

PACIFIC TANK LINES

July

2007 DRIVER OF THE YEAR

August

Happy Birthday

Anthony Macias—2nd
 Matt McDonald—3rd
 John Warren—7th
 Kris Lopez—8th
 Eugene Reed—8th
 Anthony Madrigal—12th
 Juan Leal—16th
 Renee Moritz—18th
 Chris Goble—22nd
 Michael Buescher—24th
 Cornell Jones—24th
 Tracy Coz—25th
 George Fernandez—25th
 Walter Dudynsky—26th
 Michael Martin—31st
 Salvador Martinez—31st

Happy Anniversary

Bob Stressling—4 yrs
 Apryle DeCastro—4 yrs
 Jose Davila—3 yrs
 Salvador Martinez—3 yrs
 Hugo Hernandez—3 yrs
 Ronald Van Vleet—3 yrs
 Emilo Valdivia—3 yrs
 Michael Andrews—2 yrs
 Brian Runestad—2 yrs
 Brian Layton—1 yr
 Joe Keith—1 yr
 Norman Arendas—1 yr
 Samuel Abram—1 yr
 Albert Onzures—1 yr
 Miguel Nevarez—1 yr

Welcome New Drivers

Robert Ewart—SD
 Richard Lapointe—LV

Once again the time has come to select this year's "Driver of The Year" for 2007. As we reviewed all of the potential candidates for this honor, we were quite impressed with the number of drivers that qualified. Our pool of quality drivers is at an all time high. This made the decision for our management team even more difficult. The individual chosen was to have been accident and incident free, must have demonstrated true professionalism, and abided by our company "Core Values". After taking all of this into consideration, it is our pleasure to congratulate San Diego's Driver/Trainer, Miguel Cuevas, as our 2007 Driver of The Year.

Miguel demonstrates to us on a daily basis his commitment to Pacific Tank Lines. He is always willing to go the extra mile not only when asked to do so, but by volunteering to do so. He is well respected by his fellow drivers, and is always available to assist anyone in need.

Miguel has been an employee of our company for just over four years. He is an excellent driver trainer, and is well versed in doing pump jobs, as well as training others to do pump work. He has proven time and time again that he is a team player, and always puts safety first.

Several other drivers were also in the running for this prestigious award. The quality of work and their ability to remain accident and incident free deserves much recognition. The following drivers receiving an honorable mention are:

Larry Fisher - San Diego
 Chris Galusha - Colton
 Steven Reed - Colton
 Dean Elledge - Colton

Emil Silvestri - Las Vegas
 John Lopez - Las Vegas
 Ron Mowdy - Richmond

Please join all of us in congratulating all of these drivers on a job well done.

Matt McDonald, COO



Happy Birthday

Alfonso Cortez—1st
 Ricardo Sambrano—1st
 Mary Reyes—10th
 Miguel Nevarez—13th
 Scott Dieringer—15th
 John Gosse—15th
 Hugo Hernandez—18th
 Elmo Calderon—20th
 Ruby Isales—25th
 Ernesto Garcia—30th

Happy Anniversary

Matthew Gross—4 yrs
 Gary Mitchell—4 yrs
 Chris Taylor—4 yrs
 Robert Atmore—4 yrs
 Steven Reed—3 yrs
 Walter Dudynsky—3 yrs
 Ruben Valenzuela—3 yrs
 Dean Elledge—3 yrs
 Scott Dieringer—2 yrs
 Elmo Calderon—2 yrs
 Daryl Gaudette—2 yrs
 Larry Fischer—2 yrs
 Charles Holdren—2 yrs
 Jared Johnson—1 yr
 Michael Moore—1 yr
 Audra Martinez—1 yr
 Shelly Daak—1 yr
 Renee Moritz—1 yr





The Driver Makes The Difference

Commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers are some of the safest drivers on the road. They cause fewer accidents, are more likely to follow the rules, and are less likely to drive while intoxicated than their four wheeler counterparts.

Yet almost 5,000 people die every year in crashes involving large trucks, and more than 100,000 are injured, usually occupants of non CMVs. Even the safest CMV driver needs constant vigilance to avoid an accident, even if it's usually the "other guy's" fault. Consider these statistics from 2007:

- Almost 1 in 4 passenger-car drivers involved in fatal crashes was legally intoxicated – compared with 1 in 50 CMV drivers.
- For 2 out of 3 passenger-car drivers involved in fatal crashes, driver- related factors like speeding and inattention were noted as possible causes- compared with just over 1 in 3 truck drivers involved in fatal crashes.

You can't control other drivers, but you can stay on the defensive, and that can mean the difference between making it home safely and becoming another statistic. Be sure to follow these rules every time you get behind the wheel:

- Use extreme caution and slow down when hazardous conditions exist. It's YOUR responsibility to operate your vehicle safely and to decide when it's just too dangerous to keep driving.
- Always wear your seat belt – it's the law!
- Stay within the speed limits.
- Use extra caution in construction zones. Almost 1 in 4 fatal crashes that took place in work zones in 2007 involved a large truck.



Remember to drive defensively

- See and be seen. Pay attention to what's happening around you – in all directions – and signal your intentions to other drivers.
- Prepare for the unexpected; follow your smith system training and keep control of your vehicle at all times. Remember that evasive steering harsh braking and leaving the road could cause a roll over event.

By following safety rules, driving defensively, and planning for emergencies, you can help avoid becoming – or contributing to – another accident statistic.



The Trainer's Corner

Floyd Hall – Las Vegas Lead Driver Trainer

Well guys, we are well into the summer and it has been a scorcher this year. I would like to touch base on hot weather and hot tempers. A lot of people out there becomes very aggressive drivers the hotter it gets and tempers are short. I have seen it first hand. Do not let aggressive drivers get the best of you and cause you to break your concentration to your job. Remember to use your Smith System and any aggressive drivers that may be driving near you, always back off and leave yourself a way out. Tempers can also flare at loading racks, and at stations you are delivering to. Make sure you do not get distracted, concentrate on your routine and steer clear of people that look like they might be having a bad day.

Out here in Las Vegas, the average temperature in the summer is any where between 100-120 degrees and it is easy to become dehydrated. With increased dehydration comes confusion which leads to inability to focus on the task at hand. Keep yourself hydrated with water and sports drinks. Stay away from drinks high in sugar and drinks with caffeine.

Just remember to stay safe out there and concentrate on what you are doing.

May & June Safety Meetings

<u>Place</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Colton	Tuesday	July 8	3 pm
San Diego	Tuesday	July 8	3 pm
Huntington Bch	Wednesday	July 9	3 pm
Colton	Thursday	July 10	3 pm
Long Beach	Thursday	July 10	3 pm
Oxnard	Tuesday	July 15	3 pm
Sylmar	Thursday	July 17	3 pm
Las Vegas	Thursday	July 24	1 pm
Colton	Tuesday	Aug 5	3 pm
San Diego	Tuesday	Aug 5	3 pm
Huntington Bch	Wednesday	Aug 6	3 pm
Colton	Thursday	Aug 7	3 pm
Long Beach	Thursday	Aug 7	3 pm
Oxnard	Tuesday	Aug 12	3 pm
Sylmar	Thursday	Aug 14	3 pm
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Las Vegas	Wednesday	Aug 27	1pm