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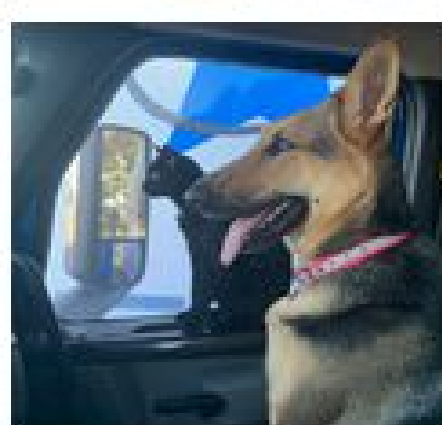
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ROLLING INTO 2022

WITH SOME GOOD NEWS

By Kim McDonnell, *RoadPro Family of Brands*

Welcome to 2022! Whew! Another crazy year in the books, and while many of us might be happy to put it behind us and embrace the New Year with open arms, we most likely will still be dealing with COVID and the never-ending changes it brings for the better part of this year.

The good news is that some positive things in the trucking industry for 2022 will give us something to look forward to.



2022 WALCOTT TRUCKERS JAMBOREE

First, truck shows that may have been smaller or not happening at all the last several years will once again come back in full force. Of course, you will have to wait until 2023 for the **GBATS** show (Guilty by Association) as they continue with the every other year format, but other large events like the **Walcott Truckers Jamboree** will still be on. Many other regional shows will be bigger and better, moving to larger venues and providing more to see and do. Despite pandemic restrictions this past year in many states, a few shows made their first appearance on the trucking scene in 2021. Some of the new shows to

definitely check out are the **Mayberry Show** in North Carolina, **American Truckers Jubilee** in Arkansas, and the **S.H.E. Trucking Expo** in Tennessee. For more information on shows in 2022, Chrome Shop Mafia always has a great list. <https://chromeshopmafia.com/events/>

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The **Mid America Truck Show** returns after a two-year hiatus and promises to be a can't miss show for the latest in trucking gear. If you attend, you won't want to miss visiting the RoadPro booth, where we will introduce several new products coming to a store near you in 2022. A redesigned line of Bluetooth headsets from RoadKing will provide an option for whatever your preferred fit may be. An updated line of PowerDrive Power inverters will also be on display featuring a new PowerDrive Plus App for your trucking lifestyle. Making their debut in-store in the Spring of 2022, you will

not want to miss this sneak peek at these well-known brands. Also making an appearance at the show will be the RoadKing Hands-Free CB radio, the first of its kind in the industry. Introduced in store at the beginning of the pandemic, you will want to check out the cool features and seamless transition between your phone and your CB.



The **Make-A-Wish Mother's Day Convoy** in Pennsylvania will also be back in full force. Moved to a new location at the Manheim Auto Auction in Manheim, Pennsylvania, the new venue can accommodate more trucks than the previous spot and may break a new record for the largest Convoy.

For over 30 years, truckers have raised money to grant wishes to kids. Every year, these drivers shatter the previous fundraising efforts, working hard to obtain donations from friends, family, and local businesses. Some even conduct their own fundraisers to secure a top place in the Convoy; these include goat cuddling, cow bingo, and trucking events throughout the year. There is no fee to register, but each truck must raise \$100 or more, and the average driver raises \$600. RoadPro is a proud sponsor of this event, and we do not doubt that these truck drivers will exceed this year's goal of \$623,000 to grant those wishes. If you would like to participate in this year's Convoy, visit www.wishconvoy.org.

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As the demand for faster, more reliable deliveries increases, trucking will play a significant role. Over 70% of goods are carried by truck, which will only trend higher, meaning the demand for truck drivers will also continue to rise. There is much debate on whether or not there is indeed a driver shortage, but industry experts claim there is a need for an additional 80,000 to keep up with the growing demand. Many truck drivers either retired or left the industry during the pandemic, and trucking companies are racing to replace them to keep their trucks moving. Some are offering attractive signing bonuses and other benefits, including paid time for waiting at a dock to be offloaded or loaded. Several others have even established their own training programs to get more drivers out on the road and appropriately trained.



Trucking wages are on the increase and predicted to continue to trend higher, providing more opportunities for truckers to make more money. Many drivers would argue it is still significantly less than what the average American earns; however, the good news is it's moving in the right direction. Owner-operators are also seeing an increase in earnings this coming year as freight rates continue to climb. Currently, fuel prices are cutting into those earnings, but the good news is that they are expected to drop in 2022.

