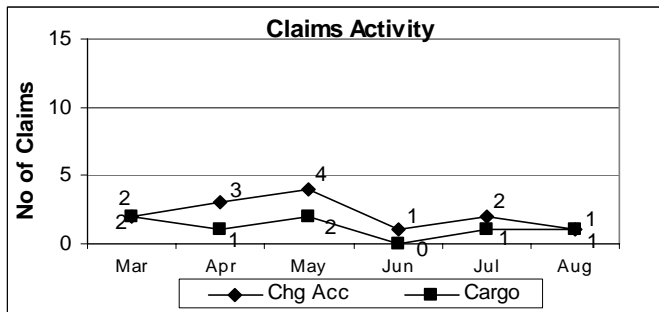
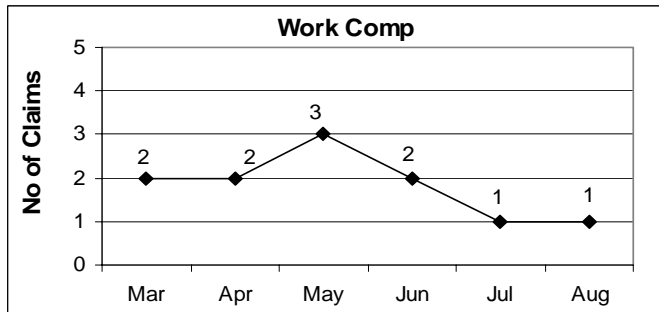




TANDEM EXPRESS

Your Monthly Update on Matters that Matter

Monthly Stats



MAINTENANCE EVALUATION CARDS (AUG 2006)			
	Yes	No	%
All repairs completed?	30	3	91%
Treated professionally?	33	0	100%
Truck left clean?	33	0	100%
Given estimated time?	19	14	58%
Completed on time?	30	3	91%
Overall Score	87%		

Driver Referral Payout for AUGUST was \$7,025!
The year-to-date total is \$26,320.

Operations (for August)			
# Active Drvrs (All)	262	Fuel MPG (Co.)	6.44
No. Loads	5,601	Fuel CPG (Co.)	\$2.98
Miles(x1000-Rand)	2,442	Fuel CPM (Co.)	\$0.46

Thought for the Month

When you are in deep water, the best thing to do is shut your mouth.

Tenure Recognition

The following loyal and dedicated employees have reached another year of service in **September 2006.**

	NAME	YOS	POSITION
1	Karl Galamback	24	Dir., of Purch. & Maint.
2	James Maleski	17	Professional Driver
3	Ronald Carpenter	11	Professional Driver
4	David Weisel	10	Professional Driver
5	George Pilarski	8	Professional Driver
6	Cecil Norton	8	Professional Driver
7	Sam Owl	8	Professional Driver
8	Charles Sharp	7	Professional Driver
9	Glenn Lewis	6	Professional Driver
10	Larry Wyman	5	Professional Driver
11	Dana Riotte	5	Fleet Coordinator
12	Michael Smith	5	Maintenance Technician
13	James Bond	4	Professional Driver
14	Timothy Vickers	4	Professional Driver
15	James Aldstadt	3	Professional Driver
16	Charles Culbertson	2	Professional Driver
17	Matthew Brehm	2	Professional Driver
18	David Ertz	2	Professional Driver
19	John Kjorstad	2	Professional Driver
20	Rayann Langford	2	Driver Resources Asst.
21	Gregory Lashley	1	Professional Driver
22	Donald Shaw	1	Professional Driver
23	Richard McShane	1	Mgr., Driver Recruiting
24	Brett Davis	1	Building & Grounds Maint.

Congratulations and thank you all for your support!

Safety Update

August of 2006 shows solid improvement over last year's numbers. In fact, we cut claims in half for the month. (1) Work Comp, (1) Cargo, and (1) Chargeable Accident. Let us keep the trend to "0" going.

I am also happy to report that Tandem has achieved 100% of company drivers certified through the Highway Watch program. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Tandem will continue certifying ALL new drivers as they come aboard. We also plan to get the few remaining I/C's involved. Highway Watch is a far reaching program and all of us in the Trucking Industry can help by simply "keeping our eyes open" to situations that look "suspicious" or "out of the ordinary". And speaking of

suspicious or out of the ordinary, let's examine some common "Log Errors".

