contact.

We are tentatively planning a Level 6/7 for **June 25-27**. This class will be jointly hosted by Matt Bartlett and Ken Parrish. The exact location hasn't been determined as of yet.

On **August 6-7, 2021** there will be a WreckMaster Class at the Indiana Tow Show. Plans are still being worked out, it will either be a level 2/3 or 4/5 class. More information coming soon.

Stay tuned for additional classes to be added soon for next year.

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FROM PRESIDENT MORELAND

I want to personally wish you all a wonderful New Year, and say thank you for making 2020 a success for ITWA.

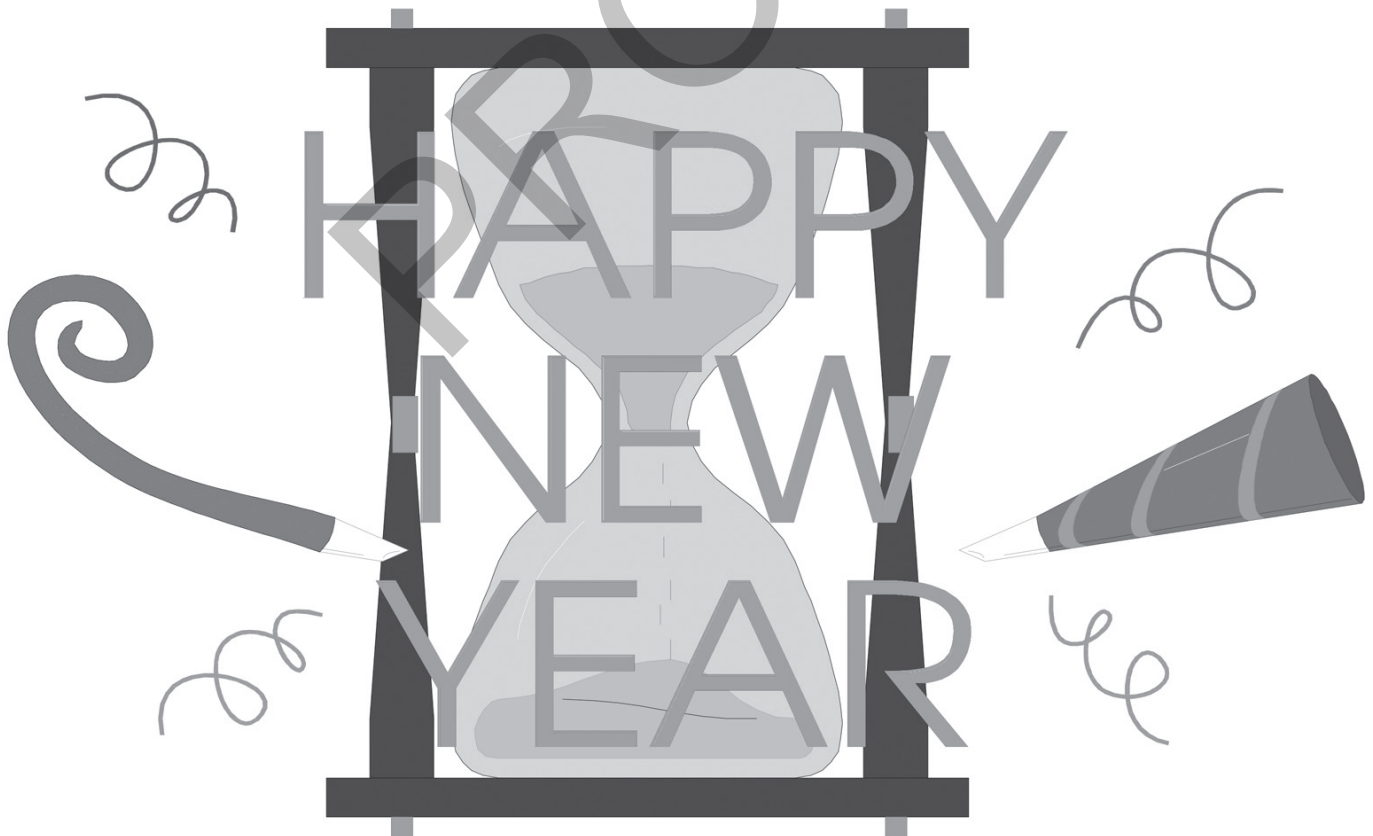
I cannot pretend that this has been an easy year, but there is also much to be thankful for, not the least of which is health, as most of us are doing well, and work, which most of us have been able to provide to all our employees, even in the face of the pandemic.