Infrastructure will get a boost with nearly a 40% increase in road and bridge funding. The good news is that it will fix some of the roads that truckers dread to drive, but the bad news is the traffic delays that will occur while they are being done. Be patient; good things are worth the wait.

Overall, in 2022, the trucking industry will remain strong and continue to be a viable part of keeping America moving forward. ●

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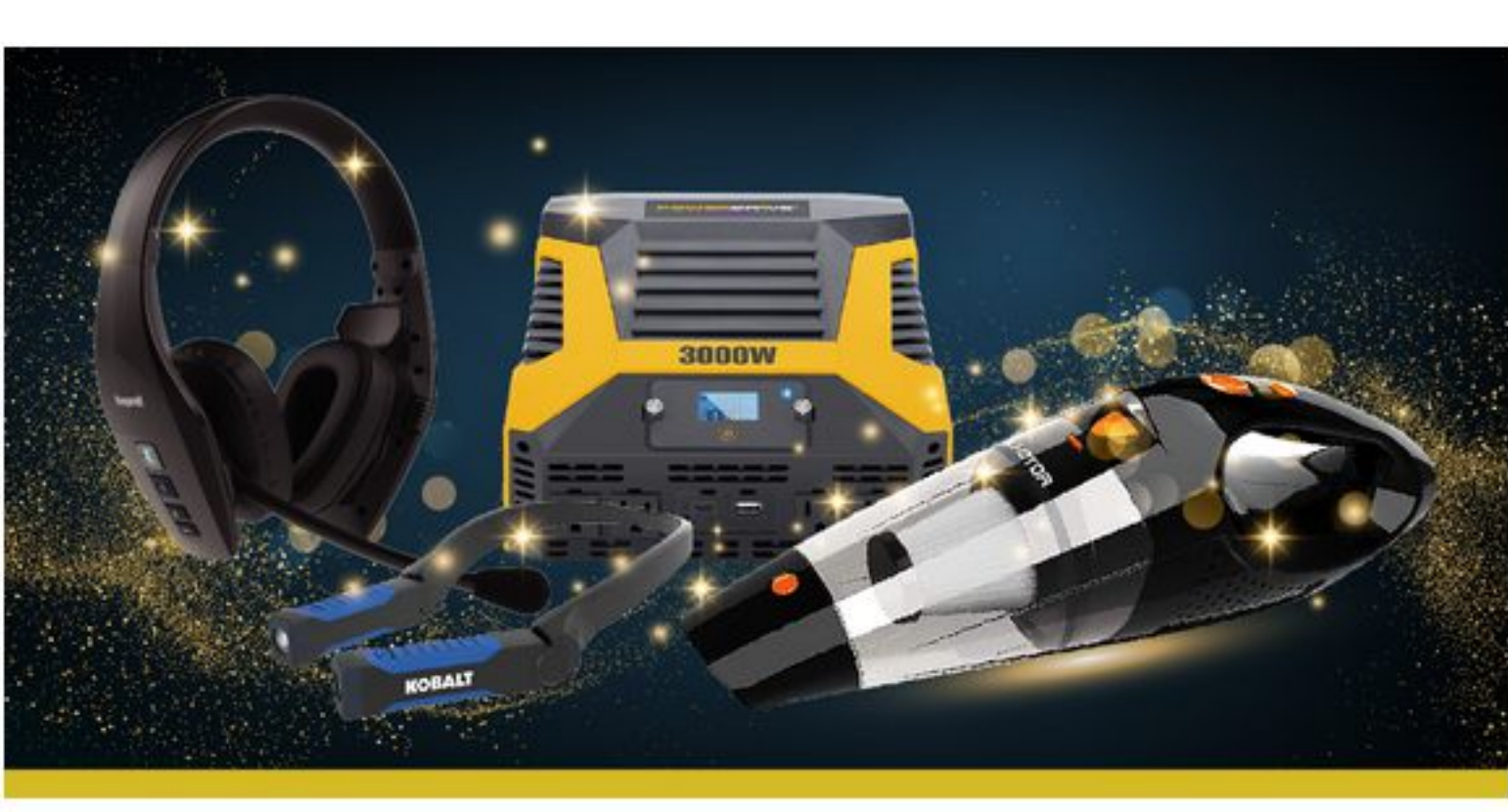
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NEW GEAR FOR THE NEW YEAR

By David Hollis, Editor, Truckers News

Ongoing supply chain issues have caused problems for some companies. But, many have not missed a beat in bringing products to market, including a slew of gear and gadgets that will solve some of your on-the-road problems and make your driving life a little safer and more comfortable.

