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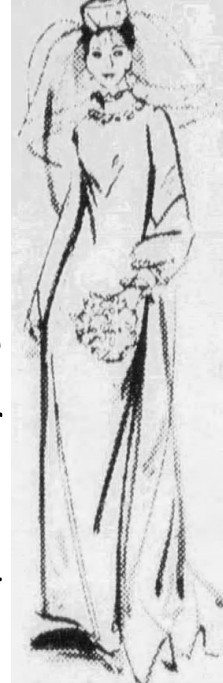
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Announcements

Delaney—Breitkreutz

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Delaney of Tupper, B.C. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Ruth Mae to Alvin Breitkreutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Breitkreutz of Wembley, Alberta. Wedding date to be announced at a later date.



Dimsdale climbs back into tie with Hythe for WMFL top spot

Dimsdale is determined to stay at the top of the 'A' division of the Wapiti Fastball League.

They downed a strong Bezanson squad 12-6 last night to leave them tied with Hythe for first place, both with 18 points. The game was one of the few games left in 'A' division play and leaves Bezanson in fourth spot.

"We are saving our power for the playoffs," said Bezanson player Warren Stark when asked the reason for the big upset. Bezanson started out strong in the league but eased off shortly after they reached first position. Their fourth spot guarantees them a place in the 'A' playoffs.

Bezanson opened the scoring with one run by Lawrence Nellis in the last half of the first inning when he scored on a pass ball after picking up a walk from winning hurler Gerald Campbell.

Dimsdale drove ahead by five runs in the third with a series of hits and walks that proved to be the ruin of the Bezanson squad.

Al Stewart started the drive off when he singled off losing

pitcher Rick McLaughlin and Gerald Campbell and Stan Dumbrova followed him to first with walks. Louis Ryan stepped up to the plate and drove in Stewart and Campbell with a long double and Carl Linden followed with a second double bringing in Dumbrova and Ryan. Al Breitkreutz singled scoring Ryan. Rob King walked and Al Stewart singled but were left stranded when McLaughlin fanned Stewart, the eleventh batter of the half.

In the top of the fourth Dimsdale picked up two more runs when Dumbrova picked up a walk, Sam Tissington and Harold Anderson doubled bringing in Dumbrova and Tissington.

Bezanson picked up their second run in the bottom of the sixth when Lawrence Nellis doubled, Rod McLaughlin went to first when hit with a pitch, and Ray LaCroix singled bringing in Nellis.

Both teams remained scoreless until the seventh and then they both let go with some slugging.

Dimsdale went on a splurge during their turn at bat picking up four runs on three walks, two singles and a dou-

ble. Linden picked up the first walk followed by Anderson who went to third on Gib Popkey's single which scored Linden. Anderson was thrown out stealing home but was replaced on base when Al Stewart picked up the third walk. Campbell singled scoring Popkey and Dumbrova doubled bringing in Stewart for the fourth run.

In the final last ditch attempt at winning Bezanson gave it all they had but it wasn't good enough to beat the unsurmountable score Dimsdale had chalked up. In the last of the seventh Warren Stark started off their threat with a base on balls and came home off Lawrence Nellis' double. McLaughlin walked and Ray LaCroix followed with a single which scored Nellis. McLaughlin scored on a pass ball and La Croix came in on a pass ball to put an end to the scoring leaving Bezanson down six runs as the sun set.

The winning pitcher was Gerald Campbell who gave up eight walks as compared to nine given up by loser Rick McLaughlin.

Top man with the stick for Dimsdale was Al Stewart going three for four while Lawrence Nellis was three for three for losers.

Hill rink wins at Wembley

WEMBLEY fourth.

Albert Hill of Beaverlodge defeated Jarvis Shail of Hythe to win the recent Wembley mixed bonspiel and the R.W. Sieker trophy.

The 32-rink event saw Cyril Sandboe of LaGlace finish third in the first event and Murray Brown of Beaverlodge fourth.

Chris Millham of Wembley won the Wembley Hotel second-event trophy in the all-local division. Tom Grant was second, Ed Schultz third and Joe Sekora

Kay Maple of LaGlace won the third event and the Wembley Department Store trophy over Gary Sebastian of Wembley.

Alvin Breitreutz of Wembley was third and Bert Strand of LaGlace fourth.

The Hodge's Plumbing trophy for the fourth event went to Harry Taylor of Wembley over Bill Campbell, also of the host club. Dennis Haglund of Grande Prairie was third and S. Kish, also of the city fourth.



DIRECTORS MEET — Directors for the Wembley Agricultural Society discuss preliminary plans after being elected at the society's first annual meeting last night. Shown

left to right, front row, are: Vice-President Adolph Schultz; Director Kathy Sebastian; President Garry Sebastian; Director Eleanor Harrison and Vice-President Ed Mayer.

Standing, left to right: Cameron White, Vernon Hawkes, Jerry Cameron, Bev Van Schaik, Glen Knutson and Alvin Breitkreutz, all directors. Missing from photo is Director Bob Tuson.

Honored for Safe Driving. . .



Canadian Freightways Limited, a member of the National Safety Council, acknowledges Safe Driving Week in the City.

Under a program to increase the safety of its drivers, Canadian Freightways awards a pin annually to drivers who have completed a year of accident free operation of a motor vehicle for the firm. The employees run up a total of ap-

proximately 5000 miles per month while going about their daily duties. In the photo (left to right) Bud Plante, 11 years. Barry McLean, 4 years, Dallas Kyle, 3 years, Alvin Breitkreutz, 1 year, Dglas Olsenberg, 1 year, and Bob Gillespie, 1 year, of accident free driving. These safety conscious drivers ask that you drive carefully year 'round to help make our city a better place to live and raise a family.

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EASY DOES IT! — Alvin Breitkreutz of Wembley, a driver for Canadian Freightways of the city, backs his tractor-trailer rig through a serpentine stretch at Sunday's truck Rodeo at the Co-op store parking lot. Mr. Breitkreutz won the single axle tractor-tendem-axle

trailer trophy for his efforts. Other winners in the day-long event included Wally Enns (Grimshaw Trucking), Tandem-Tandem; Bob Gillespie (Canadian Freightways), Single-Single; and George Fortier (Grimshaw Trucking), straight truck.