I want to assure you that the entire board is hard at work and poised for continued success in 2021. Plans for the training opportunities, and the Tow Show are well under way.

For those of you who have lost loved ones, or who have battled COVID personally, my thoughts and prayers have been, and remain with you. I know it is hard, and we are all tired, but we must continue to take really good care of ourselves and of each other in the coming months, as there is finally light at the end of the tunnel.

In closing, I want to thank you for your trust and friendship, and wish you and your loved ones a healthy, peaceful, and joyous New Year!

Sue




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ITWA LADIES AUXILIARY

As the year comes to an end, we look back on the challenges 2020 brought to us. None of us expected 2020 to be so difficult. The challenges have been hard on business and hard on us personally. Sometimes even heartbreaking.

As we navigate forward into the New Year, we do not know what 2021 has in store for us. But we are resilient and will continue to find our way through this pandemic. With determination and perseverance we will get through these challenging weeks & months ahead. We will continue to move forward with hope for the New Year.

With that being said, ITWA is moving forward with some interesting and exciting plans for 2021. And of course as you all know the Tow Show is dear to the hearts of our Ladies Auxiliary. I would like to talk this month a little bit about the 2021 Tow Show scheduled for August 6-8 at Fair Oaks Farms. This year we would like to have more members involved in the behind the scenes, preliminary work that is involved in planning a show. We will come up with a list of committees and areas where we can use some help. We will then have a call out for volunteers. In the meantime, think about where your interests and talents are, and how you might be able to volunteer. Any suggestions and offers of help are truly appreciated. Please feel free to reach out to President Moreland or myself at any time.

I will keep information on the Tow Show forthcoming in the newsletter each month. Please watch for updates. Wishing each and every one, blessings in the New Year.

Crystal

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DOT CHAT



Hello and welcome back! If you are new to the column I would like to take a minute and bring you up to speed on who I am. My name is Brent Hoover. I am a Master Trooper with the Indiana State Police. October marked my 16th year with the ISP. I am assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division or CVED for short. My primary daily duty is to enforce the State and Federal Regulations for CMVs in the State of Indiana. I am certified to complete Part A and B Inspections, as well as General Haz-mat and Cargo Tank inspections. I am also a Part B Instructor for the National Training Center, which means I teach new inspectors how to inspect and document Level 1 Inspections. I have competed twice in the North American Inspectors Championships. I am the current administrator of the CVED Facebook page where I post about tips and tricks to improve your pre-trip inspections and to avoid common roadside violations.

This month marks the final month of 2020....shhhew....We made it!!!! This month's question is about apportion plates and when you need them. The question was, "Can you do a long-distance tow on just a standard plate?" Not without a little extra. See below. Jfa-0308

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ITWA 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

December 12, 2020, via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order by Karrie Driscol at 1:00 pm.

Attendees:

Karrie Driscol	Joseph Driscol	Crystal Rose	Walt Hamilton
Sue Moreland	Tom Bertanolli	Ken Parrish	Josh Bell
Scott/Michelle	Loyal/Diana Bell	Jim Steele	
Mark Miller	Josh Hercamp		
Bart Giesler	Carmen Batts-Porter		

2019 Annual Minutes were Approved – Motioned by Walt Hamilton and seconded by Jim Steele.

Secretary-Treasurer Report was read and distributed by Walt Hamilton. Current assets \$158,021.82. Motion to approve by Jim Steele and seconded by Karrie Driscol.

President Report was presented by Sue Moreland. Issues we worked on include calendars, overweight issues, training, annual meeting, tow show and membership. Sue also expressed thanks to all who helped with funeral processions for Sam and Paul. As we go through the agenda, we will discuss most of these items in more detail.

The Legislative Preview was presented by Bart Giesler. The session begins in January. This will be a budget session and will be a long one. This is also a redistricting year. There was talk of COVID liability relief for business owners. Bart, Sue Moreland and Josh Hercamp spoke with INDOT about overweight issue; however they were not very receptive to an overweight exception for tow operators. Ultimately, the legislature was not even lukewarm to the idea. The main opposition is that milk trucks have dedicated routes and due to the nature of our business that is not an option for us. Task force on these issues is led by Jim Prussel. Josh Hercamp, Sue Moreland and Bart Giesler will discuss further options. Ken Parrish asked about exception to longer than 50 mile rule, but there is nothing black or white.

