

## 2008 Virginia Truck Driving Championships

Eight professional Virginia truck drivers were crowned 2008 "Champions of the Highway" at the 57th annual Virginia Truck Driving Championships held June 13 and 14 at the Lee Hi Travel Plaza in Lexington, Virginia.

A total of 99 professional truck drivers from across the state entered the contest - 96 male drivers and 3 female drivers - representing 18 different companies. First time contestants totaled 27. The event is sponsored by the Virginia Trucking Association and its Safety Management Council and is patterned after the American Trucking Associations' National Truck Driving Championships. The first-place champions listed below will represent Virginia in the National Championships to be held August 19 - 23 in Houston, TX.

**Straight Truck:** 1st: **W.D. "Pete" Nuckols** Of Wytheville - Con-way Freight, Wytheville  
2nd: David Barrow, Danville – Roadway Express, Danville  
3rd: Nevin Brill, Winchester - Con-way Freight, Winchester

**3-Axle:** 1st: **Robbie Cottrell** of Bedford – Con-way Freight, Roanoke  
2nd: Harry Gillespie, Bland – Roadway Express, Wytheville  
3rd: Ronald Pryor, Drakes Branch – Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Sutherland

**4-Axle:** 1st: **Michael Stickley** of Middletown – Con-way Freight, Winchester  
2nd: Joseph C. Wilson, Lynchburg - Frito Lay Inc., Lynchburg  
3rd: Vincent Potter, Altavista – Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Mt. Crawford

**5-Axle Van:** 1st: **Dennis Kendrick** of Chesterfield - UPS Freight, Richmond  
2nd: Jock Wolfe, Alexandria – Robinson Terminal Warehouse, Alexandria  
3rd: D. Wayne Butcher, Cana – Con-way Freight, Kernersville, NC

**Tank:** 1st: **Robert French** of Bland – Con-way Freight, Wytheville, VA  
2nd: Douglas Padgett, Alexandria–Robinson Terminal Warehouse, Alexandria  
3rd: Walter "Randy" Ebinger, Haymarket - Yellow Transportation, Manassas

**Flatbed:** 1st: **Joe Clements** of Chesterfield - UPS Freight, Richmond  
2nd: Michael West, Lynchburg - Roadway Express, Roanoke  
3rd: Richard Kinsey, Front Royal – Con-way Freight, Winchester

**Sleeper Berth:** 1st: **Jerry Mastne** of Brightwood - Yellow Transportation, Manassas  
2nd: Oscar Hymons, Virginia Beach – Gwaltney Transportation, Smithfield  
3rd: Steve Purks, King George - Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Mt. Crawford

**Twin Trailers:** 1st: **Jerry Davis** of Powhatan – UPS Freight, Richmond  
2nd: Hector F. Novoa, Aldie - FedEx Ground, Chantilly  
3rd: W. Scot Franklin, Louisa – UPS, Fishersville

**Neill Damstadter Memorial Grand Champion Award – *Robert French***, Con-way Freight, Wytheville

**Pre-Trip Inspection Award in Honor of Captain Roy Terry- *Hector Novoa***, FedEx Ground, Chantilly

**Rookie of the Year Award – *Curtis Lowe***, ExxonMobil, Newington

**Team Trophy - *Con-way Freight*** of Fort Worth, TX.