



# LoneStar News

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On January 20, 2006, **Tommy Ligon** of Conyers, Georgia, signed on to be our newest agent. He brings many years of experience with him, along with a fine operations team.

## LoneStar Welcomes Our Newest Agent Tommy Ligon of Conyers, Georgia

### Back Row:

Gary Kelley, Billy Rogers, Bill Pritchett, and David Moore

### Front Row:

Andrea Pascale, Tommy Ligon, Jackie Whiting and Melanie Copeland

Welcome to the Team!



## Big Friend of the Little People



**Hank Schumacher** (900070), took his truck and a BE trailer to Angel Academy in Gainesville, Texas for their Career Day. Hank did a great job explaining how his truck and trailer worked. It looks like they enjoyed talking to him, and they liked that big red LoneStar truck!

## The Brookhaven Team

**Glenn and Sharon Duke** have been agents for LoneStar Transportation in Brookhaven, Mississippi since June of 2002. The team consists of the Dukes, and Cathy Britt.



Left to Right: Glenn Duke, Sharon Duke and Cathy Britt are all smiles in this picture in front of the agency.



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**LoneStar Driver Marion Wright Saves A Driver and His Dog**

Marion Wright (4281) was credited with saving a man's life, and his dog's, on March 8th in Oakland, California. John Sonker of Vanceboro, Maine (also a truck driver) was letting his 5 month old Cairn terrier, Tacoda, get some exercise. He turned around just in time to see her leap off the pier 18 feet down into the cold water of San Francisco Bay. He yelled out to Marion that he was going to save his dog. Marion got a rope, and tossed it to Mr. Sonker to keep him afloat. Another driver, Kent Adams, brought a strap to lower down to tie to Tacoda. Marion and the other driver pulled Tacoda out of the water first, then Sonker. He wanted this act of heroism recognized and was very appreciative that he and Tacoda were alive and well due to him. Thank you, Marion, for being in the right place at the right time, and doing the right thing!



LoneStar Driver Marion Wright, John Sonker and Tacoda, and Kent Adams at San Francisco Bay.

**Meet These LoneStar Employees**

**Sandy Villafranco**

**Field Safety Manager—Houston**

Sandy Villafranco joined the LoneStar team in March 2006, and brought 30 years of experience in safety, recruiting, training and operations with him. His duties include addressing the safety and compliance needs for our Gulf Coast region of operations.



Welcome aboard, Sandy!



**Shawn Price**

**Field Safety Specialist—Gainesville**

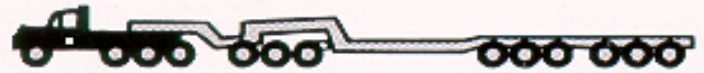
Shawn Price joined LoneStar in August of 2005 and brought experience as an owner/operator along with him. His responsibilities include monitoring job sites and terminals concerning road safety, driver orientation, and follow-up on safety matters concerning logs, securing loads, accidents and claims.

Shawn also helps conduct driver refreshers classes as needed, and inspects all tractors and trailers to ensure compliance.



Think Safety!  
Think Claims  
Free!

# LoneStar Loads...



These pictures were sent in by Mary Tallant of Collins & Aikman Receiving of Port Huron, MI.

“Several LoneStar trucks were waiting to cross the Blue Water Bridge to Canada in the Port Huron, Michigan area. I work in the logistics field and have added these pictures to my collection posted in my window of "out of the ordinary" trucks on the road. Needless to say, these pictures bring out a lot of questions and oh wow's”.

Thank you, Mary, for the great pictures!



Blue Water Bridges are a major international crossing over the St. Clair River at the Southern end of Lake Huron. Located between Port Huron, Michigan and Point Edward, Ontario connecting both I-94 and I-69 with Highway 402, it is one of the fastest links between the Midwest and Ontario. The crossing consists of two unique bridges, the Original Blue Water Bridge, opened in 1938 and renovated in 1999. The Second Blue Water Bridge was opened in 1997, and carries 3 lanes of east bound traffic. This picture shows a little better weather there!