Truckers compete

Four Peace Country truck drivers are competing in the Alberta Truck Rodeo in Edmonton this weekend.

The competitions, to be held at the Capilano Mall on Edmonton's eastern outskirts, will be staged all day tomorrow.

The Peace Country

representatives earlier won the right to represent the area in competitions staged in Grande Prairie. It was the first time they have been held north of Edmonton.

The four are Alvin Breitkreutz, Wally Enns, Bob Gillespie and George Fortier.

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Local truckers showed well

Grande Prairie truckers made their mark at the Alberta truck roдео in Edmonton last weekend.

And Peace Country roдео organizer Dave Barr of Canadian Freightways in the city promises that the first-ever showing by local drivers isn't just a flash in the pan.

"We really surprised them and they'll be on the lookout for us next year," Mr. Barr said after local drivers came through with a first, a second, a third, and a fourth in five categories.

George Fortier of Grimshaw Trucking in the city captured the straight truck competition and will

advance to the national finals in Burnaby, B.C., in late September.

Bob Gillespie of Freightways in the city was fourth in the single-single class, and Alvin Breitkreutz, also of the city Freightways line, finished third in the single tandem class.

The local Freightways team was second overall, four points back of the champion Imperial Oil driving team from Edmonton.

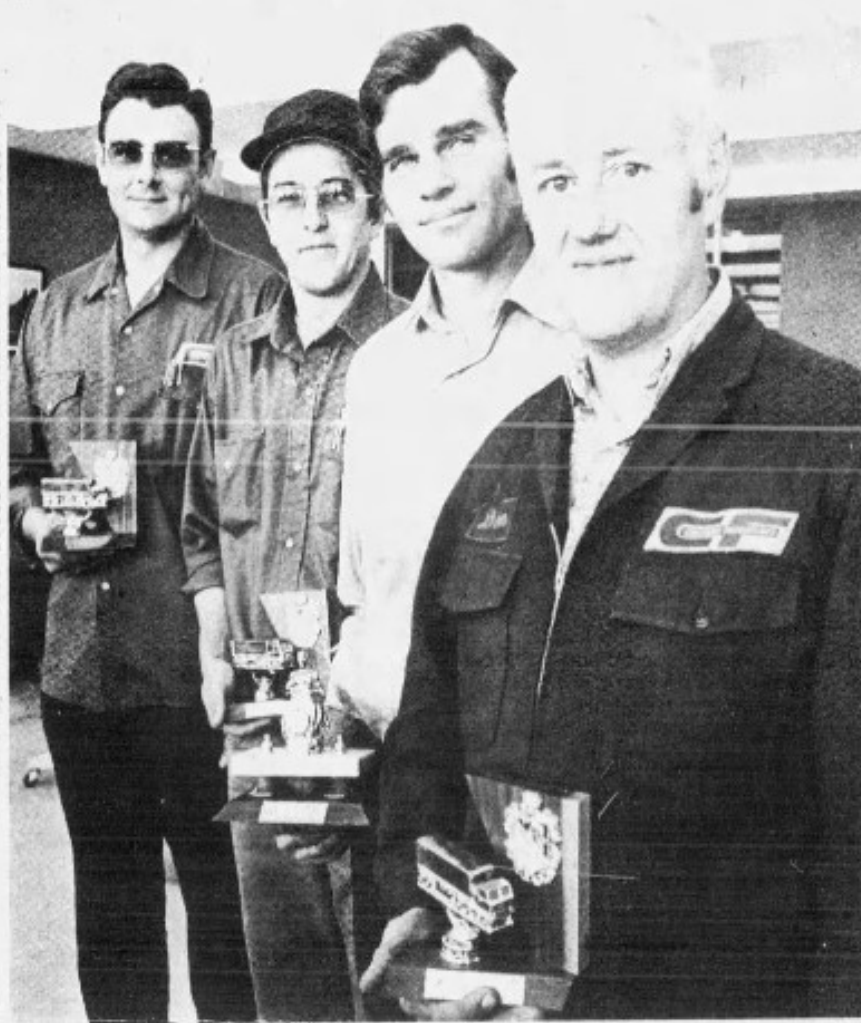
This was the first year regional competition was held in Grande Prairie and the first time area drivers advanced to the provincial

final, sponsored by the Alberta Motor Transport Association.

The roдео is aimed at promoting safety, courtesy and efficiency. Competition includes a written examination.

Mr. Barr was cited for the excellent work he'd done to set up the regional roдео.

John Billey of Canada Safeway in Edmonton won the single-single class and the all-round award; Marcel Lemoine of Safeway took the single tandem class, and Lionel Moncrieff of Loiselle Transport in Edmonton won the tandem-tandem class.



Don Friesen (right), Bob Gillespie, Dallas Kyle and Alvin Breitkreutz, all of Canadian Freightways.

Peace driver in finals

A High Prairie man will be among four people representing Alberta in the National Truck Rodeo in Quebec City.

Dwayne Pollack of Spendiff Transport in High Prairie won the tandem trailer and tandem truck class at the Alberta Provincial Rodeo held in Calgary Saturday.

The straight truck class of the competition was won by Nick Metrunc of Edmonton. Henry Plazier of Grimshaw Trucking in Peace River placed fourth.

The single truck-single

trailer class was won by Jerald Paik, also from Edmonton. Fourth place was taken by Bob Gillespie who drives for Canadian Freightways in Grande Prairie.

Bud Erickson from Edmonton won the single truck-tandem trailer event while Alvin Breitkreutz of Grande Prairie placed third. Mr. Breitkreutz also works for Canadian Freightways.

The national finals will be held in September.

