

THE PUSHBOAT

September's Birthday Greetings

- 9/8 George McAteer
- 9/11 Edward Duff
- 9/12 Jackie Morgan
- 9/12 Richard Williams
- 9/13 Sam Jones
- 9/15 Billy Hilburn, Jr.
- 9/20 Steven "Nero" Norris
- 9/20 Will Dailey
- 9/21 Tracy Hughes
- 9/23 Wayne Harris
- 9/28 Bretford Wildrick

Building Begins on Northport Dock - to be continued



Future site of the dock



Construction begins!



Welding on the steel pilings



The m/v Butch at the work site.



Tony, Jerry, George and Rick help oversee the construction efforts



Johnny Holt (left) and David Landolt (right) prepare the abutment's concrete form.

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Promotions!!

- Darron Thomas - Chief Engineer
- David Baker - 2nd Engineer
- Corey Nelson - 3rd Engineer
- Michael E. Lewis - 3rd Engineer

Bobby Joe's "Did You Know?"

Bobby Joe, "Why are barges that are grouped together called tow?"



There are different schools of thought concerning this question. One is that the only barges actually being pushed are directly in front of the motor vessel. As such, all of the other barges in the "tow" are actually being pulled or "towed" by these center barges. Another explanation is that barges were, at one time, actually "towed" instead of being pushed. Lastly, being "in tow" can be defined as under the close guidance of someone. Thus, the objects under the close supervision of the wheelmen on the boat can be referred to as "tow."

PTC Profile - Beverly Smith

Beverly Jo Trimble Smith was born in Aliceville, AL. She is the office manager at Parker Towing. She has worked at PTC since February 10, 1989. Beverly has 2 sons, Damon and Jashaan, and 5 grandchildren - - Damon Jr., Javonte, Estaci, Dee Dee and Triniti. Her favorite pastime is watching movies.

5 questions for Beverly:

Bottle or Can:

Bottle

Sunrise or Sunset:

Sunset

Restaurant or Cook out:

Cook out

Cake or ice cream:

Cake

"Survivor" or "Big Brother":

Doesn't like reality T.V.



Future Newsletters

If you have ideas, interesting stories, pictures, etc. that you would like to see in the newsletter, please let me know. Also, anyone who has old photos of PTC employees or PTC boats, please bring them by the office.

Thanks,

Ron Jesser
391-1114

Faron's Fantastic Feat - A Story for Parker Towing's junior deckhands

19 August 2004, *The Boonies*, AL - On any given day, the mild mannered chief engineer for the motor vessel (m/v) Rhett Parker, Faron Lee Keith, can be found tending to his routine activities -- painting, cleaning, cooking, engine maintenance, fishing and tow work (not necessarily in that order.) Thursday, August 19th started out no differently.

Faron's six hour watch had been uneventful. He had kept the boat's engines finely tuned, mentored a deckhand on the fine art of painting a boat and even found time to eat a sizeable bowl of Fruit Loops. To-

day's work schedule was just like any of the 2000+ other days Faron has had while at Parker Towing -- an honest day of work for an honest day's wage.

All of this would change in the blink of an eye (if fish had eyelids.) Faron had been to Big Shoal Creek more times than one could possibly imagine. Somehow, this time felt different. Perhaps the difference was the shimmer of a man-eating piranha racing toward Mr. Keith. Perhaps it was the unseasonably cool weather we have experienced this August...who knows? Faron just knew something was

not quite right.

Faron had just sat down to enjoy a delicious glass of tea and reflect on his life's accomplishments when the devil fish attacked. Thinking it had the element of surprise on its side, the beast lunged at Mr. Keith. What the fish did not count on was Faron's extensive knowledge of scissors, paper, rock moves.

After a few tense moments (and some high pitched screams from his co-workers), Faron emerged victorious. Knowing that the fish only had flat fins and could thus only



produce a paper sign, Faron deduced that scissors was the way to go. He trounced the fish 3-2 in a best of 5 series - - saving the crew for yet another day of building tow. Thank-you brave Faron, thank-you.

2004 United Way Campaign



The 2004 United Way fund raising campaign is upon us. Donations to United Way help support a myriad of wonderful organizations geared toward

helping improve the quality of life for people in our communities. Some of the organizations United Way helps fund are: the American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scout of America, Child Abuse Prevention, Girl Scouts of USA, Hos-

pice, the Salvation Army and the YMCA.

Payroll deduction is an easy way to contribute to the United Way. If you are currently giving, thank you so very much. If you are not, please take a moment to sign up. For as little as one

dollar per pay period you can help improve the quality of life for those who are not always able to help themselves.

Please contact Ron, (205) 391-1114, for details on how to sign up.

September's Crew Changes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 AP SH	3 CP Hel TE	4
5	6 Labor Day Tim MJ CH	7 GT Gor	8	9 BJJ	10 AH RP	11
12	13 AP SH	14 CP Hel TE	15	16 Tim MJ CH	17 GT Gor	18
19	20 BJJ	21 AH RP	22	23 AP SH	24 CP Hel TE	25
26	27 Tim MJ CH	28 GT Gor	29	30 BJJ		

Please be sure to call Ron at (205) 391-1114 and check in a day or two ahead of your anticipated crew change date.

New Faces

- Adam Sheffield
- David McVay
- Marlan Collins
- Michael Estes
- Eric Fox
- Chris Landrum
- Jessie W. Harris
- Earnest Watts

Back Injury Prevention!

Back injuries can often be prevented if the proper lifting techniques are employed. Remember, when lifting heavy objects, keep your back straight, bend at the knees and lift with your legs.