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## Annual Owner-Operators' / Drivers' Appreciation Barbeque Slated for September 13, at Tri-State Expedited Service



(L-R) Skip and Judy Beebe, Tri-State Expedited owner-operators since 1999, with Ron Chidester, TSE founder and CEO, at the company's all new Drivers' R&R Convenience Center near Perrysburg, Ohio.



Some of the hundreds of Tri-State Expedited owner-operators who attended the company's Drivers' Appreciation Barbeque last year at TSE's Perrysburg, Ohio headquarter complex.

PERRYSBURG, Ohio, September, 2006 ---- Tri-State Expedited Service, Inc.

(TSE) a Top 100 Motor Carrier headquartered here, will host its Annual Appreciation Day Barbeque on September 13, at it's new R & R Convenience Center.

"This annual event is one of the many ways our headquarters staff extends its thanks to our owner-operators and their drivers for their efforts that are typically unseen by most of us here," says Ron Chidester, Tri-State Expedited's (TSE's) CEO. "It's also another way of building greater team spirit within in our company, putting new names and faces together for greater synergy, and things like that," he added.

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Many TSE owner-operators and / or their drivers have been with the company for 10 years or more, and it's company sponsored events like this that bring those who spend most of their life on the road face to face with those who work at the Perrysburg headquarters complex.

Located just South of Toledo on Ohio Route 795, five miles west of I-75, two miles east of I-280, and one mile north of I-80 / I-90, TSE's new Drivers' R & R Convenience Center is easily accessible to many of the Midwest's major traffic lanes.

Tri-State Expedited offers a full range of expedited ground services, air charter freight services, blended air / ground services, and gateway services for Canada and Mexico.

Founded in 1978 by Mr. Chidester and his wife Glenna, the company's fleet of tractors, straight trucks and cargo vans are 100% owned by owner-operators who are affiliated with TSE as independent contractors. Van-type and flatbed trailers are owned by the company and assigned to owner-operators.

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