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Driver awards

Four drivers for the Canadian Freightways branch in Grande Prairie have been awarded safe driving pins by local branch manager Dave Barr (left). Receiving the awards are Don Friesen (second from left), with two years' safe driving, Steve Belyan (one year), Robert Gillespie (three years) and Alvin Breitkreutz (three years). Absent when photo was taken were Stan Dombrova (two years) and Dallas Kyle (one year). Grande Prairie this year hosts the annual provincial truck road-eo competitions June 19.

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Rodeo winners aim at provincial final

Truckers from Grande Prairie, High Prairie and Fort St. John, B.C., captured first place positions Saturday during the regional truck rodeo in Grande Prairie.

A total of 14 men competed in four events at the Prairie Mall, setting the stage for the provincial finals which will feature truckers from the Peace Country, Edmonton and Calgary areas.

The provincial finals, to be held at 8:30 a.m. June 19 on the Prairie Mall parking lot, will also feature logging truck competitions in addition to chain saw carving and wood sculpturing demonstrations by John Stark and Albert

Smith.

A banquet and dance, during which trophies will be presented to provincial winners, will be held that evening in the regional college.

First and second place winners from Saturday's rodeo will compete in the provincial finals.

The winners Saturday (in order of placing) were:

Straight truck: Ed Glowa of Canadian Freightways Ltd., Fort St. John; Dale Cox of Spendiff Transport Ltd., (High Prairie); Jake Siebert of Canadian Freightways.

Tractor and semi-trailer: Robert Gillespie, of Canadian Freightways (Grande

Prairie).

Tandem Trailer: Alvin Breitkreutz of Canadian Freightways (Grande Prairie); Marvin Klimach of Thoveson Transport (Grande Prairie).

Tractor and tandem trailer: Dwayne Pollock of Spendiff; Jack Martin of Thoveson; Randy Friesen of Edgar and Doug Lewis.

Winning teams were: First — the Thoveson and Spendiff team of Dwayne Pollock, Jack Martin, Dale Cox, and Marvin Klimach; second — The Canadian Freightways team of Alvin Breitkreutz, Bob Gillespie, Dennis Clarke, and Dale Pringle.

Truckers converge on GP

Anyone familiar with the hairy experiences (in song) of Wolf Creek Pass and the careening downhill-run of a semi-trailer loaded with chickens, can get a firsthand idea of the ability of truckers this coming weekend in the city.

The Alberta truckers' rodeo, being held north of Edmonton for the first time, will pit the province's best rig drivers against each other Saturday.

The day-long event is scheduled for Prairie Mall and starts with an 8 a.m. breakfast at the Big T restaurant.

The competitions, drawing about 50 entries from Alberta, will be dressed up with logging truck competitions as well. Entertainment is provided by power saw sculpturing exhibitions.

Grande Prairie has hosted the regional for the last three years, and seven area truckers will be taking part in the provincials.

They include Ed Glowa of Canadian Freightways, Fort St. John, and Dale Cox of Spendiff Transport, High Prairie, in the straight truck class; Robert Gillespie of Canadian Freightways, Gran-

de Prairie, in the tractor and semi-trailer class; Alvin Breitkreutz of Canadian Freightways, Grande Prairie, and Marvin Klimach of Thoveson Transport, Grande Prairie, in the tandem trailer competition; and Dwayne Pollock of Spendiff and Jack Martin of Thoveson in the tractor and tandem class.

The provincial winners gain berths in the national finals in Calgary in September.

"The rodeo is to recognize the drivers who are mighty important to us," city Canadian Freightways manager Dave Barr, one of the guiding lights behind the rodeo, said.

The competitions will be followed by a banquet, awards presentation and dance at the Grande Prairie College the same evening. Tickets are by advance sale only and are available from Timberline Haulers, Cutbank Trucking, Thoveson Transport, Edgar and Cissell Trucking, Grimshaw Trucking and Canadian Freightways. N

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Truckers garner hardware at provincial roдео



Single-tandem

Warren Rogalsky (left) of Crone Bros. Transport, Calgary took first place in the single-tandem event at the roдео, also winning the overall title in the finals. Second in the single-tandem event was Alvin Breitkreutz of Canadian Freightways, Grande Prairie; third was Bob Wilson of Orlick Transport, Calgary; fourth was Lloyd Martineau of Canadian Freightways, Edmonton.

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Staff Photo by Gary Hickling

Three barrels in a straight line constituted the serpentine test — a test to demonstrate how the driver maneuvers his truck in crowded conditions. The driver had to back through them first and then

drive ahead through them. This was the first of six such tests of the drivers' ability at Saturday's truck rodeo.

St. John trucker tops rodeo

By GARY HICKLING
of our staff

Ed Glowa of Canadian Freightways, Fort St. John, won the Dave Barr Memorial Trophy for accumulating most points in the third annual Grande Prairie Truck Rodeo Saturday.

Mr. Glowa collected 319 points out of a possible 425 points in the various events on the obstacle course in the Prairie Mall parking lot.

Trucking events featured were straight truck, logging, single axle tractor-single axle trailer, single axle tractor-tandem trailer (dual wheels), tandem-tandem, and team competition.

Glowa won the straight truck event with 319 points, 60 points ahead of his nearest competitor Randy Holden of Canadian Freightways, Dawson Creek.

He was with Dale Fringle, Bob Gillespie, and Norm Epp in winning the team competitions by 2½ points over the Loisselle-Spendiff team of Dale Cox, Lloyd Smith, Larry Stokes and Wayne Pollock who collected 987½ points.

Glowa wins a berth in the Alberta Trucker's Association provincial rodeo to be held in Edmonton May 28 and could advance to the Canadian finals in Calgary.

Paul Rubak, director of safety and labor relations, Canadian Freightways Ltd., Calgary, said the late Dave Barr spearhead bringing the ATA's truck rodeo to Grande Prairie.

Mr. Rubak presented a \$1,000 check from his company

to the Dave Barr Memorial Fund.

Other winners in the competitions were Lloyd Smith of Loisselle Transport, first place and Bob Gillespie of Canadian Freightways, Grande Prairie, second place in single axle tractor-single axle trailer.

Ken Nash won first place in the logging event while Jim Robertson placed second. Both work for Timberline Haulers.

