

## TAKE A ROAD TRIP WITH EVA LITTLE

BY HEATHER GREEN

We are excited to spotlight one of our employees in our monthly feature Take a Road Trip. For April, we are taking a road trip with Eva Little.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT TO DATE? Raising my 5 children and 7 grandchildren!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR AND WHY? My favorite color is Red! I have no idea! I just love Red!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF MUSIC? Alternative

FAVORITE BAND: Hmm... I would have to say Lifehouse is my favorite

WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME? I quilt and I like to draw. I am an artist! I do pencils and pastels. I also do wood burnings.

PERSONAL MOTTO – I believe in being positive and having faith and life will be great!

IF YOU COULD BE ANYONE FOR A DAY, WHO WOULD IT BE? Anjalena Jolie – I love how she has adopted all those children.



WHAT IS YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE? Blue Moon Beer!

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB? Getting to drive a big bus and the people I meet! I have met some awesome people!

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB? I have always wanted to be a nurse.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRTW? The family feel!

Do you want to be featured in Take A Road Trip, let Heather know today!!



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**TEAM MEETING 4/27 AT 1PM**

HELP OUR ONSITE CSR TEAMS  
Ask them how you can help and assist!

**IDLE TIMES**  
Remember your proper idling times is 20 minutes prior to start of the bus!

**POST TRIP REMINDERS**  
Dispatch will be doing reminders as you all enter the yard - these are so important!! We recently had an AM flat tire that Flat tire that could have been caught during PM post-trip!

**BADGING UPDATE**  
Tesla recently changed their system so we have seen some glitches but that should be on the mend!

**VACCINE UPDATE**  
If you haven't received your vaccine yet and are interested, let us know! We can get you scheduled!

**PLEASE REMEMBER!**  
As we are coming up on our summer months, please do not use AC when entering or exiting the yard. This small gesture greatly helps reduce the amount of dust produced in the yard!



## HAVE YOU SEEN NEW FACES AROUND THE YARD?

We would like to welcome all of the new team members to MRTW! This month, we are welcoming **DAVID LEE, EDUARDO BALTAZAR AND SARINA LUJAN.**



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Allen Ofelia	4/2
Ali Anwar	4/28

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Martha Uribe Sarmiento 4/2

## WHAT TO DO IN RENO?

We are all looking forward to the day when events are back on our schedule but until then, take some time to enjoy some local attractions!

- DOWNTOWN RENO MURAL/ PUBLIC ART TOUR
- RENO ACES GAMES
- RENO JAZZ FESTIVAL
- RENO CONNECTOR RUN

# MAINTENANCE MATTERS

BY TERESA AQUILA,  
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## PRE AND POST-TRIP INSPECTIONS, ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

A good pre-trip inspection keeps the driver from leaving your facility with a vehicle that has an existing problem. A good post-trip inspection gives the shop time to react to a problem that has been identified and to correct it before the bus goes back out on the road.

Before you head out on a run, you know that you need to inspect your vehicle carefully. What you may not realize, however, is that post-trip inspections are every bit as important as your pre-trip efforts. Have you been skipping your post-trip inspection? Consider these important benefits.

## LEGALITIES AND COMPLIANCE

According to 49 CFR §396.11, if your vehicle carries passengers, you must provide a post-trip inspection at the

end of each day's work. You need to provide a report for every vehicle that you operate during each business day, so if you operate several vehicles, you'll need to provide as many reports as the vehicles you drove.

While this measure can appear time-consuming, it also ensures that each vehicle is evaluated carefully at the end of the day, including important details like:

- The functionality of all of your brakes
- The functionality and effectiveness of headlights, taillights, and signal lights
- The vehicle's working windshield wipers
- A full inspection of emergency equipment
- Tire condition
- Effectiveness of the steering
- Any potential problems with coupling devices

In short, a post-trip inspection should

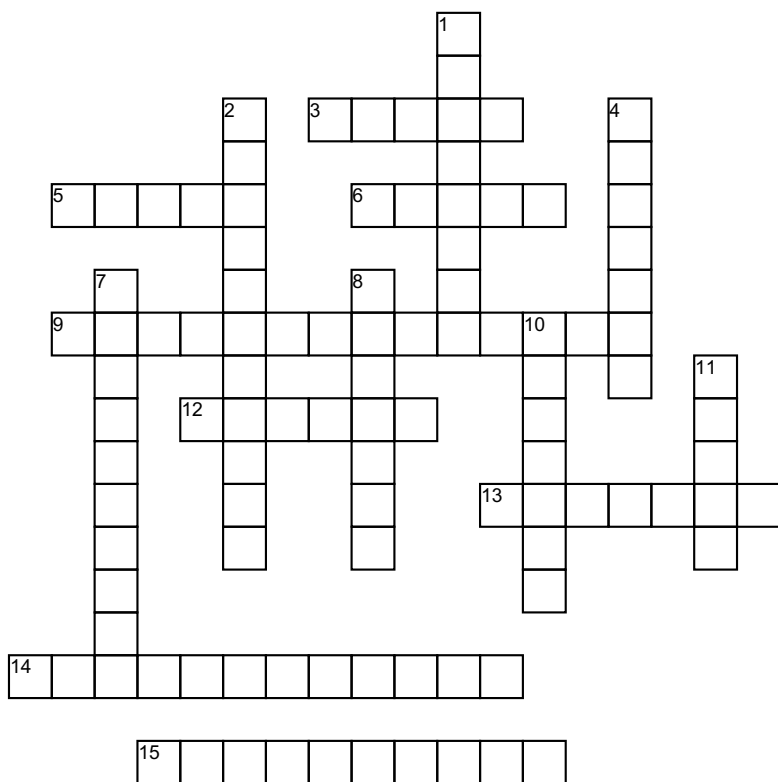
examine all the necessary components of the bus.

As long as no problems are found with the vehicle, only the driver need sign the report. If the driver does find defects, on the other hand, a company mechanic or supervisor must also sign off on the form. When defects are found, the driver will also need to collect a signature from the next driver of the vehicle, indicating that they are aware of the problem and prepared for potential challenges on the road. Happy Motoring!

**Have questions about payroll or need help with benefits?**

**Meet Lujan! Denna recently moved on to another opportunity and Lujan recently joined the MRTW team to answer these questions and support our back office team!**

## SHARING THE ROAD crossword



### Across

- Many vehicle crashes involve \_\_\_\_\_ error
- Never leave them alone in a vehicle
- To not be intoxicated
- Not all vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ operate the same way
- Turn these on for safety
- How the driver indicates which way they are turning
- Something to avoid while driving
- A pace by which you must abide by

### Down

- A lifesaving restraint
- Watch for these to cross the road
- This is required by law to drive
- People the driver is responsible for
- Do not do this on your phone while driving
- Regularly check your vehicle for
- Lack of this can cause impaired driving

*\*Need a little help you with the answers, the dispatch office has the answer key!*

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