

Boyd Bros. Driver Pays off Lease in Record Time

It only took Walter “Joe” Gilbert two years and 11 months to pay off his four year lease with Boyd Bros. Transportation. Even more amazing, he says he could have paid it off earlier. “I’ve had the miles to do it,” he said.

Accomplishing this type of financial milestone is something Joe describes as “another notch in his belt.” He’s a little speechless when it comes to the details—a sure sign of the effort involved. “I don’t know what to do or say. All I can tell you is that I worked my tail off to get that truck lease paid,” he said.

Ever since he was young, Joe wanted to be a driver. That prompted him to go to school for it in 1996, where he graduated a month early.

“I have been driving ever since. As a matter of fact, I think I am the only one still driving that came out of my class,” he said.

His continuing success is something he credits to his wife of 22 years, Tammy and his son, Dustin, in addition to a great support team at Boyd Bros.

“I have had some of the finest dispatchers. If it were not for them, I would have never achieved what I have. Matt Stone and Jim Davis were the best,” he said. “The load planners have really done a lot to help me, too.”

It’s support that’s motivated him to continue driving, even in difficult times. When he first took to the road, he says he wasn’t as ready as he thought he was. A big part of his beginning success was indeed the result of a solid support network, which helped him achieve long term success. “Steve, who works in Owner Operator Support at Boyd Bros. did so much for me. They all did.”

Another contributing factor to Joe’s success is something he describes as early exposure to the industry. The profession is something shared by his family. “My dad was a part time driver and I have done everything that he has done except for being a police officer and somebody did offer me the opportunity to do that,” he said.

Now that he has successfully completed his lease, Joe plans to remain in partnership with Boyd Bros. “I’m going to stay with them,” he said. “Why not...they are a great company and they offer me a pretty good deal.”

“We employ some of the best owner operators in the industry. Their success is one of our top priorities because they are an important extension of our own success. We are very proud of Joe’s accomplishment and look forward to a continuing relationship with him,” Betty Nix, Director of Recruiting at Boyd Bros., said. “It is challenging to be successful in such fluctuating market conditions, but Joe has proven that he has what it takes to succeed.”

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