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Hines Trucking celebrates 75 years

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Milestones come and go every day somewhere in the nation. But for Hines Trucking Inc., this year is a very special one to the whole corporation.

The company celebrated their 75th year as a business and their 19th Annual Awards Banquet on March 26 at 6 p.m.

“We (were) very excited about this one,” said Human Resource Manager Wendell Hoover.

Each year, the company puts a theme on the banquet such as “A day at the beach” or “Hollywood.” Last year the theme was “The Olympics.” But with the anniversary coming this year, the theme is “Celebrating 75.”

“We wanted to acknowledge our employees for all of the hard work that they do and to let them know that we appreciate it very much,” said Hoover.

The event is catered by Wood’s Catering out of Camden.

“They always bring really good chicken and fish,” said Hoover.

Much like any standard banquet, there are door prizes. This year’s grand prize was a \$500 trip to Branson or Hot Springs depending on what the winner chooses.

Other than eating and prizes, the night revolves around the employees and their accomplishments.

“We know that everybody feels that the company is on their case to get things done fast and we are,” said Hoover. “We want them to know that we truly appreciate everything they do and all of their hard work.”

This year’s annual awards consisted of driver of the year, accident free miles driven, best attendance, and years of service just to name a few. A new award was also given in honor of a “Highway Hero.” Wayne Smith was honored with the award for lending a helping hand to another trucker of a different company. The one in need suffered from heart trouble and was having a problem parking his load for the night. Smith stepped in and assisted the man. Once the man got back home to Memphis, Tenn., he went to the doctor and was told that if he had tried to do the work without the help of Smith, that he could have died.

The company also added two more members to the “Million Mile Club” giving them 14 total.

The company also provides motels rooms for their flatbed drivers that come in for the banquet but cannot get all the way back home the night of the banquet.

For more information about Hines Trucking, visit www.hinestrucking.com.

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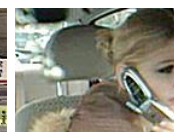
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