This was actually a color photograph taken at the Maple Ridge wind farm in December, but an overcast day turned this scene into an old fashioned black and white photo.



Send **your** photos and stories to be included in the next LoneStar Newsletter to Shirley Meyer in Abilene. Original photos will be returned if you wish, or you may email the information, and attach your photo in JPEG form to me. Email address is Shirley.Meyer@lstinc.com.

Don Boes (900010) of Columbia, Missouri has driven for LoneStar since June 2005. He moved this load in December. He and his wife, Cici, like to decorate the truck for the holidays.



Hugo Bonacci (HR—Abilene) visited his father in New York over the Christmas holidays and they toured the Maple Ridge Wind Farm. *Brrrrr!*



LoneStar Welcomes New Employees

October 2005—April 2006

Bell, Arlene	97	Sales Representative	Heishman, Gary R.	90	Driver	Pritchett, William L.	24	Dispatcher
Berry, David N.	90	Driver	Herrera, Mario R.	90	Driver	Roberts III, Richard D.	90	Driver
Boese, Dennis L.	90	Driver	Howse, Frank	90	Driver	Saboley, Ronald J.	90	Driver
Boydston, James	90	Driver	Humphrey, Anca T.	91	Maintenance Clerk	San Inocencio, Raymond	90	Driver
Bradshaw, Donald	90	Driver	Jennings, Fran	99	Recruiting	Sandmann, Linda A.	91	Maintenance Clerk
Bragg, Russell P.	90	Driver	Keene, Nancy	90	Driver	Schroedter, Troy D.	90	Escort Driver
Brown, Joseph	90	Driver	Kelley, Gary M.	24	Operations	Shanks, James P.	90	Driver
Bruce, Timothy W.	91	Mechanic	King, Kelly S.	90	Driver	Simons, Glenda Sue	90	Driver
Buttyn, Timothy P.	90	Driver	Landin, Lisette	32	Receptionist	Slease, Jerry D.	90	Driver
Cacal, Jr., Isidro	100	Night Dispatcher	Leach, Jimmy W.	90	Driver	Smith, Lisa D.	93	Clerical Assistant
Chapa, Jacob E.	90	Driver	Lee, Philip	90	Driver	Smithey, Harold D.	90	Driver
Clark, Kervin D.	90	Driver	Ligon, Terri B	24	Operations	Stephens, Gary H.	90	Driver
Copeland, Melanie	24	Dispatcher	Ligon, Tommy G.	24	Terminal Manager	Sutherland, Charles E.	90	Driver
Coster, James	90	Driver	McCauley, Douglas E.	90	Driver	Swanson, James C.	90	Driver
Coulter, Jr., Dean	90	Driver	McTee, Michael Scot	90	Driver	Tharp, Melissa	93	Billing Clerk
Crawl, Corbett T.	90	Driver	Miller, Aaron R.	93	Staff Accountant	Thompson, James R.	107	Programmer
Cruse, Larry K.	90	Driver	Mitchell, Richard J.	33	Drive Away	Thompson, Frank	90	Escort
Davis, Scotty M.	90	Driver	Moore, David R.	24	Dispatcher	Villafranco, Sandy	99	Field Safety Manager
Dixon, Dennis L.	90	Driver	Myrick, Jr., Keith E.	90	Driver	Weeks, Donald L.	90	Driver
Dobbins, Frankie	90	Driver	Neighbors, Carey W.	92	Dispatcher	Whiting, Jackie L.	24	Dispatcher
Fitzhenry, John P.	90	Driver	Parsons, William S.	90	Driver	Williams, Mike A.	90	Driver
Gonzalez, Becky	93	Insurance Clerk / Operator	Pascale, Andrea C.	24	Executive Assistant	Wilson, Dukimee	90	Driver
Govea, Jose A.	34	Fleet Manager	Peeler, James E.	90	Escort Driver	Wilson, Verbon C.	93	Staff Accountant
Haberman, Geoffrey	34	Receptionist	Perkins, John S.	90	Driver	Wyles, John T.	90	Driver
Hammock, Lanny	90	Driver	Price, Wendy S.	93	Billing Clerk	Young, Donald E.	90	Driver
Hart, Leon J.	90	Driver				Zuniga, Edgar F.	90	Driver

CLAIMS BONUS PROGRAM

Fluorescent yellow safety caps have been making their way across the country, along with 1st Quarter 2006 Claim Free pins. These cool caps are awarded to drivers who are claim free. A new pin will be given each quarter.