Some are simple, while others are the sort of gear that debuts at next month's Consumer Electronics Show, which bills itself as "the most influential tech event in the world." Everything from bigger screen TVs to new tablets and, of course, the latest smartphones will roll out when the CES is held in Las Vegas. Fans of the Samsung Galaxy smartphone can expect a new one to appear at CES. Also expected is a new crop of fitness trackers to help you track everything from your heart rate to how much sleep you get.

However, most suppliers have not waited to show off their wares at a major event. They've already introduced them in time for the holidays, and so you can begin the new year with new gear. You can also expect to see plenty of new gear when the truck show season hits its stride starting in spring.

Here are some of the top gear items we like.

Makita Cordless Cooler/Heater



Makita, well known for its industrial-strength power tools, has rolled out a new cordless cooler/warmer that could be an ideal addition to your truck's galley. Powered by two 18-volt batteries, the new cooler/heater can hold up to 30 soft drink cans or 15 water bottles and keep them properly cold (41 degrees F) for up to 17 hours. It can also keep cooked foods warm (140 degrees F) for five hours. There's a bottle opener mounted to the front, and more importantly, it has a built-in USB charging port. The digital control panel has five different cooling temperature presets, and its large carrying handle and wheels make for easy transport. It also comes with a 12-volt cord you can plug into your truck's port and has an AC adapter. Note: the battery charger is sold separately.

Available at big box hardware outlets and online for about \$460.

PowerDrive Power Inverters



The RoadPro Family of Brands will launch an updated line of PowerDrive Power Inverters this spring featuring a new PowerDrive Plus App. These inverters will deliver powerful, mobile, convenient power supply solutions to convert your truck's battery power to household power, enabling you to use AC devices while on the road. Having a reliable source of clean electrical power while on the road has never been more important. For your own safety, comfort, and entertainment, it's important to keep devices properly charged, and these inverters ensure a steady supply of juice. Like

most other RoadPro gear, these inverters will be available online, at big box stores, and most truck

GoDonut



Sometimes, the best, most elegant, and most helpful solutions are the simplest. Such is the case with the GoDonut, a modest little phone and tablet stand that makes it possible to use your device hands-free just about anywhere there's a flat surface. And it can hold virtually any device. The GoDonut has built-in flexible grooves that fit everything from small smartphones to massive tablets. These grooves hold your devices in

one of six different ways, giving you the best view possible no matter where you are or what you're doing. And, it provides three viewing angles – 45 degrees, 70 degrees, and 90 degrees – in both landscape or portrait modes. Weighted and made with a non-slip bottom, the GoDunt holds your device securely.

The [GoDonut is available online](#) for \$24.99, and there are specials for multiple purchases.

Novel Carry SlideKick Multi-Tool



The everyday carry world has spawned any number of quirky specialty tools that can deliver plenty of utility while fitting in a backpack or even a pants pocket. The SlideKick from Novel Carry is about as slick as they come, packing a potent selection of tools. They include:

- Pry bar, scraper, flathead screwdriver
- Bottle opener
- Imperial and metric rulers
- ¼" hex wrench
- 4 mm driver

It also sports an internal storage compartment that holds three micro WIHA bits.

Made of either stainless steel or titanium, the SlideKick is [available online](#) for \$105.

RoadKing Bluetooth® Headsets



Coming to the market this spring will be a redesigned line of Bluetooth headsets from RoadKing. Providing a variety of options and designed to fit your on-the-road lifestyle, wireless, hands-free communication with these headsets is not just convenient but can ensure your safety while driving. Providing a variety of options and designed to fit your on-the-road lifestyle, you will find a style to fit your needs. This new line will include superior noise-canceling technology; voice prompts for hands-free call control, extended battery life, and Bluetooth® 5.0 wireless technology.

These new headsets provide wireless, hands-free communication to provide convenience and safety while driving.

Kobalt Neck Light



If you drive solo and have no one to hold a light for you if you're making a repair or doing a pre-dawn pre-trip, it's no longer necessary – thankfully! – to try to hold your flashlight in your mouth, so your hands are free. The Kobalt Neck Light delivers hands-free illumination when hung around your neck. It features two lights that can be aimed in different directions and at different angles. And, it has two brightness modes: 210 and 105 lumens.

Powered by two AA batteries, the Neck Light retails for just \$19.98.

