



MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION
MTA ANNUAL CONVENTION
JUNE 5-9, 2024 • ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA

If you did not attend the 2024 Convention, you missed out on an amazing event with lots of fellowship, great food, top-notch entertainment, and educational speakers! This year we had record-breaking attendance with over 500 registrants – one of the largest turnouts MTA has ever experienced! With the help of our many generous sponsors, we were able to provide a memorable time for all! Thank you to all who participated!

SPECIAL BULLETIN



THE MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION APPRECIATES OUR **TOP TIKI SPONSORS**

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MEETINGS: Business Casual
RECEPTIONS: Casual/Resort Attire



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Registration Front Lobby
 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Aloha Welcome Reception Beach Deck
 Dinner on Your Own

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Fishing the Gulf of Mexico Zeke's Marina
 8:00 a.m. Golf Tournament Craft Farms Golf Resort
 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Dolphin Cruise – Sail Wild Hearts Perdido Beach Resort Dock
 Noon – 5:00 p.m. Free Time
 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Registration Front Lobby
 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Aloha Welcome Reception Ballroom
 5:30 – 10:30 p.m. Kids Night Out Sand Castle I & II
 Dinner on Your Own

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast Buffet Family Invited Ballroom
 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Trucking Session Ballroom
 Welcome – Hal Miller, President
 Jim Caskey, Secretary
 Commissioner Sean Tindell – MS Department of Public Safety
 Lt. Col. Matt Lott – Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division
 2024 Driver of the Year Recognition
 Special Milestone Recognition
 Dan Horvath, American Trucking Associations – Safety Regulatory Update
 Lead MTA Presentation
 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Canvas & Cocktails Ages 16 & above Night Reef I & II
 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Tiki Pool Party/Cornhole Tournament Pool/Paradise Point
 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Sponsor Appreciation Reception Carriers and Sponsors Only Beach Deck
 5:30 – 10:30 p.m. Kids Night Out Sand Castle I & II
 Dinner on Your Own

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

7:00 – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast Buffet Family Invited Ballroom
 8:00 – 10:15 a.m. Trucking Industry Update Session Ballroom
 Craig Savell, Vice-Chairman
 Chris Spear, President & CEO, American Trucking Associations
 “AI in Trucking” Panel – Sonja Smith, Moderator, Trimble
 Sujit Kunwor, McLeod Software & Preetham Varghese, Trimble
 10:30 – 12:30 p.m. General Session Ballroom
 Angie Kenney, Chairwoman
 Century Club Recognition and Induction
 2024-2025 Officers and Directors Introduction
 Cora Beth Hartfield - SIPP Introduction
 Key Note Speaker Family Invited
 Dan Clark, High-Performance Leadership Strategist, Top Ten Motivational
 Speakers in the World, NY Times Best Selling Author of 37 Books
 Announcements, Adjournment
 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. “Blue Chair Bay” Beach Party Beach
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Tiki Party Beach Deck
 10:00 – 11:30 p.m. Karaoke Grand Reef





RECEPTIONS



On Wednesday afternoon we grabbed a cold beverage and picked up our “Tiki” welcome gift and headed to the Beach Deck to escape “Reality” for our Welcome Reception, sponsored by **Cummins Sales & Service** and **McGriff Insurance Services**. We continued welcoming new “Trucker Tikis” at our Thursday night reception sponsored by **Jackson Truck & Trailer**. We feasted on delicious hors d’oeuvres and cocktails while listening to great music and mingling with our fellow MTA members.



RECEPTIONS





FISHING EXCURSION



The "Shady Lady" picked up a crew at Zeke's Landing to take the participants into the Gulf for their fishing excursion, sponsored by **HUB International Gulf South** and **Total Transportation of MS**. Although a few clouds and rain caused some rough waters, the group persevered and caught their limit!



GOLF



Despite a wet start, it turned out to be a great Golf Scramble, sponsored by **Southern States Utility Trailer Sales**. We had 14 teams playing at Cypress Bend – Craft Farms Golf Resort.