Alvin Breikreutz was the only competitor in the single axle tractor-tandem trailer event. Mr. Breikreutz works for Bob & Ron Cooks Trucking.

Dwayne Pollock of Spendiff Transport was first in the tandem-tandem event while Randy Friesen of Loisselle Transport was second.

All first place winners advance to the ATA's provincial competitions.

The truckers had to negotiate six obstacles while racing against a 10-minute deadline. For each obstacle they could not perform to standards they were deducted points.

Tests include serpentine (how a driver maneuvers his truck in crowded conditions, park and right hand turn, backing into a loading dock, straight line test (balls on cups just wider than dual wheels), a back alley test (barriers allowing a foot on either side) and a diminishing clearance test (flags start at five inches on each side and go down to two inches on each side).

Drivers were also deducted for failing to make proper hand signals.



These drivers came in first in their class at the regional truck rodeo held Saturday at the Prairie Mall parking lot. Dwayne Pollock (left) of Spendiff Transport in the tandem-tandem event; Ken Nash (middle) of Timberline Haulers in the logging event and Alvin Breikreutz (right) of Bob & Ron Cooks

Trucking in the single axle tractor-tandem trailer event. Missing from picture is Ed Glowa of Canadian Freightways, Fort St. John, in straight truck and Lloyd Smith of Loisselle Transport in single axle tractor-single axle trailer.

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Three drivers place

Only three area drivers managed to place in the provincial truck roadeo in Calgary last weekend.

Alvin Breitreutz of Grande Prairie finished second in the single-tandem category. He is with Cook Trucking. Another second-place finish went to Lloyd Smith of Fort St. John in the single-single competition. Smith is with Loiselle Transport. Randy Friesen of Dawson Creek with Canadian Freightways finished third in the tandem-tandem.

There were 10 area drivers attending the competition, all of whom qualified during the

regional truck roadeo May 13.

The overall winner was Stan Kapki of Calgary who recorded the highest single score in any one event. He is with Canadian Freightways and was driving in the straight-truck category.

Dwayne Kyle of Beaverlodge, the overall winner in the Grande Prairie competition, was not able to attend the provincials as he was getting married the same day.

There were 28 drivers from throughout the province in Calgary for the competition.



Comin' through

Eight Peace Country truckers will be participating in the provincial truck roдео next weekend in Grande Prairie after winning the regionals this weekend. Leonard Bottle, driving for Loiselle Transport of Dawson Creek, racked up 258 points out of a possible 420 to win the straight truck class, as well as overall point winner. Dwayne Kyle, Beaverlodge Transport, was second in the straight truck class with 257. Kyle was last year's overall winner. Orville Hyggen, Trimac Transport of Grande Prairie, was first in the single-single class with 194 points out of 420, while Roger Gregoire of Canadian Freightway, Fort St. John, was second with 127. Alvin Breitkreutz, Woodstock

Trucking of Wembley, was first again, for the fifth consecutive year, in the single tandem class with 252 points out of 420 while Vern Allen, Trimac Transport of Grande Prairie, was second with 233. Walter Suder, Balisky Farms Bezanon, was first in the tandem-tandem, with 239 points out of 420, while second went to Randy Friesen of Canadian Freightways of Dawson Creek with 232. Loiselle Transport and Woodstock Transport teamed up to capture the team event with 893 points out of a possible 1680. The top two regional winners in each event will compete in the provincials, involving truck drivers from around the province. The first place winners of the provincials will go to the nationals in Halifax later this summer. The provincials will take place in the Alberta Transportation yard on Wapiti Road. Tickets to the banquet-award night are available from Canadian Freightways and Gold Star Transport in Grande Prairie.

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Correction

The organizers of the regional truck roдео held in Grande Prairie last weekend incorrectly identified Vern Allen as the second place winner in the single tandem class.

It was Dennis Clark, driving for Canadian Freightways, of

Dawson Creek, who came in second in the event with 233 points out of a possible 420 to represent the area, along with Alvin Breitkreutz in the single tandem class, at the provincial competitions this weekend in Grande Prairie.

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GP trucker wins roadeo crown

A Grande Prairie area trucker was among the first-place winners in the provincial truck roadeo held in the city during the weekend.

Walter Suter of Bezanson took first place in the tandem tractor-tandem trailer event Saturday. Mr. Suter took 245 points out of a possible 420.

The top point winner at the weekend event was Gerry Bressmer, a driver with Imperial Oil in Edmonton. He took the award for the top points by scoring 337 points in the single axle tractor - single axle trailer event. He got first place in that event.

Warren Rogalsky of Crone Brothers Transport in Calgary took first place in the single axle tractor - tandem axle trailer event with a score of 329. He also won the award for being the most sportsmanly driver in the competition.

The straight truck event was

taken by Walter Larson of Trans-Mutual Trucklines in Calgary with 311 points.

Crone Brothers Transport of Calgary and Loiselle - Woodstock Transportation of Grande Prairie tied in the team competitions with 1070 points. The tie was broken by taking the teams points in one specific manoeuvre, and the trophy went to Crone Brothers.

The first-place winners in all events except the team competition will go to the national truck roadeo in Truro, N.S. in September.

The second, third and fourth place finishers in the various events were:

Straight Truck — 2nd: Stan Kapki, Canadian Freightways, Calgary with 308 points; 3rd - Dwayne Kyle, Beaverlodge Transport, Beaverlodge, with 297 points; 4th - Leonard Bottle,

Loiselle Transport, Dawson Creek with 277 points.

Single - Single: 2nd - Terry Giffen, Sears Ltd., Calgary with 247 points; 3rd - Roger Gregoire, Canadian Freightways, Fort St. John with 217 points; 4th - Glen Ireland, Canadian National Express, Edmonton with 209.5 points.

Single - Tandem: 2nd - Alvin Breitskreutz, Woodstock Transport, Grande Prairie with 288 points; 3rd - Fred Dackewich, Gary's Towing, Calgary with 280 points; 4th - Edgar Janot, Imperial Oil, Edmonton with 265 points.

