



May 22, 2023—North Carolina Trucking Association is pleased to announce the 2023 Driver of the Year and the 2022 Driver of the Month winners. Drivers are selected based on their driving record, total years of commercial driving experience and accident-free miles. Thank you to all our members who submitted nominations this year.

2023 Driver of the Year – Robert Crater with Unifi Manufacturing, Inc., has 41 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 2,639,500 commercial miles driven and 2,639,500 miles of accident-free driving record.

January Driver of the Month – Milton Searcy with Unifi Manufacturing, Inc., has 37 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 3,153,200 commercial miles driven and 3,153,200 miles of accident-free driving record.

February Driver of the Month – Billy Shuler with Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc., has 37 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 4,000,000 commercial miles driven and 4,000,000 miles of accident-free driving record.

March Driver of the Month – Lawrence Burgess with Walmart Transportation, has 38 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 4,500,000 commercial miles driven and 4,500,000 miles of accident-free driving record.

April Driver of the Month – Jason Stanley with Unifi Manufacturing, Inc., has 33 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 2,196,333 commercial miles driven and 2,196,333 miles of accident-free driving record.

May Driver of the Month – Mark Duncan with Southland Transportation Company, has 32 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 2,253,250 commercial miles driven and 2,253,250 miles of accident-free driving record.

June Driver of the Month – Richard Taylor with Southland Transportation Company, has 32 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 3,856,245 commercial miles driven and 3,856,245 miles of accident-free driving record.

July Driver of the Month – Jeffrey Glover with Epes Transport System, LLC, has 28 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 2,772,000 commercial miles driven and 2,772,000 miles of accident-free driving record.

August Driver of the Month – Christopher Serviss with Walmart Transportation, has 37 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 3,500,000 commercial miles driven and 3,500,000 miles of accident-free driving record.

September Driver of the Month – Vernon Wellington with TCW, Inc., has 27 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 2,700,000 commercial miles driven and 2,700,000 miles of accident-free driving record.

October Driver of the Month – David Thum with Epes Transport System, LLC, has 25 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 2,750,000 commercial miles driven and 2,750,000 miles of accident-free driving record.

November Driver of the Month – Steven Talbot with Epes Transport System, LLC, has 25 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 2,750,000 commercial miles driven and 2,750,000 miles of accident-free driving record.

December Driver of the Month – William Brinson with Ezzell Trucking, Inc., has 24 years of commercial driving experience, approximately 2,030,448 commercial miles driven and 2,030,448 miles of accident-free driving record.

The twelve 2022 North Carolina Drivers of the Month and the 2023 Driver of the Year are commended for their dedication to safety and their commitment to a high level of professionalism. Professional drivers are the core of our industry. Again, congratulations to all the winners on an outstanding year of driving!