Longest Drive:
Marcelo Sanchez-Lara

Closest to the Pin:
Sonny Williams

1st Place Winners

R.J. Williams, Sonny Williams, Baylor Downs,
Tony Brock

2nd Place Winners

Patrick McLarty,
Mike Levering, Brent Bruser, Jacob Hickman





MEETINGS & MORE

With all the fun, we had to build in some time to learn new things about the industry, celebrate our Milestone Award recipient and Driver of the Year, induct two new Century Club members, and recognize the graduating and upcoming Lead MTA Classes! MTA meetings are always filled with top-notch presenters and keynote speakers. Thank you to our speaker sponsors: **Cummins Sales & Service, Dobbs Peterbilt, MCH Transportation, and Southern Tire Mart.**



Dan Horvath, ATA



2024-2025 Lead MTA Class



2023-2024 Lead MTA Class



2024-2025 MTA Board & Sean Tindell

MEETINGS & MORE



We began Friday with a delicious Breakfast Buffet sponsored by **Great West Casualty** and again on Saturday, sponsored by **Eaton Cummins** and **Gallagher Insurance**. On Thursday and Friday evenings, parents were able to drop their children off at Kids Night Out, sponsored by **Cummins-Meritor** and **Ergon Trucking**. Friday morning, we offered our Canvas & Cocktails event, sponsored by **Johnson & Johnson**. Our extraordinary Keynote Speaker, Dan Clark, was sponsored by **Empire/Freightliner/TAG**, **MTFF-SIF**, and **Tri-State Truck Center**.



Century Club



"AI in Trucking" Panel



Keynote Speaker, Dan Clark



Driver of the Year



POOL PARTY

After the meetings on Friday, we invited “All the Pretty Girls” and guys to join us by the pool for a frozen drink or cold beverage, sponsored by **Navistar/Waters Truck & Tractor**. Then we cheered on our favorite team in a very competitive MTA Cornhole Tournament!

1st Place Winners and Returning Champs:

Carter Holmes and Ty Powell

2nd Place: Jason Hufford and Jeff McCaskill

3rd Place: Brock and Ashley Hamilton

First Out: Jonathan Atkins and Jarrod West



BEACH PARTY



No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problem!"
Our "Blue Chair Bay" Beach party, sponsored by **Tri-State Truck Center** was a hit! We had 125 beach chairs filled as we enjoyed cold beverages while watching the kids on the 56 ft. waterslide!

We even had a surprise fly-over honoring our Mississippi Truckers!





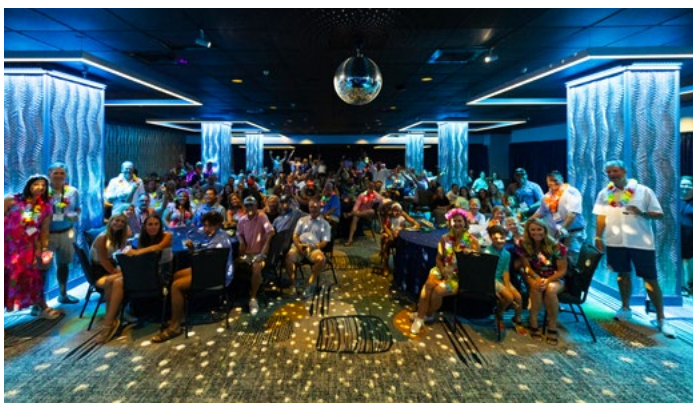
SATURDAY NIGHT

Our Saturday Night Tiki Party, sponsored by **AMG Driver Recruitment, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, Cooley Transport, Idelic, John Fayard Moving & Warehousing, Johnson & Johnson, Lewis Brisbois, Love's Travel Stops, Midwest Employers Casualty, PrePass, and Transport Resources**, was filled with lots of activities for the entire family! Many had caricatures drawn by Deano & Victor, sponsored by **Old River Companies**, "Half of Our Hometown" danced the night away to The Mustache Band, sponsored by **Truckworx/Kenworth** and enjoyed delicious food and drinks! We topped the night off with an all-star Fireworks show, sponsored by **Empire/TAG /Freightliner**.

We took the after-party inside for our 3rd Annual MTA Karaoke Party, sponsored by **McLeod Software!** Who knew we had so many talented MTA "Ohanas" in our group?!



SATURDAY NIGHT





SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 4-8 2025

Plan to bring your family and join your MTA friends in 2025 for the MTA Annual Convention at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa!