Tandem - Tandem: 2nd - Gary Jones, Alberta Express Ltd., Calgary with 232 points; Wayne Ross, Cascade Carriers, Calgary with 230 points; 4th - Randy Friesen, Canadian Freightways, Dawson Creek with 228 points.

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Peace truckers top competition

Peace Country truckers swept the provincial truck rodeo Saturday in Calgary, taking six of the seven top trophies and berths in the national championships in Winnipeg in September.

Finishing first in their respective categories were Roger Gregoire (Canadian Freightways, Fort St. John), single-single; Alvin Breitkreutz (Woodstock Trucking, Wembley), single-tandem; Bryan Breitkreutz (Morris Tofteland Trucking, Grande Prairie), tandem-tandem.

The Canadian Freightways drivers from Grande Prairie finished first in the team event. Gregoire of the local Canadian Freightways was the all-round champion and Alvin Breitkreutz received the sportsmanship award.

Other Peace Country finishers in the competition include Bill Alexander of

Trimac Transport in Grande Prairie who finished third in single-tandem and Dwayne Kyle of K & V Transport in Beaverlodge who finished fourth in straight truck.

The team event results mean that three of the four drivers representing Alberta at the nationals will be Peace Country drivers. The nationals include truckers from all 10 provinces and the Yukon.

Truckers see who's the best

By GARY HICKLING
of our staff

The regional Alberta Trucking Association roдео in Grande Prairie Saturday will see the area's best truck drivers vying for a chance to advance to the provincial competitions.

An estimated 25 contestants are expected to compete in the roдео which gets underway 8 a.m. at the Alberta Transportation yard on Wapiti Rd. Among those entering is Alvin Breikreutz of Woodstock Trucking in Wembley who went to the nationals last year on behalf of Alberta and came a close second, two points behind the Canadian champion.

First and second place winners in the four classifications in the track competition get a chance at the provincials in Edmonton June 13. The first place provincial winners then advance to the national roдео to be held in Toronto at the CNE grounds Aug. 1.

Competitors must complete a written exam on rules, regulations and safety, and a pre-trip check — something a driver does every working day.

Then its behind the wheel of either a straight truck; single axle tractor-single axle trailer; single axle tractor-tandem trailer; or a tandem tractor-tandem trailer, to hit the roдео track which is designed to

simulate driving problems an operator might face on the road.

These include a serpentine test (frontwards and in reverse) to demonstrate a driver's ability to maneuver the vehicle through a limited space of an offset alley or laneway at an intersection; an alley dock (backing up to the dock) to assess the driver's ability to reverse his vehicle down a narrow laneway to a loading dock, coming as close to the dock as possible without touching it or scraping the sidewalls.

Drivers must make a right angle turn and drive the right wheels of the vehicle over a straight path of given width, with diminishing clearance.

An added feature this year will be a "B-Train" event which will see 6-10 drivers going through the whole course except the reverse serpentine driving a tractor with two flat decks linked together.

Rounding out the day will be a banquet and awards supper starting around 6 p.m. at the Kinsmen Centre. Tickets can be purchased to tomorrow noon from Bill Millwater at Canadian Freightways Ltd. at 11017 Richmond-Ave., or at the track Saturday.

Veteran trucker finally gets wish

By GARY HICKLING
of our staff

Alvin Breitkreutz of Wembley finally got his wish to win the prestigious award named for his former employer, the late Dave Barr of Grande Prairie.

Mr. Breitkreutz proved once again that he is of high caliber behind the wheel of a truck when he won the Dave Barr Memorial Trophy as the top point-getter in the regional Alberta Trucking Association truck rodeo Saturday in the city.

The veteran driver, wheeling it for his own company — Woodstock Trucking — and who placed second in the nationals last year, racked up enough points to win the Barr trophy for the first time. He will again represent the Grande Prairie area at provincial competitions in Edmonton this weekend.

Mr. Barr was the former manager of Canadian Freightways in the city and a promoter of truck roadshows in the Peace Country. He died several years ago.

WINS SINGLE TANDEM

Mr. Breitkreutz placed first in the single tandem event, followed by second-place winner Bill Alexander driving for Trimac in Grande Prairie. Third went to Dennis Clark driving for Canadian Freightways of Dawson Creek.

The competition was fierce in the straight truck event with one point separating the first-place finisher from the fourth-place finisher. Two trackers, Danny Hauck of Canadian Freightways in Grande Prairie

and Tom Strickland of Canadian Freightways in Fort Nelson, actually tied with both collecting 321½ points. The tie was broken based on Hauck getting the most points in one predetermined particular task during the competition.

Third-place finisher Dwayne Kyle of K-V Transport of Beaverlodge received 321 points while fourth-place finisher Arnold Isberg of Canadian Freightways in Fort St. John received 320½ points.

ANOTHER CITY WINNER

Walter Suter, driving for Bulsky Fertilizers of Grande Prairie, was first in the single single competitions while Jack Tiffen of Trimac Grande Prairie was second.

Richard Rode, driving for Bernard Transport of Grande Prairie, was first in the tandem tandem competitions, Dale Steinke of Ron Cooke Trucking in Sexsmith second, and Jean-Paul Laytonne of Trimac in Grande Prairie was third.

Winner of the team event was Trimac Transport of Grande Prairie.

Rookie of the year went to Robert Myles, driving for Canadian Freightways of Fort St. John, for the best performance by a first time entrant.

An added attraction this year featured a B-Train, a competition featuring a tractor-truck with two flatbeds linked together. Breitkreutz was first, followed by Suter second and Alexander third.

Those who finish first at the provincial competitions may advance to the national rodeo to be held in Toronto at the Canadian National Exhibition Aug. 1.



Rodeo winners included (front row) Alvin Breitkreutz (left), first single tandem; Richard Rode, first tandem tandem; Walter Suter, first single single; Danny Hauck, first

straight truck; (back row) Bill Alexander (left), second single tandem; Dale Steinke, second tandem tandem; Jack Tiffen, second single single; Tom Strickland, second straight truck.