The 2020/2021 Christmas Party was presented by Crystal Rose. Due to COVID concerns, the 2020 Christmas Party was cancelled. The photographer we had did not charge us to cancel and the deposit we paid to Fair Oaks will be applied to the 2021 Tow Show. The 2021 Christmas Party will be held Dec. 11, 2021 at Fair Oaks Farms.

The Training Committee was presented by Ken Parrish and Joseph Driscol. Casey Burrows is willing to put on association classes. Classes are a good place for recruitment into the ITWA. There was discussion about a \$100.00 driver member/supporting member. The member may not be an owner, is eligible for the survivor fund as a member and for life insurance benefit, and any member discounts for training. Motion made by Ken Parrish and seconded by Joseph Driscol.

Wreckmaster would like to put on a class at the 2021 Tow Show. Training is scheduled to take place on Saturday from 8 am to 3:30 pm for the indoor training and the same hours on Sunday for the outdoor portion. Wreckmaster will be heading to all web based training in the future. There will be a TIMs class held on Friday night at Fair Oaks at the Tow Show.

Crystal presented the Website update. The website is really close to going live and there will be news, events, advertisements, and account benefits of being a member, as well as an online store to purchase items. There will be a member only section that will have the newsletter each month and member only information.

2021 ideas were presented by Sue Moreland. The ideas are that we all come up with 2 or 3 names from our area and get those names to Sue and Bart so that they can reach out to people.

There was a motion made to discount the 1st year of membership dues to \$250.00 by Walt Hamilton and seconded by Karrie Driscoll. The motion carried.

The 2021 Tow Show will take place again at Fair Oaks Farms. Sue and Crystal are looking to put a tow show committee together and will be looking for volunteers. The tow show for 2021 will be held 08/06/2021 thru 08/08/2021. Rooms are available for \$149.00 per night for a double and they have 99 rooms available. After that, the Baymont Inn and Comfort Suites at exit 215 will be taking the overflow. We will be looking into a shuttle service, if needed, for transportation to Baymont and Comfort Suites. We will be in a different parking lot closer to the building this year and we will have the grassy area as well, just outside the ball room. Saturday will be a silent auction. Saturday will be the Wreckmaster indoor portion, as well as the ladies luncheon. Sunday will be the outdoor portion of Wreckmaster training. They are looking at having kids' activities in the grassy area outdoors and maybe a movie night for kids. Pat Winer is willing to do the rotator challenges again this year. Friday night will be a street party.

Waffco trailer is at Joey's Enterprise lot and needs to be gone through to see what can be used for the 2021 Tow Show.

Open discussion was held by Sue Moreland. There was a motion to carry over the officers from 2020 into 2021, as they are, by Walt Hamilton and seconded by Mark Miller. That motion carried. This motion was previously made at the previous board meeting, but since this was the Annual Meeting, it was made again to be in compliance with the By-Laws. There was discussion of trying to get members to pay dues sooner by actively changing the password to the ITWA Website so that people are paying for access. This was going to be looked into to see how easy that was.

Ken Parrish suggested for future raffles to raffle a custom raffle. After discussion, the Board needed more information on the legality through the gaming commission, as well as the liability of the association. At the next board meeting, the issue will be discussed.

3rd place went to Furnish
2nd place went to Graham
1st place was Henline.

Christmas Raffle Drawing was done by Sue Moreland and Bart Giesler live on the Zoom meeting at Northwest Towing in Muncie.

The next board meeting will be Jan. 30th at 1pm.