Ka-Bar Space Knife



Members of the U.S Marine Corps have for many years relied on an iconic bit of gear for any number of uses. The government-issued Ka-Bar knives held a special place in the kit of every Marine. Now, the recently-created U.S. Space Force has a knife of its own from Ka-Bar. The Tactical Defense Institute-designed curved, fixed stainless steel blade is about 2.3 inches long and stems from a rugged, curved Zytel thermoplastic handle. It's

protected by a molded gray plastic sheath when not in use.

[Available online](#) for \$42.

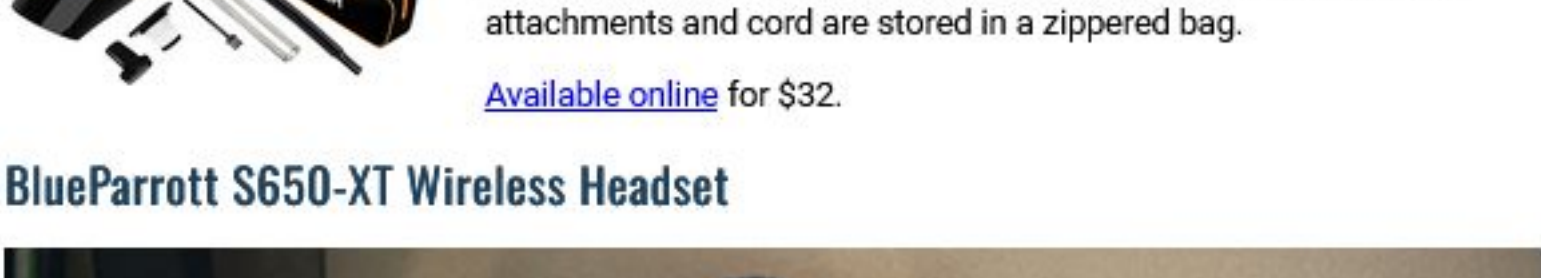
Hodor 168 12-volt Vacuum



Your over-the-road life can be far more pleasant when your truck is clean. The portable handheld vacuum cleaner from Hodor can help you keep your cab tidy. It has three attachments, a wash filter, and a 16-foot-long cord that plugs into your 12-volt port. It's lightweight (just 2.5 lbs.) and has a bright LED light on it so you can see all the dirt that needs to be vacuumed up. A detachable dust cup makes it easy to empty and make ready for the next use. The vacuum and all of its attachments and cord are stored in a zippered bag.

[Available online](#) for \$32.

BlueParrott S650-XT Wireless Headset



This latest headset from BlueParrott is more like two headsets in one. Use it with just one of its two earpads, and you have hands-free communications while you drive. Snap on the second one, and you have stereo headphones for listening to music or streaming a movie.

The S650-XT's features include:

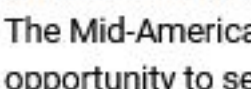
- elimination of 96% of background noise so you can hear and be heard properly
- high-quality stereo sound with both earpads attached
- 36 hours of talk time
- 600 hours of standby time
- 300 feet of wireless connectivity range
- P54-rated protection against dust and water
- BlueParrott Button for customized, one-touch functions
- voice activation to activate the headset, control calls, get GPS directions
- pairs seamlessly with iPhone and Android operating systems
- padded over-the-ear headband for maximum comfort
- Bluetooth 5.1 allows you to connect to two devices simultaneously
- over-the-air software updates

It's available online, at big box stores and most truck stops and travel centers for about \$250.

Check out the latest Gear at MATS

The Mid-America Trucking Show returns this spring after a two-year hiatus and promises to be a great opportunity to see firsthand the latest trucking gear. MATS is scheduled to be held March 24-26 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville and is always a showcase for the latest trucks, gear, and other driver amenities. All forecasts seem to indicate that trucking in 2022 will stay as busy as it has been for most of 2021. That makes it all that more important that you have the gear and gadgets you need to make the most of your time on the road. •

