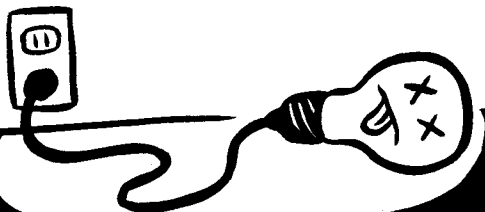


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WANTED TO DO A DOCUMENTARY TO LET COAL-HAULING TRUCKERS
TELL THEIR OWN STORY.

WITHOUT THE TRUCK DRIVERS WHO
HAUL COAL FROM THE MINES TO
THE PROCESSING PLANTS, MILLIONS
OF PEOPLE WOULD BE WITHOUT
ELECTRICITY.



BUT, IN ORDER TO MAKE A LIVING,
MANY OF THE MEN WHO DRIVE THESE
"COAL BUCKETS" HAVE TO HAUL
MUCH MORE THAN THE SAFE & LEGAL
WEIGHT LIMIT...

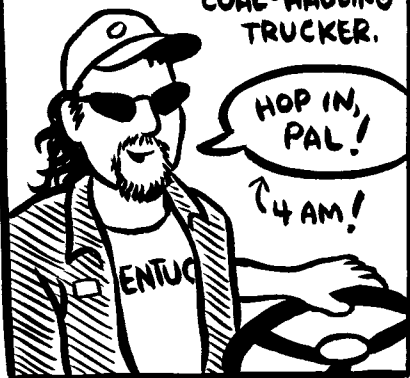


... WHICH HAS LED TO THE DEATHS OF
BOTH TRUCKERS AND PEOPLE WHO LIVE
OR DRIVE ON COAL-HAULING ROADWAYS.

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T'S A SERIOUS AND GROWING PROBLEM WITH THE DIFFERENT
VIEWPOINTS THAT SOMEHOW NEED TO COME TOGETHER.

MY SOLUTION WAS TO HOOK
UP WITH MY NEIGHBOR
HERBIE ADAMS, A
COAL-HAULING
TRUCKER.



SITTING IN THE
PASSENGER SEAT
WASN'T VERY EXCITING,
BUT I LEARNED HOW
TRUCKING TAKES
NERVES OF STEEL
AND A SHARP EYE.

YOU MISJUDGE THE SPEED
OR DIRECTION OF YOUR
VEHICLE BY EVEN AN INCH
AND IT COULD COST NOT ONLY
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
DOLLARS... BUT LIVES.

FIRST I TOOK POLAROID
PICTURES OF HERBIE,
THEN I STARTED INTER-
VIEWING HIM ON VIDEO.



ONE DAY, WHILE DRIVING
DOWN A MOUNTAIN
AT 60 MPH...



HE GAVE ME STEP-BY-
STEP INSTRUCTIONS ON
HOW TO DRIVE THE TRUCK.



THERE I WAS...
A COAL BUCKET
OUTLAW!

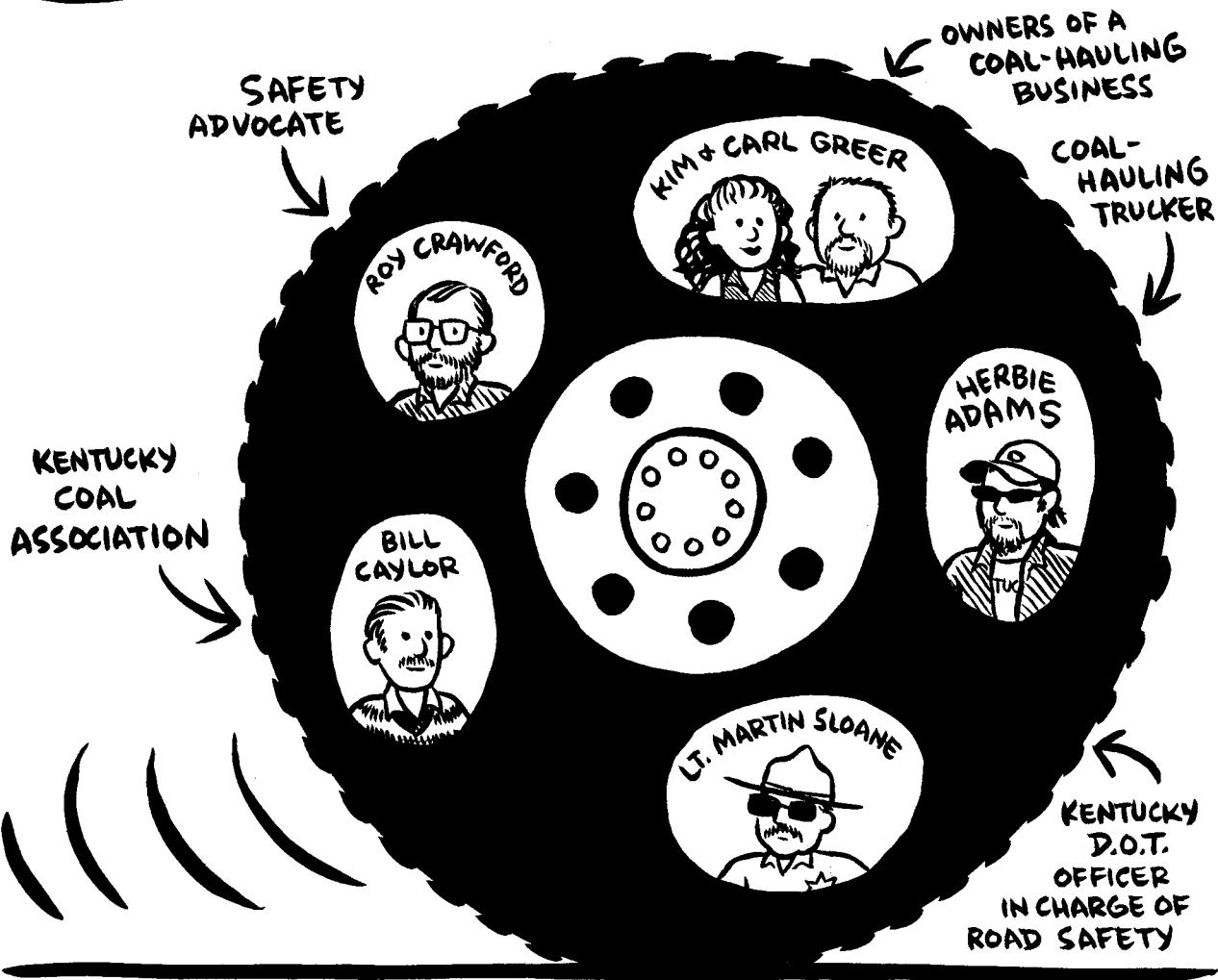


AFTER THAT INITIAL INTERVIEW, IT BECAME EASIER TO GET PEOPLE TO TALK... I WAS OFF AND RUNNING.

MOVIES TELL STORIES AS IF THERE ARE ONLY TWO SIDES: **GOOD** AND **BAD**.

THIS MAY WORK AS A DRAMATIC CONFLICT BUT DOESN'T HELP CHANGE ANYTHING.

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY HAS SPACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN TALK OPENLY ABOUT THEIR DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS WITHOUT SCREAMING AND HOLLERING AT EACH OTHER.



EVERYONE'S VIEWPOINT IS LIKE A PART OF A WHEEL... ONLY BY LISTENING TO ALL THE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES CAN YOU GET THE WHOLE WHEEL ROLLING.