

# MeadowLark in Motion

## Software Advantages

Through the years Meadow Lark has embarked on amazing advances in our technology through market need and through expertise. Meadow lark offers many valuable software tools for customers and carriers! We are excited to offer the following programs through our system to better serve those who work for and with us. Please call us if you would like some training on these advantages or access to any of these systems that would assist you in your business.

- **For Customers we offer electronic tracking per load or daily reports in real time, we have electronic invoicing (214's and 210's), accept electronic tendering (204's), multiple mileage packages (Rand McNally, multiple versions of PC Miler, and Prophesy)**
- **Carrier Score Cards to help us communicate on how we can better serve our carrier partners and what our expectations of them are and how they can meet the expectations**
- **Blast e-mailing/faxing capabilities to update information quickly to better serve our carriers and customers**
- **POD and Signature tracking capabilities**
- **Shipment Tendering systems based upon preferred carrier status – Carriers can then select orders from our system with all information given to speed up transactions so they can keep their drivers moving**
- **EDI capabilities in our Billing Department**
- **Custom graphing for customers is available, at no extra charge, we can capture any data to meet your needs**
- **Auto generated quotes blasted via e-mail/fax to our customer/carrier partners for speedier communication**
- **For our customers and carriers we post expedite loads to multiple load boards at the press of a button.**



## Diesel Fuel Prices Increase

This week's national average price of diesel fuel, along with all regions, showed increases from last week. The current national average for a gallon of diesel is \$2.616, an increase of 0.044¢ from last week. By comparison, the price for a gallon of gasoline increased to \$2.691 per gallon which is 0.019¢ higher than last week.

Bloomberg Energy reports that as of midday, Monday, June 22, the spot price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate oil is \$66.70 which is \$4.97 lower than last week's price.

In order to see fuel prices by regions, go to <http://www.tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/gdu/gasdiesel.asp>

## Which one are you?

Rick Jones

Two guys tied up to a floating tree; back to back! The tree is drifting downstream. Toward a waterfall!

One man can see ahead. He can see what's coming. The other one can only see where they have been.

He is asking a lot of questions, "Where are we going?"

"Down stream!" comes a quick reply.

"Are there rapids ahead?" asks the one behind.

"Uh, YEAH, I can see rapids!" the front-facing one says in a panic!

"How about a water fall? Is there a waterfall ahead?" asks the looking-back guy.

The looking-forward man says, "Oh CRAP! We are going over a waterfall! HELP!"

Backward man calmly smiles and says, "long drop; sharp rocks at the bottom?"

Front guy grimaces, "MOST LIKELY!"

Back-man says evenly, "BRING IT ON!"

We are adrift like that. The ones that look ahead and read the papers; confirm what the newbies are saying! WE ARE IN DEEP DOO-DOO!

The ones who look back, know only where they have been.

They have been in rapids before, they have plummeted over the edge more than once. They weren't dashed on the rocks, and they didn't drown! What could be worse than that, Eaten by a trout?

The ones who jump off the log,  
or just give up and drown just make room for those of us who  
love the water, love the rapids, the waterfalls....and. love to EAT TROUT!

Which one are you?

## Welcome New Agents

We welcome the new agents who have partnered up with us to make the movement of freight through out the world only a phone call away. In the past three months we have signed on eight new agents and 25 of their trucks. Following are the names of our new agents: Terri Thomas, Charlotte, NC; Tommy & Elmer Pullin, Hamburg, AR; Latasha Brown, Houston, TX; James Fitch, Hinesville, GA, Al Chowning & Gineva McKinney, Aurora, CO; Rob & Pam Nelson, Boston, IL; Lisa Holstein, Stockton, CA; Larry & Judy Brannan, Spokane, WA; Darrell & Mitchell Sapaugh, Tom & Linda Lenox, Salem, MO; Todd Matchick, New Brunswick, NJ.