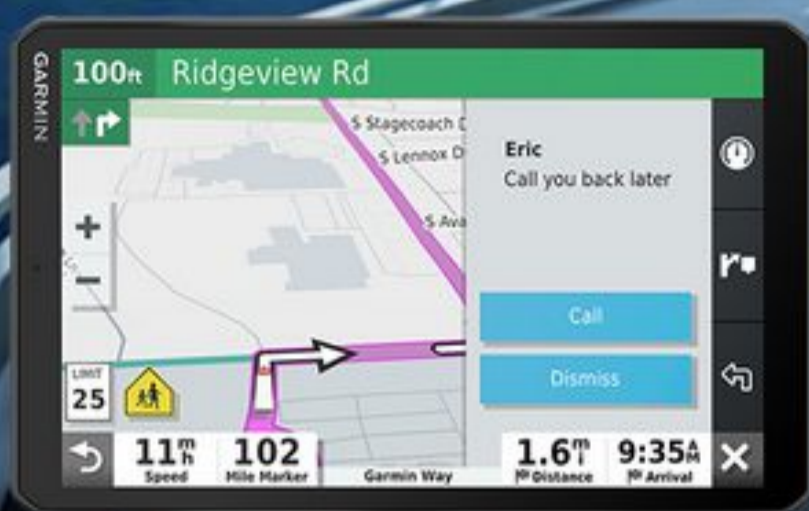
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A JOURNEY

TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS – ONE DRIVER'S STORY

By Kim McDonnell, *RoadPro Family of Brands*

When Natalie Jassopadilla developed a cough after a trip to Disneyworld in February 2020, she thought she might have picked up something on the flight home.

She went back to work on the truck and became, as she puts it, 'full-blown sick.' Driving team with her husband Oscar, she slept as much as she could in hopes of getting rid of whatever it was she had. Two months later, the cough persisted, and a trip to Urgent Care diagnosed her with bronchitis and pneumonia. They sent her on her way with antibiotics.

She started to feel better at first, but the cough was still there. She had trouble completing sentences without coughing, and her body ached badly. She assumed the body aches were due to being a team driver as she tried to sleep while the moving truck bounced down the road. Natalie would walk from the fuel island into the truck stop and be out of breath but blamed the way she was feeling on the sedentary lifestyle of a trucker. "I didn't like to stand very long as my feet would hurt," she said, "I kept making excuses for the way I was feeling, always blaming it on being a truck driver who was overweight and out of shape." But when the cough did not improve and after several trips to TriCare, she was told they could no longer help her, and she needed to go to a hospital.

As owner-operators, they were always driving and busy. When they finally had a day off, they made the trip to the hospital. A CT scan revealed that she had fluid around her heart, a partially collapsed lung, and a mass the size of a grapefruit pressing on her lungs.

On February 3, 2021, almost one year after the beginning of what she thought was just a cough, she was diagnosed with Mediastinal Large B-Cell Lymphoma. While the months of treatment were intense, the good news is that she completed her chemo treatments and is in remission. She was recently able to go back out on the truck for the first time, and although she still gets very tired at times, she is on her way to a full recovery.

Along with the cancer diagnosis and treatment also came restrictions. One of them was changes to her diet. The doctor advised that she should no longer eat fast food and needed to watch her salt intake, which is very hard to do when you are a truck driver with limited choices, but she found it not impossible. "I love the truck stops, but the healthier food choices can be very expensive," Natalie commented, "the fast-food choices are less expensive, but the portions and calories are the problem, and that is why truckers gain weight."

"I purchased the RoadPro 12-Volt portable stove and some other 12-Volt appliances they had to enable us to cook our meals."

Natalie always tried to cook in the truck even before her cancer diagnosis. The first company they were with did not allow inverters in the truck. "I purchased the RoadPro 12-Volt portable stove and some other 12-Volt appliances they had to enable us to cook our meals." But now, being told to watch what she was putting into her body, it became even more critical to make sure she was eating healthy.

She said other drivers would tell her they don't have time to grocery shop, or it makes the truck smell. Her recommendation is instead of sitting in your truck for 30 minutes, try to take your break at a store like Walmart and find a driveway you can come in safely and park for 30 minutes. Make a list ahead of time so you can get what you need quickly. Or plan to stop at a truck stop that may have a grocery store nearby that you can walk to or take an UBER or Lyft. "If you take it seriously and stop making excuses, you can find ways to make it work and eat better,"

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Natalie has also found some easy hacks to use in the truck that make cooking less of a mess and help dispose of the residuals. She uses dog training pads to place under the RoadPro stove or slow cooker. When the meal is done cooking, she will drain the juices into the pad and throw it away. This also helps if something should spill while cooking. She also uses the pads and a squirt bottle of water to clean her vegetables and fruit in the truck or when using a cutting board. This way, she can easily clean the vegetables, and when cutting them up, all the liquid will go into the pad instead of on the surfaces or floor. These absorbent pads come in handy and make clean-up easy and could also be the reason her truck does not smell like anything but the food she cooked. She notes that cooking meals in the truck will not only be less expensive than buying all your meals, but you can cook healthier meals and know what you are putting into your body.

