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FROM THE DESK OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BART GIESLER

If I am lucky, by the time you read my article I will have won the Powerball. Unfortunately, chances are I will be just 6 numbers away from retiring and will be starting to think about my next month's article, but it is always good to dream.

With the elections around the corner, I thought I would break out my crystal ball (the same one I use to pick my lottery numbers) and make some predictions. This year's election should be a great year for Republicans as the economy is the most important issue to voters. With inflation, falling stock market, rising interest rates and high gas prices, people will vote their pocketbook. The voters who are most concerned with the economy are voting for Republicans by a wide margin.

In Indiana, the one issue that may keep Republicans from having a great year is the abortion issue. As the election gets closer, there are more and more ads targeting Republicans who voted for the abortion restrictions that passed in special session.

At the federal level, The 1st Congressional seat in Northwest Indiana (Lake/Porter County) is considered in play and Republicans have a chance to pick up the seat for the 1st time in almost 100 years. The Democrat Frank Mrvan is being challenged by Republican Jennifer Ruth Green. If this happens, Republicans will take control of Congress and the senate.

At the State level, the Democrats have a chance of winning the Secretary of State's race. After a tough fight at the State Republican Convention between the "establishment" versus the "Trumps", the establishment Republicans have not come back home for their candidate, Diego Morales. The Democrat candidate, Destiny Wells, has run a good campaign and this race will be close.

At the Indiana Statehouse, the Republicans control both chambers with super-majorities and those should continue for both bodies as they have recently re-drawn the seats. In some cases, the Republicans drew a few more safe seats for the Democrats in order to shore up several of their own seats. I would expect both sides to win a few and lose a few.

In 1992 when Bill Clinton was challenging President Bush for re-election, there is a famous quote by Clinton's campaign strategist James Carville. "It's the economy, stupid." I think the Republicans will have a pretty good year for this reason alone.



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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT MORELAND

As much as I love the summer months – October is probably my favorite month of the year. Cooler weather, the changing autumn leaves, an annual trip to Pigeon Forge with friends, and all things Halloween. I remember when I was younger, my dad would always take vacation in the fall, so he could follow the World Series. He was an avid baseball fan, and I remember when he took me to one of the playoff games one year. I was so thrilled! To me, fall is the best season there is! I hope you have special fall memories, and are enjoying the change of seasons as much as I am.

Last Friday, some of us made a trip to the Boone County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Indiana to view their grounds and buildings in hopes we could conduct a tow show there next year. I am pleased to say we have secured the dates of August 18-19, 2023 for our Tow Show. The grounds there are lovely, and the buildings are great! I can say that we will have indoor facilities that are air conditioned for the vendors, and in the same building we have room for the ladies luncheon, and seminars. We will have a paved parking area that is bigger than what we had at Fair Oaks, and we now have the flexibility to do so much more! We will be contacting hotels in the area to reserve room blocks in the coming weeks, and hope to provide transportation from the hotels to the fairgrounds for those that need it. Watch the upcoming newsletters for more details, and please reach out if you have specific ideas of what you would like to see happen at next year's show.

Also, a reminder that the annual meeting and Christmas party is coming up in December, please plan to attend. Watch for registration and sponsorship opportunities in this newsletter.

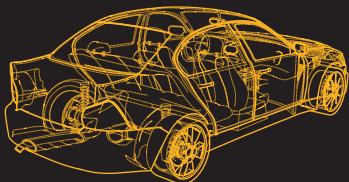
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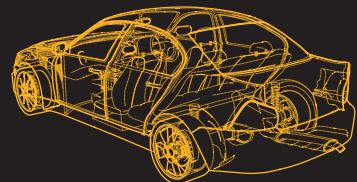


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I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season.

Before we know it, we will be looking forward to all the activities that the Christmas season brings. Please include the ITWA Annual Meeting and Christmas Party in your holiday plans. It will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lafayette on December 3.

Join the ITWA family for an enjoyable time of food and fellowship. The evening will start with a cocktail reception, followed by a delicious holiday dinner. We also have rooms blocked at the DoubleTree for Saturday night at the rate of \$100.00.

Again this year, there will be a Cash For Christmas Raffle. Watch for tickets in the mail. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the ITWA Scholarship Fund.

