



PACIFIC TANK LINES




**July
2006**

Happy Birthday




Micky Mohanty - 2
Matt McDonald - 3
John Warren - 7
Kris Lopez - 8
Eugene Reed - 8
Jeffery Carroll - 10
Chris Goble - 22
George Fernandez - 25
Walter Dudynsky - 26
Michael Martin - 31
Salvador Martinez - 31

Happy Anniversary



Angie Duran - 3 yrs
Bob Stressling - 2 yrs
Aryle DeCastro - 2 yrs
Blair Robinson - 1 yr
Jose Davila - 1 yr
Rodger Russell - 1 yr
Salvador Martinez - 1 yr
Hugo Hernandez - 1 yr
Ronald Van Vleet - 1 yr
Emilo Valdivia - 1 yr
Todd Rhodes - 1 yr

Welcome New Drivers



Juan Navarrete - C
Donald Kentner - C
Michael Andrews - C
Steven Bunn - LB
Aaron Weinke - LB



Looking Ahead To An Improved Benefit Package

Most long time PTL employees know that our benefits such as Health, Vision, and Dental insurances are renewed toward the end of the calendar year. As a young company (4.5 years old now), Pacific Tank Lines has added at least one benefit every year and we hope be able to continue our benefit enhancement in 2007 as well.

This year we are going to try to get a head start on the process by working with groups of our employees to learn what matters most to the employee base, so that we can apply that knowledge in the most effective way possible.

As most us of know, a company can only allow so much money per employee to wage and benefits, and it does no one any good if the company offers the wrong benefits and no one uses them.


To this end, the company has developed a benefit survey. A copy of this survey will be included in the 2nd July payroll and is requested to be returned by August 15, 2006. Since this is a comprehensive survey that will be given to all employees, some of the areas will not pertain to some departments.

If you prefer, an online survey will be available to download and complete or to complete electronically under the Employee Section of the PTL website: www.pacifictanklines.com. Hand written surveys can be faxed to the HR department at 951-680-1993.

One thing to remember when you complete your survey is that we can't have it all, yet. As a growing company, we can't offer every conceivable benefit, increase wages and still stay in business.

If you keep this in mind and try to answer your survey in such a way as to communicate to Management what are the most important things to you and your family, then we can work together to meet as many needs as we can with next year's benefits package.

2nd Annual Pacific Tank Lines Company Picnic



It's that time of year again! PTL's 2nd Annual Company Picnic is right around the corner! This year's picnic will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at Mountain Gate Park in Corona, CA. All employees and their families are welcome to attend. We will have food, games and a raffle! Hope to see you there. More info to follow in the mail.



Are Your Brakes Working Properly? Inspecting The Air Brake System

Every day all of our drivers do their pre – trip inspection. This inspection must include a proper brake system inspection. When Pacific Tank Lines, Inc. gives a potential new driver a road test, this is a key point of the walk around. As a growing company we want to make sure that everyone we bring on board has the knowledge and capability to perform all necessary safety checks. Here is a reminder on how to inspect your air brake system.

Walk around:

Check brake adjustment

Looking at the brake adjustment can be accomplished by pushing in your brake interlock button on your truck or trailer. You need to try to measure the travel of the push rod from the brake chamber. The push rod should move less than two inches.

Check brake drums (or discs), linings, and hoses

Brake drums must not have cracks. Linings must not be loose or soaked with oil or grease. Mechanical parts must be in place, not broken or missing. Check the air hoses connected to the chambers to make sure they are not cracked, cut or worn.

In cab air brake check

With engine running, pump brake pedal to 60 psi and check the low air warning device. With a fully charged air system (typically 125 psi), turn off the engine, release the service brake (brakes off), and let the system settle. Time the air pressure drop. The loss rate should not be greater than 2 psi or less in one minute for a single vehicle 3 psi or less for a combination of two vehicles or 5 psi or less a minute for a combination of three or more vehicles.

With roughly a fully charged air system (typically 100-125 psi) turn off the engine. Release all brakes and allow system to settle. Then apply full steady pressure to the brake pedal (brake on) and hold. After the system settles again, the air loss should not be more than 3 psi or less in one minute for single vehicles, 4 psi or less in one minute for a combination of vehicles, or 6 psi or less in one minute for a combination of three or more vehicles. If the air leak is too much, you need to get it inspected and fixed.

Check air compressor cut out pressure

Pumping should start at about 100 psi and should stop at about 125 psi

Check air compressor cut in pressure

No lower than 85 psi

Test parking brake

Put your seat belt on, set the parking brake and try to move the vehicle slowly. The brakes should not allow you to move.

Test service brakes

Pull forward about 5 mph and apply brakes firmly. Any pulling to one side, unusual feel, or delayed stopping action should be checked.

Remember your safety and the safety of others relies on you being able to stop when you need to. Make sure you do the proper checks **Before, During, and After** your shift.



The Trainer's Corner

Robert Atmore – ColtonTrainer

Well, it's my turn for a good safety topic. I think we do pretty well with our driving abilities after all, we know we're driving with hazardous materials! So the more I think about safety, taking the time and thinking about what we are doing makes sense to me. I may not be the fastest driver out there but I'm efficient. The problem lies within us. We are not always thinking about what we are doing. Ladies and Gentlemen take the time and think about what is happening at the moment, all the time. Somebody loves you!



July Safety Meetings

<u>Place</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Colton	Wednesday	July 5	3 pm
Colton	Thursday	July 6	3 pm
San Diego	Tuesday	July 11	3 pm
Long Beach	Thursday	July 13	3 pm
Van Nuys	Tuesday	July 18	3 pm
Huntington Beach	Thursday	July 20	3 pm
Las Vegas	Tuesday	July 25	3 pm

Trainees—2nd First Day

Corporate	Tuesday	July 11 (postponed)	
Corporate	Tuesday	Aug. 8	8 am