Rookie of the year went to Robert Myles (left), driving for Canadian Freightways in Fort St. John, while veteran Alvin Breitkreutz (right)

driving for Woodstock Trucking of Wembley, won the Dave Barr Memorial Trophy.

Alberta truck roadeo results

A total of 37 drivers wound their trucks through rigorous paces at the Provincial Truck Roadeo held at the local Canadian Freightways yard recently.

Capturing the Grand Championship title was Stan

Kapki of Canadian Freightways in Calgary. Mr. Kapki swept through the Straight Truck class, collecting a total of 359 points, to win that class and the Grand Championship.

Second place in the Straight Truck class went to Danny Hauk of Canadian Freightways in Fort St. John with third place going to local driver Dwayne Kyle of KV Transport. Fourth place was captured by Wayne Kroeker of Alberta Express in Lethbridge.

Roger Gregoire of Canadian Freightways in Fort St. John hauled up and won the Single-Single class (single axle tractor and trailer). Mr. Gregoire was also presented with the Fred Needles Trophy for sportsmanship. Local driver Steven Verburne of Adby Transport captured second place in the

event with third going to Walter Sharek of Midland Superior in Edmonton. Wilfred Shaw of Crone Brothers Trucking in Calgary won fourth place.

Lloyd Martineau of Canada Safeway in Edmonton finished first in the Single-Tandem event (single axle tractor with tandem axle trailer) with second place going to local trucker Alvin Breitkreutz. Third place went to Lloyd Engley of Economy Carriers in Edmonton and fourth went to local driver Bill Alexander of Adby Transport.

First place in the Tandem-Tandem class (tandem axle tractor and tandem axle trailer) was won by Bill Ostrum of Crone Brothers Trucking in Calgary. Following in a close second was local trucker Brian Breitkreutz of Floyd Rude

Trucking. Dale Wells of Cascade Carriers in Edmonton finished third and Darryl Smart of Veteran Transfer in Edmonton took fourth place.

First place finishers in the Roadeo are gearing up for the exciting National Truck Roadeo competitions at Regina on Sept. 10 and 11. For Mr. Gregoire the na-

tional event is old hat as he won the 1980 national championships in the Single-Single class.

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City resident is top trucker

No dust flew during the rainy regional Alberta Trucking Association Safety Council Roadeo on Saturday, but drivers did work up a storm of points.

Driving off with the most points — and three trophies to boot — was city resident Steven Verberne of Trimac. Mr. Verberne placed first in the single-axle, single-trailer event with 349 points. He placed second in the same event last year. Mr. Verberne's tally qualified him for the Dave Barr Memorial Trophy presented to the driver who scored the most points during the day. He was also presented with the Erdley Trophy for sportsmanship.

Placing second in the single-single event — which uses a single-axle trailer and 26 foot van — was Thomas Strickland of Fort Nelson, B.C. The Canadian Freightways driver racked up 254 points.

FIRST-PLACE WINNER

Dwayne Kyle once again nabbed the first-place title in the straight-truck category with a score of 348½ — just half a point shy of a tie for the best tally with Mr. Verberne. Mr. Kyle, a Beaverlodge resident and owner of K.V. Transport, won the straight truck competition last year. Taking second place this year with 298 points was Orlick Transport driver Earl Unger of Grande Prairie.

Woodstock Trucking owner Alvin Breitkreutz of Wembley continued his reign as the best in the region in the single-tandem category. Mr. Breitkreutz's skill in handling the single axle tractor with a 45 foot

tandem trailer drove up 286½ points. City resident Ernest Rumboldt of Grimshaw Trucking was not far behind with 254 points.

Walter Suter of Balisky Farms here in Grande Prairie controlled a tandem tractor-tandem trailer to win the event with 259½ points. Close behind him was city resident Walter Enns of Trimac with 226 points.

Mr. Suter also took first place in a special B-train event with 250½ points, followed by Mr. Breitkreutz with 237 points.

HIGHEST SCORE

The Lewis and Wright Trophy for the highest score racked up by a first-time competitor — commonly known as the 'Rookie Award' — went to Wayne Kienzle. Mr. Kienzle of Canadian Freightways in Grande Prairie racked up 266 points in the straight truck category.

A total of 14 entrants competed in the regional Roadeo which was held in the Canadian Freightways Yard in Grande Prairie.

The first and second place winners in the four individual divisions — straight truck, single-single, single-tandem and tandem-tandem — will be heading to Edmonton for the province-wide competition on June 11. They will be competing with truckers from Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge.

Winners of the provincial event will compete at the national level in Montreal on Aug. 27.

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Truckers head for the nationals

By MARG SMART
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A couple of Grande Prairie area truckers will be heading off to Montreal to compete in the National Trucking Association Safety Council Roadeo this summer.

Walter Suter, who drives for Balisky Farms in the city, took top spot in the tandem-tandem division of the Alberta competition, earning the opportunity to compete with the nation's best in Montreal on Aug. 27. Mr. Suter, a Debolt resident, won the event with 317½ points of a possible 420 points.

Also heading for the big city is Dwayne Kyle of K.V. Transport in Beaverlodge, who placed first in the straight truck division in the provincial competition held in Edmonton. Mr. Kyle racked up 376½ points — the highest total in the overall competition.

Wembly resident Alvin Breitkreutz of Woodstock Trucking took second place in the single-tandem division of the provincial competition.

There were four divisions in the provincial competition — single axle tractor-tandem axle trailer, tandem axle tractor-tandem axle trailer, single axle tractor-single axle trailer and straight truck. All first-place winners are sent to the national competition. Mr. Suter and Mr. Kyle will be joined by winners Glenn Thiessen of Edmonton (single-single) and Don March of Calgary (single-tandem).

The three men earned the chance to participate in the provincial competition after placing first in the regional event held in Grande Prairie in May.

All first- and second-place holders in the regional competition took part in the Alberta event.

Mr. Suter, 31, has been driving for about seven years. He placed third in the tandem-tandem division of the national competition held in Nova Scotia in 1979. Mr. Kyle, 26, who has been driving truck for about 10 years, took third place in the provincial competition in the straight truck division last year.