Her new motto is 'Don't Let the Job Rule You – You Rule the Job!'

As part of her recovery, it was also vital that she incorporate movement into her routine. "It is all about planning," she said, "Plan your time and your stops; it's your life we are talking about." Her advice to other drivers is to get out of the truck, stretch regularly, and not get caught up in the need to make those miles. "Don't hold your bladder as it will only weakens it - When you have to go -GO! – don't get so caught up in trying to make those miles or a good time; it's not good for your body!"

Her new motto is 'Don't Let the Job Rule You – You Rule the Job.' Take 10 minutes at a rest area and get out and walk or stretch. Just 10 minutes can make a huge difference in your overall health, and eventually, 10 minutes may turn into 20. "I make sure to make time for walks and to get some fresh air." Do the same with your meal planning so you are not caught grabbing that fast food or thinking that pack of crackers will sustain you for the rest of your ride.

She points out that mental health is important too, don't just sit in your truck and let life pass you by. Get out of the truck and enjoy your surroundings, explore what is nearby to your stop, or just take in the sunset. "Don't just sit in your truck; find a way to get out and move."

Her advice to all drivers is to pay attention to what your body tells you. If something does not seem normal, get it checked out. Keep in mind that the DOT physical will not uncover any serious health issues and pointed out that she had two blood clots that would have never been discovered at her DOT exam. She stressed the importance of making an appointment with a doctor to get regular check-ups, or if you have symptoms that seem to linger or are out of the ordinary, make sure to get in touch with your health care provider.

The cancer diagnosis was a wake-up call, and Natalie will have lifelong side effects from the chemotherapy that may be out of her control, but she can control her lifestyle choices to make her feel better and stay healthy. Sure, every once in a while, they may be running through Texas and might stop to have that BarB Q, and she still goes into the truck stop to get her coffee, but overall making the right choices in her health and wellness will keep her doing what she loves for years to come. ●



Natalie Jassopadilla and her husband Oscar are owner-operators with over 19 years in trucking and drive team. They travel all over the United States and have hauled all types of freight. They both love to give back to their community, and when they are not working, take part in feeding the homeless for Thanksgiving and Christmas day and do toy rides during Christmas. They also participate in Wreaths Across America, Truckers Emergency Assistance Responder, and Natalie is a Real Women in Trucking member. You can follow her on her Facebook page [Living the Life with Spicy](#).

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Trucking can be a very lonely lifestyle. You spend hours behind the wheel, and sure, you can reach out to others by phone or on your CB, but that is not the same as having another being physically close to you. That need for companionship or just the human touch is something we all desire.

If you are an over-the-road driver, pets can fill that void and be very good mentally and physically for your well-being.

"You can vent and complain to them, and you won't get any smart remarks back," said Idella Hansen with a laugh, "They also provide comfort, providing snuggles and kisses and love."



driver should have the most well-behaved dog."

Jacinda Duran said having her dog with her in the truck is like having your best friend with you all the time. "I can talk to her or love on her all the time; as humans, we need to be able to give and receive love unconditionally, and nothing does that more than a dog," Duran said. She also pointed to the importance of training your pet not only for their safety but also for the safety of others around you. "It is important to me to train her and have her sociable with manners, and in my opinion, a truck

"Pets make us get up and move and give us something to think about besides ourselves."

A truck driver that may not have a pet is less likely to make frequent stops to stretch or just get out of the truck and get some fresh air. Having a pet with you, especially a dog, means that you will need to stop for bathroom breaks, walks, and feeding time. Since dogs love to take walks, that also benefits the driver, as those frequent walks can help maintain a healthier weight and provide that much-needed break from sitting stationary behind the wheel.



"Pets make us get up and move and give us something to think about besides ourselves," commented Linda Caffee, who drives team with her husband, Bob. "We spend a lot of time talking to our pets and a lot of time laughing at their antics," she continued, "It is also nice to go back to the truck and see that happy face waiting for us." The Caffee's also pointed to the peace of mind that pets provide when you leave the truck, and others see a dog or even a cat in the window, making them think twice about breaking in.

Duran also pointed to the physical advantages of having her dog Miles with her. "Having her on the truck with me has increased my walking and running by 100%, and without her, I know I would not get out of the truck and do that as often," she said.