# Meadow Lark Announces International Services

Meadow Lark has strategically partnered up with Todd Matchick, former traffic manager of Foster Wheeler corp. and Global Freight Forwarding to better serve our customers. With Mr. Matchick's expertise as a 22 year veteran in the global markets this alliance will serve well for any break-bulk or container shipping. Custom tracking and paperwork processing will be included along with competitive pricing. Meadow Lark looks forward to opening all foreign markets to add more value added service to our customer partners. Please call us today if you have any further questions or need pricing.



## National News

### DOT Releases \$140 Million for Transport Projects; Department Also Sets Funds for Bridge Repairs:

The Department of Transportation has released about \$140 million in federal aid this week to assist 249 transportation improvement projects around the country, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said

**DOT Prepares to Issue New Rule to Cut Truck Stopping Distance:** The Department of Transportation is preparing to issue its long-delayed rule that would slice the stopping distance for large

### Wyoming Legislators Consider Tolling I-80

Wyoming legislators are considering a highway funding plan that could cost trucks more than \$100 in tolls to run the full 400 miles on I-80 across Wyoming

## Local Lingo



Mike & Brandon played in the Billings Chamber golf tournament and took second place. They teamed up with our customers Matt & wife Kate who are the owners of Agra Systems here in Billings.

Rick and Donna recently returned from a trip to Vietnam where they chaperoned a group of MSUB orchestra students who were performing in various cities throughout that region. Their daughter Stephanie is a music major at MSUB. Donna says it will be a long time before she eats anything with curry in it. They are glad to be home and we are glad they are back.

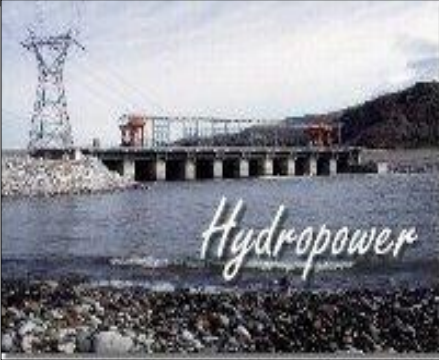


Rick & Stephanie



Vietnam

Meadowlark does specialized moves for several power customers. These pictures are of a move for Hydropower Services. This Hydropower water turbine is out of Wells Dam in WA going to West Allis, WI. to be refurbished. There are 10 turbines in this dam, they can only move one at a time so the project will last approximately a year.



Hydropower water turbine, Dimensions: 30' x 6' x 6' 145,500 pounds

## ISR Top Revenue Producers for ML 2nd Quarter 2009

We have some great ISR's! This quarter the following were the top revenue produces for Meadowlark.

### Robco Transportation

Robbie & Aubrey, Rockwood, TN

**Brenda Puccio**, Ravenswood, WV

### LEB Trucking

Louie Bartlett, Tulsa, OK

### J&H Trucking

Jay Ferguson, Vaiden, MS

### Cade Trucking

Robert & Christy Cade, Columbia, SC

## Highway Heros

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (NYSE: GT - News) will honor deserving truck drivers with its recognition program for those who perform good deeds along the highways of North America. The company announced today that a search is on for U.S. and Canadian drivers who come to the rescue of fellow motorists.

Nominations for the prestigious 27th annual Goodyear North America Highway Hero Awards will be accepted through Nov. 30, 2009.

To be considered for this year's award, the following criteria must be met:

Nominee must be a full-time truck driver;

- Nominee must be a resident of the United States or Canada;
- Incident recognized must have occurred in the United States or Canada;
- Nominee must have been on the job or on the way to or from work, and in his or her rig at the time of the incident;
- Nominee's truck at the time of

the incident must have 14 wheels or more;

Incident must have taken place between Nov. 16, 2008, and Nov. 15, 2009, to qualify.

The nomination form is available on the program's web site at <http://www.goodyear.com/truck/news/hero.html>.