Be SAFE, and be rewarded with these good-looking caps and award pins.



Don Murray, CFO, Abilene, models the safety cap with the first quarter button.



November Driver of the Month

Armando Arispe (4681) was our November Driver of the Month, and has been with LoneStar since August 2003. He served in the Navy and was in the Gulf War. Armando is an easy person to work with, and we're glad he is part of the LoneStar Team.

LoneStar Driver Safety Awards—Fourth Quarter 2005 Showing Truck Number, Award and Number of Accident-Free Years

Clark, Alvin	1505	Jacket	1	Campbell, Dave	5207	Watch	2	Brown, John	1593	Ring	5
Conde, Joscardo	3279	Jacket	1	Jones, Richard	8615	Watch	2	Roderick, Timothy	3345	Diam (1)	6
Arispe, Armando	4681	Jacket	1	Hale, Thomas	8630	Watch	2	Driver, Wayne	7407	Diam (1)	6
Lopez, David	4901	Jacket	1	Owens, Justin	400105	Watch	2	Weese, Roy	8328	Diam (1)	6
Metts, Charles	5206	Jacket	1	Reed, Jerry	1508	Luggage	3	Strickland, Ronnie	6404	Diam (2)	7
Barnes, Donny	8202	Jacket	1	Arroyo, Alex	3227	Luggage	3	Bennett, James	8231	Diam (2)	7
Stephens, Gary	400178	Jacket	1	Lammars, Larry	6213	Luggage	3	Sadberry, Derrell	8242	Diam (2)	7
Runyan, Benson	400180	Jacket	1	Oliver, Terry	7327	Luggage	3	Traylor, Arthur	1582	Diam (3)	8
Wilson, Donald	453007	Jacket	1	Edmonds, John	8358	Luggage	3	Owens, Donnie	9087	Diam (3)	8
Barillas, Edgar	471070	Jacket	1	Bankes, William	400145	Luggage	3	Overton, Lynn	3476	Diam (4)	9
Rios, Carlos	471071	Jacket	1	Munoz, Robert	3457	Coat	4	Bumpass, Archie	4293	Diam (5)	10
Knox, John	473001	Jacket	1	Navarro, Robert	4648	Coat	4	Hill, Gerald	6262	Diam (5)	10
Cook, Andy	473068	Jacket	1	Richardson, Clifton	5204	Coat	4	Thompson, Chuck	4255	\$500	11
Chambers, Mark	473070	Jacket	1	Bruton, Jerry	9066	Coat	4	Blanton, Clyde	4980	\$500	11
Shatwell, Sherman	9054	Jacket	1	Bennett, Kenneth	8845	Coat	4	Hill, Kathy	6262	\$500	11
Stroup, Paul	900050	Jacket	1	Mitchell, Jeff	1134	Ring	5	Southwell, Leroy	6411	\$500	11
Eckard, Travis	900065	Jacket	1	Gonzalez, Arnulfo	1145	Ring	5	Bryant, Douglas	8260	\$500	11
Whatley, Charles	3225	Watch	2	Rodriguez, Raul	1515	Ring	5	Corbett, Leo	4974	\$1,000	12
Mann, John	4699	Watch	2	Ammons, Tolly	1588	Ring	5				

LoneStar Driver Safety Awards—First Quarter 2006, Showing Truck Number, Award and Number of Accident-Free Years