Having a pet while on the road isn't for everyone, and Jacinda admitted she really wasn't looking for a dog or considering having one with her in the truck. "I will be honest; I didn't want a dog as I had just got done raising my kids," she said. But when her kids went out on their own, she reconsidered. Duran found Miles through an adoption program called [mutts4trucks.com](https://www.mutts4trucks.com). "I always say I didn't want her, but I didn't know I needed her." Miles has been with her for two and a half years, and she says she could not imagine her life without her. •

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- 1 Shallot, chopped
- 1 Garlic clove, chopped
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- 6 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 2 Cups chicken stock
- 1 Cup corn
- 4 oz. ham
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup white cheddar cheese
- 2 Tbsp chives

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a [RoadPro Saucepan](#) over medium heat.
2. Add shallot and garlic, cook until softened. Stirring occasionally.
3. Add rice. Cook, stirring until opaque.
4. Add vinegar. Stir occasionally until liquid is absorbed.
5. Season with salt and pepper.
6. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chicken stock. Stir until absorbed.
7. Repeat 2 more times.
8. Add remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chicken stock and corn. Stirring until rice is tender and corn is cooked through.
9. Stir in ham. Cook until warmed through.
10. Stir in cheese until melted.
11. Add chives and season with salt and pepper.
12. Serve immediately.

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WINTER GEAR

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If your driving life keeps you solidly above the Mason-Dixon line (and even sometimes below it), then you know that about **25% of your time could be spent enduring the vagaries of winter**. You may start your day in sunny but cold weather, and by the time your 30-minute break comes around, it could be a blizzard. Then again, you could spend most of your day on clear, dry interstate just to encounter dreaded and dangerous black ice in a heartbeat. Therefore, it only makes sense to prepare – maybe over-prepare – for winter and the driving difficulties it can present. That means having sufficient winter gear for your truck and yourself. So consider adding these things to your truck until spring gets serious.

Helpmate Snow Brush and Scraper



Clearing snow off your truck is no longer just a good idea; in an increasing number of states, it's the law. That means having the right tool to accomplish the task. Helpmate has a **truck-sized scraper and brush** that can handle most of the job. The broom features an adjustable brush head, two foam grips, and a telescopic pole that extends 6 feet. This item allows you to rush off the snow from your vehicle, then flip it around to use the heavy-duty ice scraper on the other

end. Available at most truck stops and travel centers for about \$34.99.

Like Tire Chains for Your Feet



About the last thing you want to have happen this winter is to take a nasty fall in an icy truck stop parking lot or alongside the highway in the middle of the night. Key to avoiding those is having proper footwear and attaching what amounts to tire chains for your feet. Fortunately, you have plenty of devices from which to choose. **Wirezoll** makes maybe the most serious ice cleats on the market. They include 24 multi-directional spikes made of enhanced stainless steel. They are connected by chain and then secure over your boots with a rubber harness. These crampons are available for men and women and retail for about \$25. **Yaktrax** is a well-known brand for winter gear. They offer a variety of traction devices that range from modest ones for walking (\$19.99) to heavy-duty ones for winter sports enthusiasts (\$49.99) and several models in between. They are easy to put on and take off and have a lifetime warranty. Our personal favorite is the Pro model, which provides extra traction and has a strap over the front of the boot that ensures they stay on. (\$29.99)

12-volt Slow Cooker



Having a **slow cooker** in your truck is like having a co-driver who cooks for you. Fill it after you do your pre-trip[and dinner is ready by the time you're done driving for the day. RoadPro's 1.5-quart, 12-volt slow cooker is ideal for cooking meals you prepared at home and froze for the road, or you can use it to make dinner with ingredients you pick up on the road. It has a six-foot-long power cord that plugs into your truck's 12-volt port; draws just eight amps. The stoneware crock is removed for easy cleaning. Available at big box stores, truck stops, and travel centers for about \$30.

Kinco 1927 Leather Work Gloves



These are a staple for many workers because they tick all of the most important boxes. They are:

- Warm
- Comfortable
- Rugged
- Affordable

Their Trademark Otto striped cotton-blend canvas back delivers lightweight, breathable coverage, while their pigskin leather means they are tough, durable, and flexible. Inside, the Heatkeep thermal insulation provides the kind of warmth and comfort that is so important. The knit cuff keeps the heat in and the cold out. Available online and at many stores for about \$25.

