

## Facts of the Week

### Week of 24 December

- ❖ The Mackinaw Bridge Authority developed a bridge fare increase to be implemented in March of 2008. The following toll rates (per crossing) will go into effect on Saturday, March 1, 2008:
  - Auto/passenger vehicle - \$3.00; vehicles with trailer \$1.50 per axle
  - Commuter - \$1.60
  - Motor home - \$3.50 per axle
  - Truck - \$3.50 per axleAdditionally, the commuter toll will increase 10 cents per year beginning in 2009 through 2014. The passenger vehicle toll will increase to \$3.50 in 2010, \$4.00 in 2012, and \$4.50 in 2014. A passenger vehicle with trailer will be \$1.75 per axle in 2010, \$2.00 in 2012, and \$2.25 in 2014. The motor home toll and truck toll will each increase to \$4.50 per axle in 2010, \$5.00 in 2012, and \$6.00 in 2014. We will continue to work on trying to develop a commercial commuter rate for our log trucks.
- ❖ Received a response from the Wage & Hour Division regarding our concerns with Amish. It was indicated that 3 of the 4 laws they enforce requires worker(s) written complaints filed to them. The Youth Employment Standards Act (YESA) does not require a worker's complaint and the Administrator has asked his investigators to be “especially observant for any possible violations”.
- ❖ Rest of the week was spent working in my office.

### Week of 31 December

- ❖ Celebrated another New Years with family and friends. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season with your families.
- ❖ Drafted a letter documenting what MAT is doing to try and correct the “illegal slasher combination” and sent this letter to a District Court Magistrate who had a member before him contesting his citation. Also sent the letter from Traffic Safety Division pledging their willingness to collaborate on this issue with us.
- ❖ MAT Finance Committee held a conference call to review the Association’s financials.
- ❖ Time was spent on starting the revisions and updates to MAT’s Policy Book.

### Upcoming Events

NRC Meeting	10 January	Lansing MI
MAT Board Meeting	17 January	Newberry MI