Also as I mentioned last month, there will be a Silent Auction as a fundraiser for the Sonny Henline Survivor Fund. Please support this worthy cause by donating an item for the auction. Also tell the vendors that frequent your business about the Survivor Fund and ask them to donate.

In this newsletter you will find more information along with the registration form for the Christmas Party. Please fill out the form and send it back as soon as possible.

We have more Good News! The date has been set and a location secured for the 2023 Indiana Tow Show! We are happy to announce that the 2023 Indiana Tow Show will take place on August 18-19, 2023 at the Boone County Fair Grounds in Lebanon. More information will be coming.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party!

Crystal

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DOT CHAT WITH BRENT HOOVER



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 will mark my 19th 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 I would like to talk about the excuses that I get, roadside, on some of the violations that I have come across. So, let's start off with a list of the top 5:

The Top 5 Excuses heard during a Roadside Inspection:

- 5.** I thought that the boss took care of it...
- 4.** I thought we are exempt from that ...
- 3.** When did that change??
- 2.** Are you sure...
- 1.** I didn't know that...

With all these great excuses that are in use today, we must remember that when it comes to roadside inspections and vehicle safety, it all starts with the driver.

So please remember that it only takes a few minutes to do the right thing and to do things safely. If you do not know who takes care of the paperwork, just ask. If you need something fixed, get it done. As always if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at bhoover@isp.in.gov

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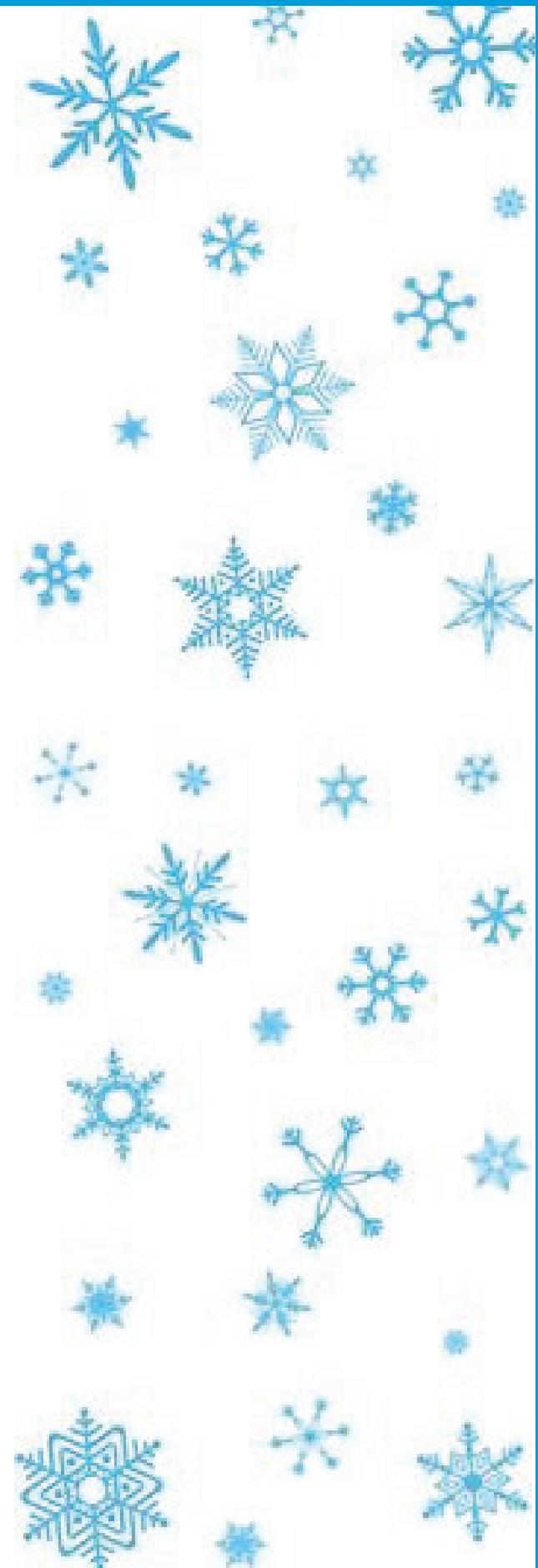
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