Smith, James D	1502	Jacket	1	Turner, Kenny	900017	Jacket	1	Hollon, Dale	6808	Lug.	3	Granado, Eugene	471076	Ring	5
Clark, Timothy	1529	Jacket	1	Byrd, Steven	9073	Jacket	1	Young, Gary	8363	Lug.	3	Sisk, William	9051	Ring	5
Gaona, Ruben	3233	Jacket	1	Blair, Timothy	9084	Jacket	1	Lange, Brett	400079	Lug.	3	Echegoyen, Rafael	471077	Ring	5
Samaniego, Roberto	3285	Jacket	1	Santana, Mauro	1198	Watch	2	Alvarez, Jaime	471001	Lug.	3	Combest, Randall	1594	Diam (1)	6
Lomas, Art	3323	Jacket	1	Blakeney, Joel	1517	Watch	2	Nichols, Willie	471004	Lug.	3	Cadena, Alcario	1596	Diam (1)	6
King, Arthur	3404	Jacket	1	Green, Throya (Dusty)	1532	Watch	2	Alvarez, Rodolfo	471008	Lug.	3	Maxey, Lloyd	5242	Diam (1)	6
Jimenez, Rolando	3411	Jacket	1	Gomez, David	3232	Watch	2	Rivera, Estanislao	471014	Lug.	3	Hoover, Stephen	7485	Diam (1)	6
Cabrera, Eluid	3416	Jacket	1	McFarland, Calvin	3234	Watch	2	Juarez, Cecilio	471016	Lug.	3	Fowler, Robbie	8299	Diam (1)	6
Chavarria, Sergio	3454	Jacket	1	Corral, Jose	3278	Watch	2	Trevino, Martin	471018	Lug.	3	Guerra, Juan	3254	Diam (2)	7
Shafer, Lisa	4106	Jacket	1	McCoy, Daniel	3405	Watch	2	Tapia, Gustavo	471023	Lug.	3	Herrera, Martin	3465	Diam (2)	7
DePriest, Michael	4206	Jacket	1	Reyes, Fermin	3429	Watch	2	Morales, Alejandro	471026	Lug.	3	Diaz, Leon	3658	Diam (2)	7
Cantwell, Kenneth	4604	Jacket	1	Demuth, Charles	4687	Watch	2	Aguirre, Saul	471032	Lug.	3	Cryer, Wayne	4264	Diam (2)	7
Perez, Humberto	4605	Jacket	1	Raborn, Russell	5281	Watch	2	Martinez, Augustine	471084	Lug.	3	Thompson, Thomas	7409	Diam (2)	7
Garza, Alfredo	4607	Jacket	1	Stewart, Bobby	6203	Watch	2	Momon, Stuart Tony	473007	Lug.	3	Phillips, Troy	8294	Diam (2)	7
Crump, Kevin	4902	Jacket	1	Anderson, Jerry	6405	Watch	2	Craighead, Bobbie	473012	Lug.	3	Chandler, Randy	1524	Diam (3)	8
McKinney, Rick	6409	Jacket	1	Bird, Lawrence	6703	Watch	2	Momon, Donnie (DW)	473017	Lug.	3	Ensenia, Paul Jr.	1533	Diam (3)	8
Goins, James	6712	Jacket	1	Boydston, James	7440	Watch	2	McCoy, Gerald	473050	Lug.	3	McQueen, Steven	1536	Diam (3)	8
