

PACIFIC TANK LINES

September
2006

2006 ANNUAL PICNIC

This year's company picnic was a huge success! We had over 200 employees and their families in attendance to enjoy great food, entertainment, and, of course, the company softball game! This year's entertainment included a magician and games for kids and adults alike! Many people went home with wonderful prizes from bikes to IPOD's to big screen TV's. Floyd Hall won the Grand Prize, a Westinghouse 40" HDTV! It was wonderful for employees from all of our locations to have a chance to meet and get to know one another. It was also wonderful to meet some of the families of our valued employees. Thank you to everyone who participated in making this year's picnic another HUGE success! Want to see yourself wrapped in a feather boa or eating a rib? Watch our picnic videos at: <http://pacifictanklines.com/picnic.html>

Happy Birthday

Jose Davila - 4
Steve Taken - 6
James Bullis - 7
Mario Garrido - 8
Matthew Gross - 8
Felipe Gonzales - 10
Curtis Christy - 11
Cash Conklin - 13
David Ankenman - 14
Brian Runestad - 17
Alex Fulenwider - 22
Daniel Taylor - 28
Nelson Garcia - 29

Happy Anniversary

Greg Batten - 2 yrs

Welcome New Drivers

Larry Fischer - SD
Christopher Borman - SD
Joseph Moreno - SD
Daryl Gaudette - C
Charles Lewis - C



September Safety Meetings

Place	Day	Dates	Time
Colton	Thursday	Sept. 7	3 pm
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San Diego	Monday	Sept. 18	3 pm
Long Beach	Tuesday	Sept. 19	3 pm
Van Nuys	Wednesday	Sept. 20	3 pm
Las Vegas	Thursday	Sept. 21	1 pm
Huntington Beach	Friday	Sept. 22	3 pm





NO NEED TO ROLLOVER

In a blink of an eye, in a single moment, your vehicle is on its side or upside down. Before you even realize what's happened, you, and others around you are in harm's way.

On Labor Day a gas truck was traveling to Big Bear. The driver of the vehicle was an experienced driver. He had been up and down the same road in all kinds of weather for the past four years. The driver was only traveling 27 M.P.H. when the rollover occurred.

From the investigation, the company that the driver worked for, found that the driver had loaded a short load. This was one of the factors in the cause of the rollover. Another factor was driver complacency. Getting too comfortable and not watching your speed in all conditions can be disastrous.

Rollovers are avoidable incidents which are usually caused by human error. Here are some of the factors that can be causes for a rollover:

- Inappropriate speed
- Driver overshooting then correcting
- Hitting a curb (roundabouts) or depression (open road)
- Sudden acceleration or harsh braking
- Load surge/ shift or sloshing effect



Most of the rollovers that occur are due to inappropriate speed. Some are due to loss of control or as the result of an impact from another vehicle/object and/or result of collision evasive action. These are the immediate causes. The root causes usually are driver skills and behaviors, which originate in training, experience and management (Organization of work, including load planning). The shape of the road also plays a part, the tighter a curve the greater the risk. Fatigue, anger, and being in a hurry can also put you into a rollover situation.

Remember rollover threshold. The rollover threshold is the lowest amount of side force that will cause a vehicle to roll over. In general, vehicles with a rollover threshold of 1.0 G force or greater will slide before rolling over. Conversely, vehicles with a rollover threshold lower than 1.0 G force will roll over before they slide. A fully loaded semi only needs 0.4 to 0.5 G force and are the least stable.

Always watch your speed, get plenty of rest and do not hurry. Keep your emotions under control so you can make it home safe and sound.



The Trainer's Corner

Chris Goble – Colton Trainer

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.



R: Remember as a trainer to respect the trainee. They are new and your patience, respect, and experience will pay off in the long run for everyone.

E: Every driver respect the next driver who is going to drive that truck. Each driver should treat each truck as if it was their own personal truck. Keep your work truck clean, report damaged items, and always lock the doors.

S: Safety is a priority. Report any safety issues as necessary. Respect the safety of everyone.

P: Practice good work habits. Respect your body. Get plenty of rest before starting your shift. Eat well balanced meals. Taking care of your body will keep your mind alert.

E: Expect the unexpected. Try to have yourself prepared for any situation that may arise during your shift.

C: Continuously stay focused on what you are doing whether you are loading, unloading, or driving. Stay focused on the job at hand.

T: Treat equipment and each driver as you would want to be treated yourself. Treat them with RESPECT!

Trainer's Helpful Hint:

How to keep from cross-dumping.

-When switching products at the station, move your product fitting from the fill pipe that just finished to the next product to be unloaded. Doing this initial step could help prevent a cross-dump in the event that you may become distracted at one point or another during the unloading process.

-As always, remember to do double and triple checks to also help prevent a cross-dump. It takes just a few seconds to double check. It is well worth the extra few minutes, and will save the company a lot of time and money.

