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PRESS RELEASE

Two Coach Drivers Receive 2015 "Outstanding Driver of the Year" Award from Trailways Transportation System

Fairfax, VA - March 10, 2016 - Trailways Transportation System, Inc., (Trailways) revealed the names of two motorcoach drivers who have won the national Trailways 2015 Outstanding Driver of the Year Award.

To qualify, a driver must have driven a motorcoach at least 20,000 miles or provide service for at least 600 hours during the calendar year. The two recipients are among approximately 3,000 full-time drivers in the Trailways group which has 65 companies in 32 states, and parts of Canada and Europe.

The Trailways 2015 Outstanding Driver of the Year in the *Charter & Tour Division* is **Aaron Schwartz** of Pine Hill Trailways of New York. The Trailways 2015 Outstanding Driver of the Year *Scheduled Route Division* is **Wesley Wohl** of Adirondack Trailways of New York.

"The award is a great way to recognize two of our best drivers. We're very proud of them. Both have achieved a terrific accomplishment in their careers," said Eugene (Gene) Berardi, Jr., President/CEO of Adirondack, New York & Pine Hill Trailways, based in Hurley, NY.

The two recipients were honored, in-person, at the 80th annual Trailways Stockholders Meeting and Conference late last month (Feb. 21-23) in Ft. Myer, Florida. They received a standing ovation at the gala.

The award is the highest driver appreciation award given by Trailways. These awards are intended to honor two individuals who have exemplified the highest level of professionalism and safety as employees of Team Trailways, according to Gale Ellsworth, Trailways Interim President.

Drivers must be nominated by their company. He or she can have no absentee or late-to-work notices on-file during the calendar year.

Trailways Safety-Security Committee determines all driver candidacies based on the most deserving. Drivers must reflect the ideals and standards adhered to by the Trailways Transportation System.

Trailways Outstanding Driver of the Year in the Charter & Tour Category



Aaron Schwartz of Pine Hill Trailways of New York

Aaron has been a driver at Pine Hill Trailways for nearly nine years. During that time, he has driven nearly 500,000 miles.

At the awards event, Bob Crescenzo of Lancer Insurance said, “Customers absolutely love Aaron. One of his frequent riders said he is one of the most personable drivers she has ever known. She said, “He always takes the time to plan ahead; he is always thoughtful and he does the extra things to make my trips more pleasant.”

In addition to his happy customers, his co-workers also greatly appreciate him. “He is a role model and a customer service expert,” his boss said. “He is always punctual and in perfect uniform. He is the ultimate professional.” He has not been absent or late for work and had no preventable accidents in all of 2015.

“After almost nine years with Pine Hill Trailways and over 25 years as a bus driver, receiving the charter driver of the Year award and being invited to the 80th Trailways conference in Cape Coral Florida has certainly been the highlight of my career.

I am very proud to be working for Pine Hill Trailways and I'm grateful to the owners and management for nominating me for this award.

I also enjoyed the Trailways nostalgia and meeting members from around the country. Even as a young child I was a fan of Trailways and road across the country in the early 1970s on a Continental Trailways bus!

An added bonus was that my friend Wes Wohl, an Adirondack Trailways driver based in Albany, who received the Line driver of the Year Award was also there. Thanks to everyone who supported me and made this conference possible, and for allowing me to experience and participate in this memorable event,” Aaron said.

Trailways Outstanding Driver of the Year "Scheduled Route" Division



Wesley Wohl, Adirondack Trailways of New York

Wesley Wohl is the Outstanding Trailways Driver of the Year in the Schedule Route division. He is employed by Adirondack Trailways of New York.

He has a remarkable 40-year driving career. In that time, he has driven nearly two million miles. He joined the company in 1978. His current schedule is the Albany to Port Authority daily route.

In 2015, he drove that route 66,400 miles accident-free.

His coworkers say that he is punctual, friendly, courteous and reliable. He has been elected to serve for fifteen years on the Operator Committee at Adirondack Trailways and the General Committee to represent six bargaining units. He is also a volunteer fire fighter in his community.

“It is an honor to have been selected for this award. I have been employed for thirty eight years by Adirondack Trailways. As a professional driver I've appreciated the emphasis that Trailways has had on customer service and safety. Over the years I've worked with previous winners of this award and I consider it an honor to be among those who have been recognized,” Wes said.

About the Driver of the Year Award

To be eligible, a driver must be nominated by his/her employer. The company must also submit written passenger and/or customer testimonials and a Senior Manager must also provide a letter confirming eligibility.

To qualify for the award, a driver candidate must drive a coach at least 20,000 miles or provide service for at least 600 hours during the calendar year. He/she can have no absentee or late-to-work notices on-file during the calendar year. Procedures: Each driver's candidacy submitted for consideration for this award will be judged based upon the following submitted data: Total number of miles driven during the calendar year (2015); Actual (copies) of written Passenger/Customer Testimonials regarding his/her professionalism and service; Stockholder (Company) Written Testimonial on Trailways company letterhead from either the owner and/or a senior-level manager regarding the driver candidate's professionalism and service.

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