



# PACIFIC TANK LINES



October  
2006



HAPPY 5TH ANNIVERSARY



## Happy Birthday

Ric Esquer - 1  
Eric Halander - 4  
Greg Benson - 9  
Terri Dewey - 10  
Gary Mitchell - 21  
Ronald Van Vleet - 23  
Mario Ortiz - 24



## Happy Anniversary

Ted Honcharik - 5 yrs  
Matt McDonald - 5 yrs  
Steve Taken - 3 yrs  
Javier Fernandez - 2 yrs  
Mary Reyes - 2 yrs  
Micky Mohanty - 1 yr  
Richard Rivera - 1 yr



## Welcome New Drivers

Thomas Davis - C  
Charles Holdren - C  
Todd Jackson - C  
Timothy Hall - C  
Bryan Walker - LB  
Raymond Dukellis - LB  
Sarkis Haftavani - LB  
Hilario Valenzuela - LV

Did you notice that a Happy 5 year anniversary was wished to CEO Ted Honcharik and COO Matt McDonald in the Anniversary section?

Five years ago, when PTL was formed, Matt and Ted were Pacific Tank Lines' first employees. You'll see Stephanie Totten, the HR Manager's anniversary listed next month; she joined the fledgling company in November of 2001. Matt & Ted founded the company in October 2001 with a little savings, one customer and a commitment to succeed. Both Ted and Matt had prior experience in fuel marketing and transportation and saw this as an opportunity to begin their own company in a good business environment.

Things were pretty sparse at first. Billing was done from Ted's dining table in Riverside, and an apartment above the post office served as the Richmond office. That neighborhood was so rough that the apartment actually burned down after a few months due to an illicit drug lab fire next door! Matt and Ted took turns every other week living out of their suitcases managing a couple of used trucks that they had purchased.

There was plenty of excitement early on. PTL experienced its only two rollovers in that first year. One was in front of then Governor Gray Davis when he was ribbon cutting an intersection on the 10 freeway. The tanker was righted, the tank integrity was confirmed and the delivery was made before run-out. Early events like that brought the value of Safety into sharp focus. While a commitment to performance was present from inception, training and safety immediately became the highest priorities.

Many safe miles and safe gallons have passed since those first days. Because of the generosity of a few early customers and the trust of a few first vendors, Pacific Tank Lines has grown and is diversified in our customer base and our geographical locations. We now enjoy the benefits of professional Drivers and Staff as well as a fine group of Managers, most of whom have promoted up from within the ranks of our Driver Corps.


Thank you to everyone who has contributed or is currently working to achieving our vision of one day being the "Premier full-service petroleum carrier, dedicated to the highest levels of safety and customer service." We look forward to celebrating many more years of achievement...with you!

*Greg Batten, President*



## It's FLU SHOT Time Again!

PTL will provide employee Flu shots at no charge in the month of October. Colton will have an on site Nurse on Tuesday, Oct. 3 and Thursday, Oct. 5. Other facilities will be given a voucher to take to a health provider such as US Healthworks. Remember to cover your mouth when you sneeze, wash your hands often and eat plenty of soup!





# SAFETY IS ALWAYS PRIORITY #1

Here we are once again coming into fall. The kids are back in school and it's getting darker earlier. We need to be well aware of our surroundings! Make sure that we keep our awareness and our Smith System training in the forefront of our daily activities. All the four wheelers out there are only thinking about the thing that is in their windshield, yet we can not fall into that forum of complacency. Be sure that you get the big picture; scan your mirrors every five to eight seconds giving you a full three hundred and sixty degree circle of awareness. Kids can be very unpredictable, so make sure when you're in a school zone or see children to slow down and keep your eyes moving.

Remember **Safety is Always Priority #1**. As a petroleum transport driver you are responsible for public safety, for environmental safety, and for your own personal safety. A careless moment or inappropriate action on your part can have serious and sometimes irreparable consequences.

## October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month



We know that many people, almost certainly some of our employees, have dealt with breast cancer personally or had someone close to them experience it. Pacific Tank Lines feels that it is important to invest in organizations that benefit the community and our employees. We have been proud to sponsor one of our managers in her quest to assist in finding a cure for breast cancer. Our Dispatch Manager, Angie Duran, has participated in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer for the past two years with donations from Pacific Tank Lines. This year a total of 1,650 people walked a total 39.3 miles in Long Beach, CA in support of this cause. Angie said that the experience was amazing, "It is a great feeling when you're walking and there are so many people thanking you for walking." Breast cancer affects both men and women so regular check-ups are a must. Pacific Tank Lines hopes to continue supporting Angie in her cause any way we can. Way to go!



## The Trainer's Corner

*Ric Esquer - Van Nuys Trainer*



When working with equipment as we do, it is extremely important that all precautions are taken to make our work safe. Here are a few safety tips to remember while on the job: Always make sure you perform your P.A.S.S. (Personal Assessment of Safe Surroundings) and see that the working area is secure. Take care of the equipment by making sure it is always in good working order (no leaks or bad gaskets). Handle equipment with care so it is not damaged (hoses, fittings and sticks). Always be aware of your surroundings--know what is going on around you (Security Awareness). Help prevent injuries/mishaps by adhering to the safety precautions (wear safety vest and glasses while loading and unloading). If you are not sure of something don't take a chance, ask for help. You can call a trainer or your supervisor for assistance.



## October Safety Meetings

Place	Day	Dates	Time
Colton	Tuesday	Oct. 3	3 pm
Colton	Thursday	Oct. 5	3 pm
Huntington Beach	Monday	Oct. 16	3 pm
San Diego	Tuesday	Oct. 17	3 pm
Long Beach	Wednesday	Oct. 18	3 pm
Van Nuys	Thursday	Oct. 19	3 pm
Las Vegas	Monday	Oct. 30	1 pm

### New Driver's—2nd First Day

Corporate Tuesday Nov. 14 9 am  
Michael Andrews, George Shook, Brian Runestadt, Scott Dieringer, Trevor Johnson, Mario Garrido, Elmo Calderon, Scot Campbell

### Trainer & Lead Driver Quarterly Meetings

Month	Date	Time
December	11,13,15	9 am

