

# THE P USHBOAT

Parker Towing Company's Newsletter

## January's Birthdays

- 1/8 Chipper Rabbit  
V.P. Finance
- 1/8 Billy Mitchell  
Deckhand  
M/V Touchstone Energy
- 1/9 S. Glenn Stamps  
3rd Engineer  
M/V Gorgas
- 1/15 Darron Thomas  
Deckhand  
M/V Miss Morgan
- 1/24 C. Kevin Green  
Pilot  
M/V Bobby Joe James
- 1/27 Paul Hartley  
Cargo Handler  
Northport
- 1/31 Johnny Holt  
Shop Crew

## Meet the Fleet - M/V "Rhett Parker"

Name:  
M/V Rhett Parker

Named after:  
Company founder Captain Tim Parker, Sr.'s father.

Year built:  
1982

Year purchased:  
1982

HP:  
2100

Size:  
85' x 34'

Gross tons:  
252



Captain:  
Howard Harris

Relief Captain:  
Eugene Bean

Pilot:  
Shannon Gurganus

Chief Engineer:  
Faron Keith

2nd Engineer:  
Tim "Redbone" McAllister

3rd Engineer:  
Jackie "Pops" Morgan

## Colonial Miner Joe's "Did You Know?"



Did you know that the first documented commercial mining of coal in what is now the United States was way back in 1748? This occurred near what is now Richmond, Virginia.

I remember it like it was yesterday. Great King George's pantaloons, was it cold! Me and the rest of the fellas had to fill up our thermoses with some hot chocolate from Speedy Marthas (later bought out by 7-11) just to make it through the day. Set me back a couple of shillings, it did.

## New Faces

- Ralph Twilbeck  
Deckhand
- M. "Ty" Stephens  
Deckhand
- Elron Dawson  
Deckhand
- Frank Ruffin  
Deckhand

## PTC Profile - Donald "Duke" Smith

"Duke" was born in York, AL. He was hired as a deckhand in September 2004. During his off time, he likes to hangout with his friends, his girlfriend, and his grandmother (not necessarily in that order.)

Questions for Duke:

(as answered by his lovely grandmother, Lorene):

Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve or Who's Dick Clark?:

Dick Clark's R.N.Y.E.

Most festive office at PTC:

(a) Ron's - because of the Christmas tree and the

wreath or (b) Chas' - because of the golfing frog:

Ron's office

BCS or Being poked in the eye with a sharp stick:

Being poked in the eye



"Duke"

**2006 PTC Seniority Milestones**

J. Tom Huckabee 30 years	Temple Huckabee 30 years
Larry Ragland 25 years	Phillip Huckabee 25 years
J. Ray Fluker 15 years	Donna Rubio 15 years
S. Glenn Stamps 10 years	G. "Red" Beckham 5 years
Mike Humphries 5 years	Billy Mitchell 5 years
Nathaniel Rockarts 5 years	Chris Averette 5 years
Tracy Hughes 5 years	S. Brentt Morris 5 years



**Promotions**

- Scott Kurtz  
2nd Deckhand

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The Deckhand Training Checklist Report must be turned in to the Personnel Office prior to being considered for promotion to 2nd Deckhand


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Comments? Suggestions?

If you have comments about a current/past newsletter or suggestions for future newsletters, please e-mail them to me at:

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# January Crew Changes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> TIM MJ CH	<b>3</b> GT GOR	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> BJJ MOR RP	<b>6</b> T2 AH	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> AP SH	<b>10</b> CP HELO TE	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> TIM MJ CH	<b>13</b> GT GOR	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> BJJ MOR RP <small>Martin Luther King, Jr.</small>	<b>17</b> T2 AH	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> AP SH	<b>20</b> CP HELO TE	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> TIM MJ CH	<b>24</b> GT GOR	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> BJJ MOR RP	<b>27</b> T2 AH	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AP SH	<b>31</b> CP HELO TE	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> TIM MJ CH	<b>3</b> GT GOR	<b>4</b>

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