

NATIONAL TRUCKING WEEK 2008

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Canada Moves by Truck

During National Trucking Week, remember how we rely on trucks

By David Anderson
Without trucks Canada would stop. Next week, truck drivers across the country will be honoured and celebrated for their hard and attentive driving all across North America. Kevin Brown, safety director of FlexMor Industries in Bolton, said that trucks are the lifeline that make the wheels of commerce rotate. "Without trucks, nothing is delivered; everything would stop; whether delivered by a tanker, plane or train, sooner or later it will get on a truck," Brown said. "There are bumper stickers on the back of trailers in

the States that read, 'Without trucks America stops,' and I feel the same goes for Canada." As indicated on Canada Moves by Truck Web site (<http://www.cantruck.com/index.php>), the trucking industry in Canada alone is worth \$54.7 billion. The industry employs more than 260,000 drivers and somewhere on the order of 400,000 Canadians overall. It's a diverse industry made up of a few large companies but dominated by thousands of small and medium-sized businesses and independent owner-operators. Trucks move 90 per cent of all consumer products and foodstuffs within Canada and almost two

thirds of Canada's trade with the United States, the country's largest trading partner. Donald Calbwell, a truck driver for MSM Transportation in Bolton has been driving for more than 20 years with a six-year break to raise his children. Calbwell said it takes a "special breed" to spend all that time on the road. "It gets really lonely on the road, but someone needs to do it," Calbwell commented. "I really love my job." As well he would like to add that both truck drivers and car drivers need to share the road. Although he said it's not necessarily the car driver's fault, what needs to

be kept in mind is that trucks are not built the identical way to cars.

"It takes trucks a while to move and we cannot stop as quick as cars," Calbwell said. "So truck and car drivers need to get along with each other."



Donald Calbwell stands beside his truck, he is employed with MSM Transportation and has been driving trucks for over 20 years. He is just one of many truckers who will be noted next week during National Trucker's week.

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