Mad Bomber / Trapper / Aviator / Trooper Hat



It goes by many names, comes from many sources, and is made of various materials. But, in the end, this hat is essential if you have to spend any amount of time outside your truck. These insulated and fur-trimmed hats are legendary in northern climes like Maine's logging camps, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and just about any place in Canada. The earflaps can be worn up or down, but we're guessing you'll wear them down and buckled under your chin if you're outside tarping a load or doing your pre-post-trip inspection.

The sources include:

- L.L. Bean for \$50
- Cabella's for \$40
- Duluth Trading for \$56
- Eddie Bauer for \$30
- Overland for \$75 (snazzy leather model)
- REI for \$42
- Stormy Kromer for \$90
- BlackCanyon Outfitters \$60

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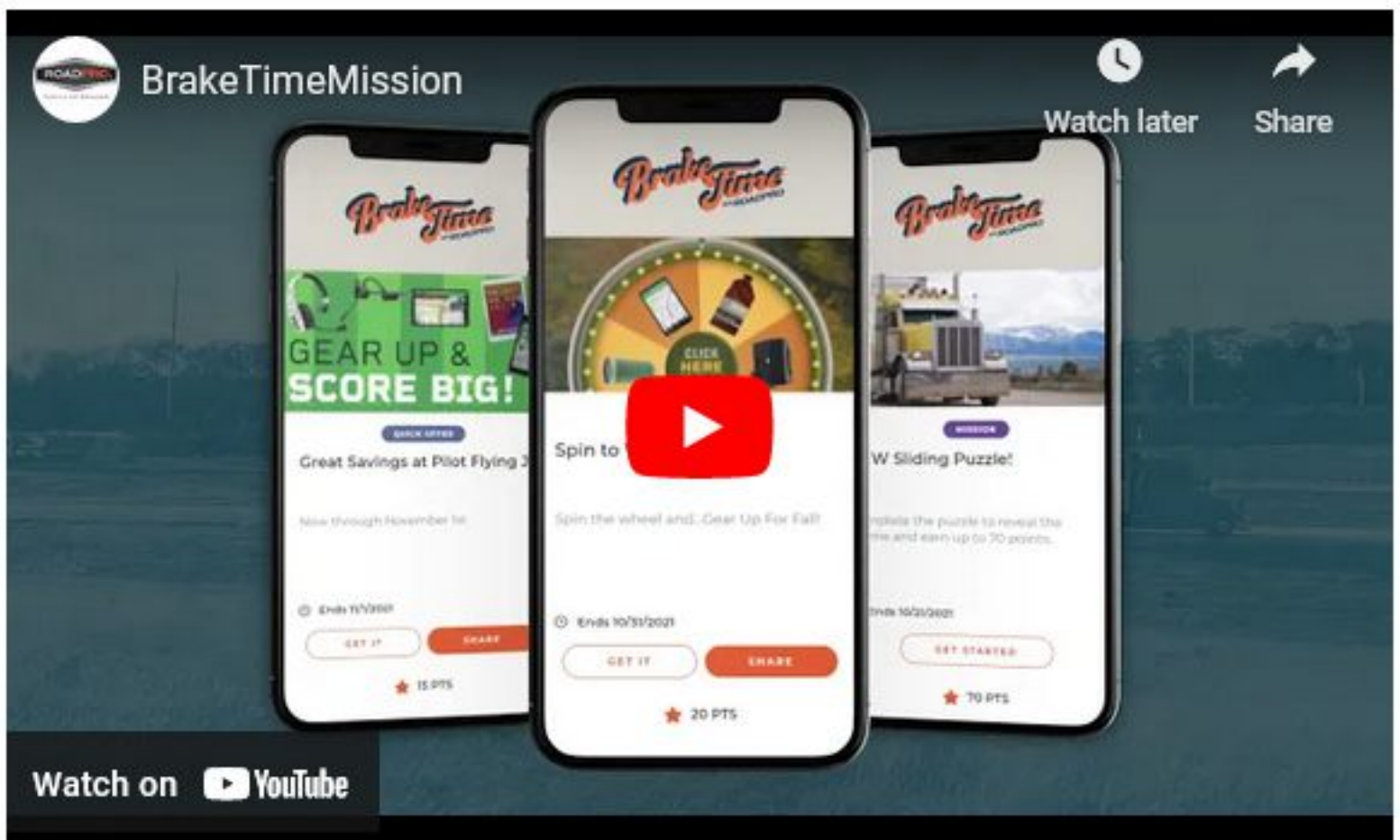
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