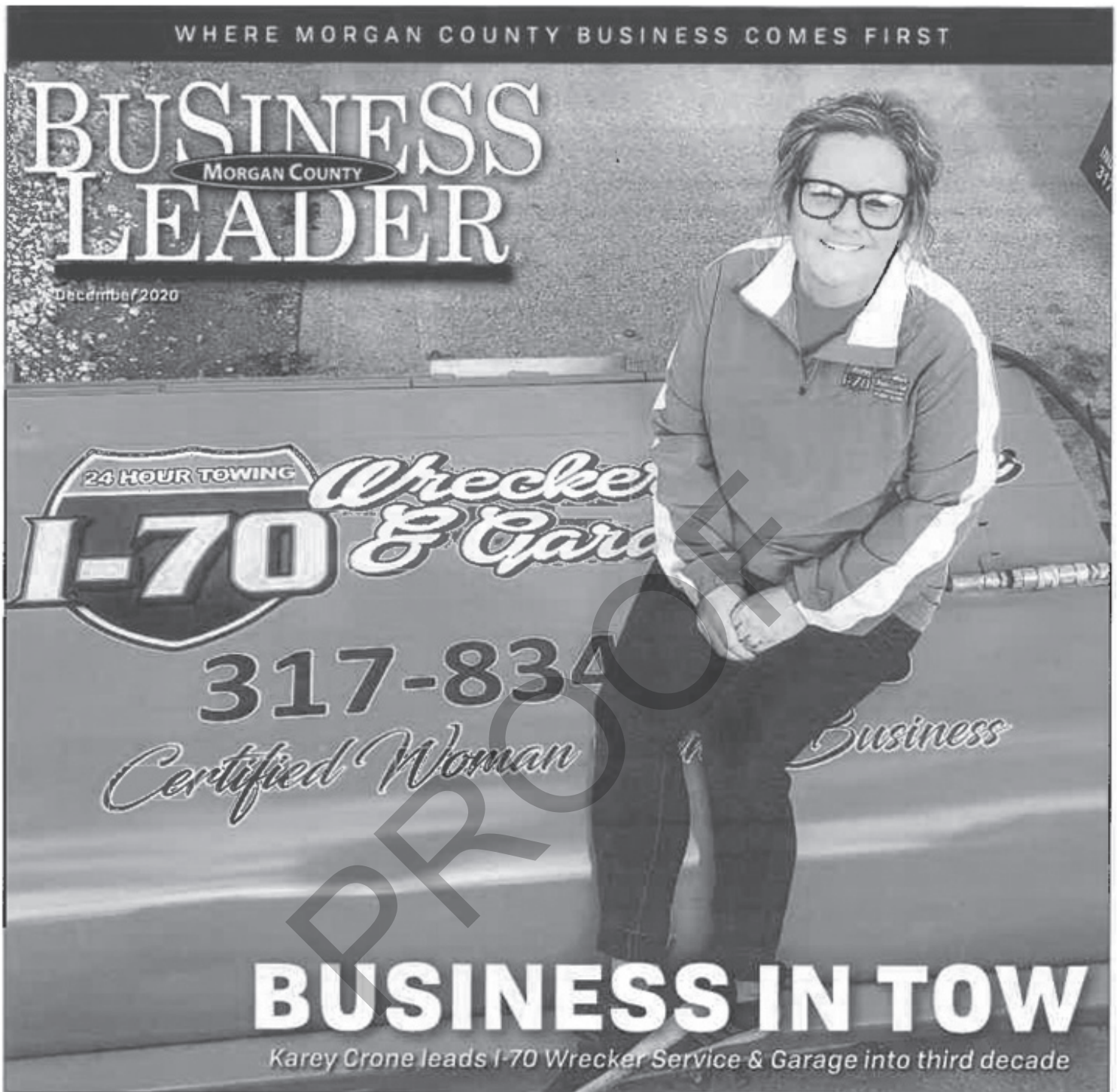
A motion for Adjournment was called by Walt Hamilton and seconded by Jim Steele and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

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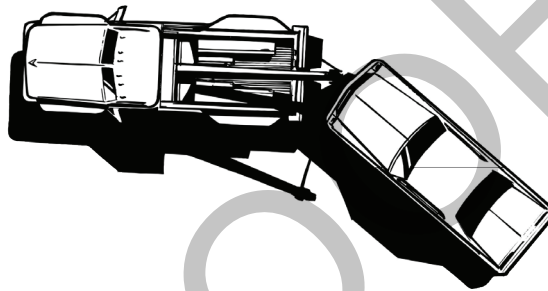


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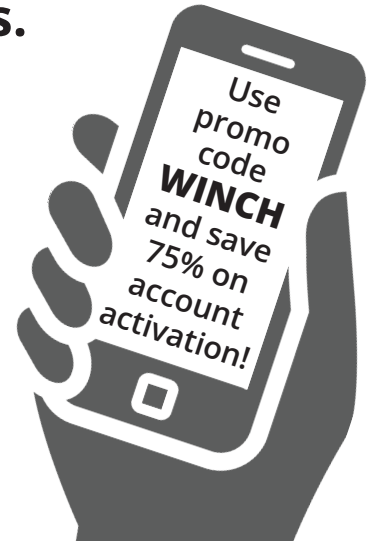
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