## January 4, 2018

As I was driving my '94 Mack this morning at 3 am, pulling a thirty-two foot wide structure down a state highway, I realized I might be a little crazy. It was six below zero and I was thinking to myself, "Pretty nice night to move a house, no wind, roads are decent". I must be a real house mover. If you are reading this, you most likely are a real house mover too and can identify with my outlook on weather. Whatever the forecast may be, hot or cold, windy or calm, summer or winter, as long as we can get out job completed I seem to think the day went well.

On a similar note, much to my wife's frustration, I dream of house moving. I wake up and realize I should use a certain set of beams under a building we are moving next month. I figure out details on projects while eating lunch at family parties. I remember to call a guy back about a job while sitting at my kid's piano recital or sporting event. In other words, it consumes me most of the time. I often have to make a distinct effort to step away for a day or two, but it's always there. The ideas for modifying equipment, the advertising plans, the load lists, the routes, and whole massive jigsaw puzzle of reworking the schedule are not only my job, but also my favorite hobby. So no need to play video games or gamble, my house moving business takes care of that desire.

If you also consider yourself a house mover, building mover or structural mover, we have a great event coming up to attend. Our annual Midstates Housemovers Convention is coming up this March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Courtyard by Marriott/La Vista Hotel & Conference Center in Omaha, NE. It is a first rate, high class hotel right next to a Cabelas store.

We will open up the convention on Thursday afternoon with an open house and hogroast at Worldwide Aircraft. They are a company that specializes in moving aircraft all over the US. They have lots of equipment that is similar to what we use for moving structures. On Friday we have informative morning sessions and an afternoon tour of the SAC (Strategic Air Command) museum, one of the country's premier aircraft museums, that includes several planes moved in by Leon Ball & Sons. There will be videos highlighting some of the larger moving projects and plenty of time to view dozens of planes inside a very large indoor facility. A MUST SEE. Saturday will feature sessions, demonstrations and the evening banquet and awards ceremony.

Be sure to attend and bring your family and employees. It will be a great event!

Happy Trails.

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