Bowyer, Dennis	6807	Jacket	1	Devine, Dean	8288	Watch	2	Stafford, Jo	900069	Lug.	3	Drake, Timothy	6479	Diam (3)	8
Kilgore, Zane	8842	Jacket	1	Biggs, Leonard	8346	Watch	2	Stafford, Larry	900069	Lug.	3	Lemon, Stephen	900073	Diam (3)	8
Driggers, Bobby	8843	Jacket	1	DeLeon, Esau	471009	Watch	2	Clayton, Jesse	9056	Lug.	3	Davis, Kelly	93	Diam (4)	9
Riggs, Dean	400153	Jacket	1	Mejia, Edwin	471010	Watch	2	Parramore, Robert	1149	Coat	4	Hays, James	7315	Diam (4)	9
Liveoak, Bobbie	400195	Jacket	1	Matias, Jorge	471021	Watch	2	Whitaker, George	4297	Coat	4	Boum, Thomas	7380	Diam (4)	9
Harper, Shonda	400197	Jacket	1	Mayorga, Juan	471078	Watch	2	Coleman, Sharon	6770	Coat	4	Spruill, R.B.	8629	Diam (4)	9
Harper, Timothy	400197	Jacket	1	Megason, Thomas	473004	Watch	2	Sherman, Ronald	6801	Coat	4	Barcheers, Jimmy	4133	Diam (5)	10
Hartzog, Denis	453012	Jacket	1	Searcy, Larry Dale	473014	Watch	2	Diamond, Mary Jo (Ford)	7429	Coat	4	Lunnon, Charles	4287	Diam (5)	10
Sherritze, Terry	453020	Jacket	1	Procell, Leroy	473052	Watch	2	Ford, Michael	7429	Coat	4	Multhaupt, William	7361	Diam (5)	10
Rodriguez, Armando	471005	Jacket	1	Davis, John	9081	Watch	2	Schumacher, Henry	900070	Coat	4	Soto, Victor	4949	\$500.00	11
Minas, Jose	471072	Jacket	1	Lyon, Wayne	9082	Watch	2	KuyKendall, Frank	9088	Coat	4	Derry, Robert	6720	\$500.00	11
Garza, Luis	471089	Jacket	1	Woolen, Myrton	1512	Lug.	3	Hargrave, George	3358	Ring	5	Dinkins, Wayne	471086	\$500.00	11
Wade, Tommy	473009	Jacket	1	Toledo, Antonio	3494	Lug.	3	Moore, Marshall	3430	Ring	5	Salter, Woodrow	8249	\$1,000.00	12
White, Oscar	473062	Jacket	1	Leonard, Harry	4262	Lug.	3	Jimenez, Miguel	3468	Ring	5	Ballard, Wiley	3341	\$1,500.00	13
Keith, Donald	473083	Jacket	1	Amaya, Jesus	4603	Lug.	3	Ross, Rodney	5288	Ring	5	Cumbie, Kenneth	4225	\$1,500.00	13
Link, Rayford	900002	Jacket	1	Edelman, Steven	4612	Lug.	3	Williams, Fred	8244	Ring	5	Clark, Jerry	4970	\$2,000.00	14
Black, David	900005	Jacket	1	Presley, Tommy	6481	Lug.	3	Price, Roger	8367	Ring	5	Clark, Margaret	4970	\$2,000.00	14
Parsons, William	900009	Jacket	1	Holley, Elson	6714	Lug.	3	Hamilton, Chris	8840	Ring	5				