REMEMBER: Pre-trip inspection, loading, unloading, fuel, citations and DOT checks MUST be logged on LINE 4...Also a "Post Trip" must be done at the end of the driving day. Some drivers are NOT logging the way Tandem has instructed the logs be completed. Fuel and DOT inspections MUST match the time and location on your log. Logs must also be turned in WEEKLY. A few drivers are holding logs longer, which is not acceptable, so please mail logs weekly with your Trip Pack.

Lastly, S.H.A.R.E. inspections are down. We should be performing more random inspections, but you can help motivate us by requesting an inspection when you stop by any terminal. This can earn you up to 10 Tandem Bucks which can be redeemed for clothing, caps, mugs, etc. from the Tandem Store. Also, be sure you have a CLEAN DOT inspection with "No Violation" and earn 25 Tandem Bucks!

Use Only Blue Beacon Or Recognized Truck Washes

Drivers should not use the Extreme Truck Wash in Alpena MI or any "drive thru" truck wash. We had a serious water problem at this location, and until further investigation determines the root cause, we should limit truck washes to Blue Beacon or other more recognized locations.

Open Enrollment for Insurance (October)

October is open enrollment time for insurance. You should have received a notice in the mail. If you would like to make any changes to your insurance coverage, you have through the end of October to make your changes. Please contact the St. Louis office with any insurance related questions.

World's Largest Truck Convoy for Special Olympics – Tandem Takes "Lead Truck" at Two Convoys

September 16 was the day when the World's Largest Truck Convoy rolled across America. Tandem was unable to participate as much this year but we did get to be Lead Truck in both the Mid Michigan and Des Moines, IA convoy. The MI convoy had only 3 trucks. There were two Tandem drivers, Guy Beaudoin (Turbo Turtle) and Tom (Crittter) Shirely, plus a local dump truck. Guy, who won Lead Truck, said that the Mid Michigan Convoy was not as successful this year but that there are plans to improve participation for next year.

Ed Brown from IA participated in the Des Moines, IA convoy which had 100 trucks rolling in procession. Ed also received the Lead Truck status thanks to the bidding power of his 9 year old son Jerry. Jerry heard the bidding

and decided that his Dad should be the Lead Truck. To his Dad's shock and amazement, Jerry started his bidding at over \$400 and it finally stopped at \$800! Also attending the convoy with Ed was his wife Mary Beth and eldest son Ricky.

There will be a final convoy in Minnesota on Saturday, October 21st. Ed has indicated his interest in attending the convoy. If other drivers are interested, please contact dispatch to be placed on a list. We should be able to accommodate a few drivers, but early notification will help improve your chances. Tandem will "reimburse" the \$100 entry fee as we did for the September 16th convoy. We also hope to be more involved next year and start the process earlier. Thank you again to those drivers that participated.

Sonja Ertz and 3-Day Walk to Fight Cancer

Sonja Ertz, wife of Dave Ertz (Crazy Bird Trucking), has been training earnestly to be ready for a 3-day walk to fight cancer from October 27 – 29. She will be walking to raise funds for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, the leading breast cancer foundation in America. This is literally a 60-mile walk over a three day period. Sonja has a personal commitment to raise a minimum of \$2,200. Tandem is proud to be sponsoring Sonja and the breast cancer foundation. If anyone else is interested in supporting Sonja, please email her at Crazybirdtruckin@aol.com or call her at home (254-804-0097). You may also leave a message with Chris or Jill at our Columbus, OH office and they will ask Dave to contact you directly about the event. ***Donations need to be in by October 15th for proper recognition.*** You can also learn more about the 3-day walk by calling the toll free number (800-996-3DAY) or visit the web site (www.3Day.org).

Other "Concerns" to Consider

- 1. Dispatch Check-call Concern** – It is critical that drivers call in before 9A – daily! A number of drivers still do not recognize the problems a LATE CALL can cause. LATE CALLS cost us money because we cannot plan as well. So please call in before 9A CST. This applies to ALL DRIVERS from ALL TERMINALS.
- 2. Bills and Delivery Receipts Concern** – Be sure to mail bills & delivery receipts in your weekly Trip Pak and make sure you are keeping the goldenrod copy of the delivery receipt. This may sound like a basic issue, but a number of drivers are still not complying.
- 3. Vacation and Personal Time Notification Concern** – Remember...to provide better service and insure you can get your time off drivers need to advise the personnel dept 30 days in advance for vacation time and two weeks in advance for personal time.