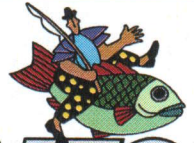


PACIFIC TANK LINES



August '05

Happy Birthday

- John Price - 1
- Mary Reyes - 10
- John Gosse - 15
- Frank Lewis - 18
- Hugo Hernandez 18
- Victor Trevino - 20
- Robert Davis - 23
- Eduardo De La Torre - 24
- Paul Siqueiros - 24

Happy Anniversary

- Jerry Partlow - 2 yrs.
- Steve Tierney - 2 yrs
- Sara Lopez - 2 yrs
- Matthew Gross - 1 yr
- Frank Lewis - 1 yr
- Gary Mitchell - 1 yr
- Walter Phillips - 1 yr
- Ron Reiff - 1 yr
- Chris Taylor - 1 yr
- Robert Atmore - 1 yr
- Mario Ortiz - 1 yr
- Javier Reyes - 1 yr

Welcome New Drivers

- James Clark - LV
- John O'Neill - LV
- Blair Robinson - LV
- Todd Rhodes - LV
- Steven Jones - C
- Carlos Hernandez - C
- Ted Page - C
- Even Siahaan - C
- Hugo Hernandez - C
- Ronald Van Vleet - C
- Mario Vera - C
- Emilio Valdivia - SD
- Salvador Martinez - SD
- Rodger Russell - SD



Distracted Driving



Eating...drinking...talking on a cell phone...adjusting electronic devices...Most of us have performed one or more of these activities while behind the wheel. Distracted driving is a growing public safety issue that costs businesses millions of dollars each year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), driver distraction is a factor in up to half of all vehicle crashes and is a cause in up to 30 percent of fatal crashes.

Common sense, as well as experience, tells us that handling and dialing cell phones, eating, or driving while performing other tasks while driving compromises safety. Evidence is accumulating that phone conversations in particular increase crash risk.

New research from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety quantifies the added risk - drivers using phones are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.

Weather wasn't a factor in the crashes, almost 75 percent occurred in clear conditions. Eighty-nine percent of the crashes involved other vehicles. More than half of the injured drivers reported that their crashes occurred within 10 minutes of the start of the trip.

Hands-Free versus Hand-Held

Study results suggest that banning hand-held phone use won't necessarily enhance safety if drivers simply switch to hands-free phones. Injury crash risk didn't differ from one type of reported phone use to the other.

Pacific Tank Lines has a strict policy against drivers using cell phones while driving. Pacific Tank Lines does not issue cell phones. As defined in our cell phone policy, use of the two-way radio to acknowledge contact is still permitted. Conversations are not.

Our policy is listed below in its entirety.

Cell Phone Policy

It has been determined that talking on a cell phone while driving is very dangerous and is a leading cause of traffic accidents today.

Therefore, no employee of Pacific Tank Lines, Inc. shall drive any company vehicle while talking on a cell phone. If the employee needs to make a call, they will need to pull off of the roadway (in a safe and secure location) and make the call. Also, the use of the two-way communication must be only to notify dispatch of an acknowledgement of contact and inform dispatch they will contact them when they may do so safely.

Don't allow yourself to drive distracted. Watch out for other drivers who don't understand how dangerous distractions can be.