# LONESTAR FAMILY NEWS



## Congratulations to:

John Heitzman (8298) and wife Cindy are the proud parents of twin boys, born December 13, 2005. Carson James (5 pounds), and Jake William (5 pounds, 1 ounce) and both 18" long, are sure to keep them both very busy!

Justin Owens (400105) and wife Donna are the proud parents of Miss Kimberly Lynne, born January 14, weighing 1 at 7 pounds 1.6 ounces and 20 1/4" long.

Amanda Rodriguez (Gainesville) has a new son, Justice Lee, born March 6. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 1/2" long. Mary Hughes (Gainesville) is the proud grandmother of Justice.

Carlos Padron, Jr. (Houston) married Leslie Marie Pena on April 6, 2006 in Houston.

Janie Hines (Birmingham) now has her 4th grandchild. Gabriel Lee Hollaway was born April 13, weighing in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 1/2" long. Proud parents are Janie's son, Jason Hollaway and wife, Terri, and big sister, Trinity, age 2 1/2.

Thomas Bourn, Jr. (7336) and wife Summer, are the proud parents of Ashlyn Nicole, born May 8, weighing in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 1/2" long. Tommy Bourn (Shreveport) is the proud Grandpa.

## Condolences to:

Janie Hines (Birmingham), whose mother, Mabel Thomas of Pell City, Alabama passed away December 28, 2005.

Melissa Maner (Seguin), whose grandmother, Theresa Fletcher of Clyde, Texas, passed away January 22, 2006.

Garland Brown (Gainesville), whose father-in-law, Glen Crawford, passed away January 22, 2006.

Bill Pritchett (Conyers), whose father passed away on January 26, 2006.

Bob Mouser (Ft. Worth), whose brother-in-law, Ken Collins, passed away February 6, 2006 in Boynton, Oklahoma.

Sharla Fleming (Abilene Settlements), whose son, Bryan Johnson, died in an auto accident in Illinois February 8, 2006.

Kenneth Retzer (400082), whose wife, Pat, passed away on March 5, 2006.

Bob Schooler (Ft. Worth Dispatch), whose father-in-law, Bobby Murdock of Ft. Worth, passed away on March 17, 2006.

The family of James Croley, who passed away March 30. James was a driver for agent Mitch Cox of LoneStar, Texas.

Lisa Smith (Abilene) whose great aunt, Mae Fred Penton Croan of Sweetwater, passed away on March 31, 2006.

The family of Danny Grainger (Lone Star, Texas) who passed away April 14, 2006.

The family of Fran Jennings (Gainesville), whose brother-in-law, Kenneth Mullenix, of Whitewright, Texas, passed away on April 24th.

The family of Tex Robbins, whose father-in-law, Norman Mulanax of Weatherford, Texas, passed away on May 6, 2006.



Joe Robles, 1st Place Winner

### Singer-Songwriter Wins 1st Place

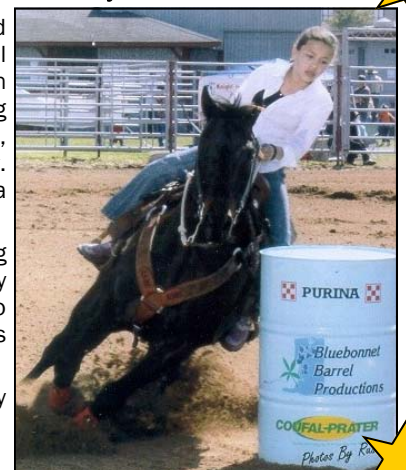
Joe Robles, 8 year old son of Becky Gonzalez—Abilene Operator/Insurance/Claims, won 1st place in the Music Division of a Reflections Contest at his school. There were 4 different divisions of the contest—art, music, pictures and literature. Joe wrote and sang his own song, titled "I Wonder Why The Sky Is So High".

Joe is in the 2nd grade at Jackson Elementary in Abilene. He also plays first base on a Little League farm team, Michigan Wolverines. Congratulations, and keep up the good work, Joe.

### Texas Barrel Racer and Her Trusty Horse Win 2nd Place

Khristeen Reyes, 10 year old granddaughter of Manuel Reyes, (Truck 1856), won 2nd place in Purina's Spring Money Run in Brenham, Texas on her horse, Fonny. They were just 1/10th of a second behind 1st place.

Khristeen has been riding since she was five. Not only is she a cowgirl, she also excels in school. Manuel is very proud of her. Congratulations, and Happy Trails.



### Trucker and the Genie

A truck driver was tooling down the highway one afternoon and heard a "pop." Thinking that perhaps he had blown a tire, he steered the rig onto the shoulder and walked back to check his tires. There he found a bottle laying in the gutter. He picked it up and wiped off the label to see what kind of bottle it was when a very old genie popped out.

The genie said, "Man, I'm too old for this! You get one wish -- not three -- just one."

The driver thought long and hard, and finally said, "It would be really nice for all the bridges to be wide enough that over-sized loads could get through without any trouble."

The genie said, "Do you know how many bridges that would be?! Can't you come up with something simpler?"

The driver replied, "How about if you make my blonde wife as smart as a brunette?"

The genie shook his head vigorously and answered, "How wide would you like those bridges?"