The competitions revolve around safety and driving skills.

"I think it's really commendable that there're two drivers from this region attending the nationals in Montreal," said Dick Lutz of the Grande Prairie regional safety council of the Alberta Trucking Association.

There are four regions in the province and 35 participants competed for the provincial titles — including eight drivers from the Grande Prairie region.

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This trucker likes roadeos



Alvin Breitkreutz

By Herald-Tribune Staff

Grande Prairie's Alvin Breitkreutz was one of four winners in the Alberta provincial truck roadeo, held in Calgary earlier this month.

He won first place in the single-tandem category.

Breitkreutz, who has been working for Trimac Transportation System for 14 months, also placed third in the team competitions with his Trimac co-workers Bill Rycroft, Larry Rautenstrauch and Ray Frey.

In the team competitions the points of all team members are added together and averaged out.

This isn't the first time Breitkreutz has been a winner. He went to the nationals in 1980 but missed first place by two points.

During May and early June there have been four regional truck roadeos in the province at Lethbridge,

Calgary, Edmonton and Grande Prairie.

At the roadeos, drivers must complete a course with various obstacles. They must also write a general knowledge test and a vehicle defects test. Another part of the scoring is done on personal appearance.

Professional drivers from various companies competed and the top three drivers of each four classes went to the provincial roadeo. The four classes are straight truck, single-single, single-tandem and tandem-tandem.

Four winners emerged in Calgary and all will go to the national roadeo which will be held in Masstown, N.S., on Aug. 24. The Alberta Trucking Association (A.T.A.) is sponsoring the foursome and their wives to attend the contest.

To qualify for these roadeos, drivers must have driven for at least one year without a preventable accident and have worked for no more than two employers in the past year.

Dick Lutz, provincial chairman of the A.T.A. Safety Council, congratulated all who participated at the regional and provincial levels and extended best wishes to those going to the nationals.

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Driving to the point of perfection

By DAVID OLINGER
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If Alvin Breitkreutz had a dollar for every mile he's driven without an accident, he'd be a millionaire.

Breitkreutz, who has been driving truck for 20 years, was awarded an Alberta Trucking Association certificate Saturday at the regional truck rodeo trophy presentations for his accomplishment in Grande Prairie.

The million safe miles he's chalked up don't include personal mileage, but he's never had an accident or a traffic violation of any kind.

The 40-year-old driver said the key to going the distance without an accident is awareness.

"When a guy goes to work (driving truck) he has to be aware of what he is doing. It's not a cakewalk to get from point A to point B. You can't be not expecting something to happen — you have to be on the ball all the time."

Along with the awareness, Breitkreutz said drivers have to use common sense.

"There have been some nights in the winter, you can't see past the end of your nose because it is snowing so much. You have to have the sense to pull off the road to a safe spot.

"You can't put your brain on the shelf and say "The road must be here somewhere.""

While winter driving can be "pretty hairy", summer driving has its pressures too, said Breitkreutz. "In the summer you have tourists and they aren't always aware — that puts an extra strain on you."

The hours aren't the greatest either and that can be a strain on the family, he said.

With those pressures, why would he like driving truck?

"This (the award) says it all. I accomplished something not a lot of other people have.

"Another thing that I enjoy is that you're your own boss. Once you leave the yard, you are the boss and all the decisions are up to you."

Some may think of truck driving as tedious, but Breitkreutz finds he is always learning.

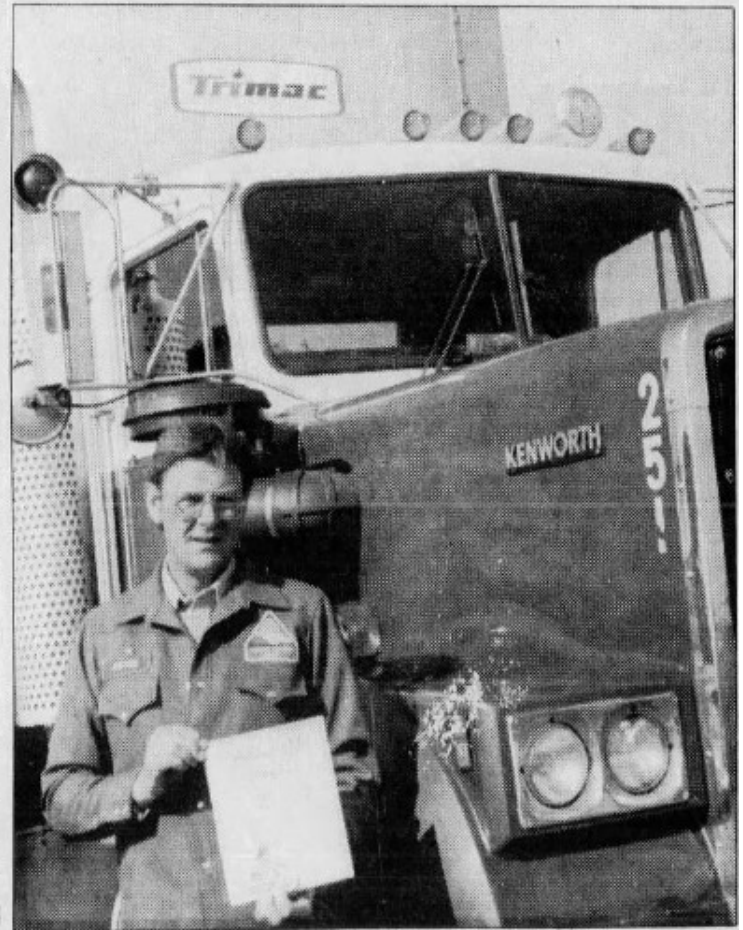
"Truck driving is something that you don't just go to school, take a course and become a truck driver. Even though I've been driving truck for 20 years, I'm still learning — sometimes even just little things."

Breitkreutz said he found his greatest experience to have come through driving logging trucks.

"That (the bush) is where you learn to be a truck driver. It's tough driving. In the winter, for example, you can be out in the bush and be driving through blinding snow. There aren't any signposts to help you."

Breitkreutz, who has worked for Trimac the last two years, has hauled a range of products from wood chips to propane to grain and fertilizer to high tech electronic equipment.

Breitkreutz is currently driving a truck with eight axles — the most he's



Alvin Breitkreutz...driving is in his blood

ever had.

Driving a truck was a dream that Breitkreutz had from his childhood. "When I was a kid, whenever a truck would drive by, I'd run to the window to watch it."

Truck driving was a fascination then, now it's in his blood.

Breitkreutz and wife Ruth have two children — Jody and Jason.

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Regional roadeo test for truckers

Herald-Tribune staff

Peace Country truckers are converging on the city this weekend to participate in the regional truck roadeo.

Sponsored by the Alberta Trucking Association, the activities kick off at 8 a.m. tomorrow at the Canadian Freightways yard on the city's west side.

The roadeo involves a series of safety and driving tests for professional drivers who have retained an accident-free record in the last year. Organizer Keith Spry, from Grande Prairie Regional College's industrial campus, said the roadeo is an important aspect of a driver's on-going training.

"Some people have a lot of pride in what they do, and it's a good chance to come out and see what you can do," said Spry.

The roadeo is actually three different events, each designed to challenge different areas of the driver's skill and knowledge. First is a 30-minute written exam concerned with questions of safety. For example, a trucker might be asked to compare the brake horsepower of a loaded truck versus that of an empty truck.

Outside of the class, drivers must do a walkaround check before going on to the actual rodeo or driving test portion of the day.

One of the driving obstacles is a serpentine composed of three drums or pylons through which a driver must negotiate his vehicle in reverse.

Winners of each of the four categories have an opportunity to take their driving prowess to Edmonton later this year where they can compete in the provincials. Winners from there may end up at the national competition this fall.

In previous years, Alvin Breitkreutz from Grande Prairie and Dwayne Kyle of Beaverlodge have both earned the honor of participating in the nationals.

Entry fee for competitors is about \$100 and drivers can enter right until start time on Saturday.

For more information contact Dick Lutz at Trimac Transportation or Spry at the college. ☺

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Breitkreutz, Rycroft cop Alberta truck roдео titles

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Dick Lutz is proud of all his drivers at Trimac Trucking, but two of them he's especially fond of.

First, there's Alvin Breitkreutz, who's been with Trimac a little over two years. Two weeks ago he took another provincial trucking title to earn his third trip to the National Truck Roдео in Toronto this September.

Then there's Bill Rycroft, a three-year Trimac veteran. He set a record in the Alberta Trucking Association Roдео (June 13 in Edmonton) and also earned a berth to the nationals.

"It's good to have people like that working for you," says Lutz, manager of Trimac's Grande Prairie office and chairman of the trucking association's safety council.

Just qualifying for provincials is tough.

"To be eligible you have to have no preventable accidents over the previous year," the supervisor explains. "And that's tough in this environment - averaging 100,000 to 110,000 miles a year of driving."

Breitkreutz's provincial trophy in the single axle truck/tandem axle trailer class isn't his first or his only distinction.

A year ago, he got a Million Mile award for accident-free driving from the Alberta Trucking Association.

The driver is a veteran of national meets. In 1980 while with his own Woodstock Trucking, Breitkreutz went on to fourth in the nationals. In 1985 he missed first in Canada by a mere two points.

"I've been very fortunate to participate (provincially) every year since 1974," says Breitkreutz. "It's an accomplishment, considering the weather and traffic. That million miles has been a lot of highway driving but a lot of bush work too."

The Edmonton competition was no easy ride by any means.

"The course was stretched out quite a bit, but it wasn't giving anything away," he says. "You play the course according to the vehicle. It's an altogether different ball game."

"That's the challenge. It's geared for freight haulers who drive daily in town, so it's significant what highway drivers (like himself and Rycroft) can do."

This is Breitkreutz' 21st year of trucking.

He started out of high school with Ron Cook Trucking. After a couple of other hauling jobs, he went on his own with Woodstock for five years before coming to Trimac.



Local truck-drivers Bill Rycroft (in the cab) and Alvin Breitkreutz are no strangers to driving awards, like this trophy from the Alberta Trucking Association.

He likes driving and wouldn't mind if son, Jason, 14, took up the trade. When Breitkreutz had his own truck Jason rode with him at every opportunity.

Breitkreutz and wife Ruth also have a 17-year-old daughter, Jody. The family lives in Wembley.

Alvin has seen a lot of the country trucking and competing, and tried life in Red Deer a short while, but prefers the Peace Country.

"I was born and raised on a farm three miles out of town," he says. "It's always been home."

For Bill Rycroft, June 13 was fourth-time-lucky at the provincials. Placing third in 1984 and second last year, Rycroft came back strong and set the course record this year, scoring 395 points of a possible 400. It's a record unqualified in the more than 30 years of the competition.

"I wasn't expecting to do that good," laughs Rycroft. "I made 368 at regionals and I thought that was good. They're pretty certain it's an Alberta record. I'm hoping it's a Canadian one too."

Besides a provincial trophy, he received the Anne Taylor award as Grand Champion of the event.

Like Breitkreutz, Rycroft finds the competition challenging.

"The trailers we drive don't fit (the course), so we just pick what's most comfortable."

He cleaned up in the single axle truck/single axle trailer class, despite being used to eight axle c-trains.

"The course was one of the tightest I've been on," he says. "I just got lucky that's all."

He's been driving for about 18 years. He started swamping when he was about 17 and was driving for Tower Trucking, hauling piping and casing, two years later. Today he hauls wood-

chips between Grande Prairie and Whitecourt.

"Driving is something I always wanted to do. I was the odd one. There's nobody else in the family driving."

Bill, his wife Jackie and their three children, Chantelle, Kenton and Janet, call Sexsmith home.

"I like it there, it's a nice town," he says.

And what's the secret to staying accident-free on the highway?

"You just try to fit in with everybody else on the road. Share it, that's the best thing to do."

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