

# THE PUSHBOAT

*Parker Towing Company's Newsletter*

## July Birthday Greetings

- 7/1 Todd Trimble
- 7/2 Ron Jesser
- 7/3 Ricky Dunn
- 7/4 Tim Parker, Jr.
- 7/4 Jerry Hewitt
- 7/6 Curtis Taylor
- 7/6 David Baker
- 7/11 Michael Lewis
- 7/16 Darren Howard
- 7/17 Stanley Brooks
- 7/19 Wayne Daniels
- 7/21 Buster Andrews
- 7/22 Phillip Huckabee
- 7/23 Randal Handley
- 7/28 Beverly Smith
- 7/28 Tyrone Scruggs



A view of the front of the new building.

After decades of being located along the banks of the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa, the Parker Towing Company main office now calls Northport home.

The new building, located at 1001 3rd Street, boasts a robust size of approximately 14,000 square feet. There are 16 offices, a spacious conference room, a training room, kitchen, comfortable reception

## The Move to Northport

area and an enormous warehouse.

The official move was made Tuesday, May 4th. As everyone can attest, the actual moving in is still an ongoing process. Visitors are likely to see Alice directing the troops on the placement of pictures, individuals re-arranging their offices in between phone calls and paper work and George McAteer scratching his head wondering how in the world does the grass in Northport grow so fast.

In addition to all of the work being done inside the building, Mr. Skinner and Wayne McLennahan have busy sprucing up the outside. Armed with a chain saw, Bobcat and a wonderful work ethic the two gentlemen

have cleared a sizeable portion the river bank offering an excellent view of the Black Warrior River.

We encourage friends and families alike to visit Parker Towing's new address and see our pleasant surroundings first hand.



The back of the new building.

## Promotions!!

- James Jowers - 2nd Engineer
- Francisco Rivera - 3rd Engineer
- Eric Frazier - Top Deckhand
- Jeremy Daniels - 2nd Deckhand
- Hunter Jones - 2nd Deckhand



## Bobby Joe's "Did You Know?"

The current Parker Towing Company logo was adopted in 1986.



## 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

Anthony James Lowros was born in Erie, Pennsylvania. He is PTC's Traffic Coordinator and has worked at PTC for 9 years. Tony is married to Margaret and has a son, Tyler, a daughter, Kelly, and two grandchildren, Tori and Coty. When given an option, Tony would rather be riding his motorcycle.

5 questions for Tony:

Paper or Plastic:

Plastic

Auburn or Alabama:

Alabama

John Wayne or Clint Eastwood:

Clint Eastwood

Ketchup or Mustard:

Ketchup

Hat or  
No Hat:

No Hat



## What's Happening in Our Marketplace -

From time to time I'm asked about "what's happening" by vessel employees visiting the office. I'm pleased by your interest in our business and would encourage each of you to be our "eyes" on the river. Pass along things you see which seem different, unusual or simply interesting. We appreciate it!

It's an active time right now on our rivers. For the first time in many years, export coal from Alabama is moving down the

river to McDuffie Terminal at Mobile. PTC is currently handling a major portion of this volume.

A major customer of PTC, Corus Tuscaloosa, has recently announced its sale to Nucor Corp., the #1 steel-maker in the U.S. The sale is expected to close on or about July 15th. This change of control will be good for the company and for barge business on the Tenn-Tom and Warrior-Tombigbee systems. Nucor's philosophy is

to operate its mills at 120% or more of "capacity" and to use the river as the primary means of transporting its inbound scrap and scrap substitute material.

With the arrival of hot weather and continued high natural gas prices, PTC's utility business should be solid into the fall. Coal fired generation continues to be the low cost alternative. Utility coal stock-piles are at or below desired levels, meaning coal transport




George Anderson is the Vice President of Sales for PTC. He has over 30 years of marine sales experience.

must keep up with coal usage.

It looks like an active and interesting summer and fall!

## July's Crew Changes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> AP SH	<b>2 CP</b> Helo TE	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 	<b>5 Tim</b> MJ CH	<b>6 GT Gor</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 BJJ</b>	<b>9 AH RP</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12 AP SH</b>	<b>13 CP</b> Helo TE	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Tim</b> MJ CH	<b>16 GT Gor</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19 BJJ</b>	<b>20 AH RP</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22 AP SH</b>	<b>23 CP</b> Helo TE	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26 Tim</b> MJ CH	<b>27 GT Gor</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 BJJ</b>	<b>30 AH RP</b>	<b>31</b>

AP - m/v Alice Parker; AH - m/v Alison Haun; BJJ - m/v Bobby Joe James; CP - m/v Cathy Parker; CH - m/v Charles Haun; GT - m/v Gilbert Taylor; Gor - m/v Gorgas; Helo - m/v Heloise; MJ - m/v Miss Jodie; RP - m/v Rhett Parker; SH - m/v Selden Hurtt; Tim - m/v Tim Parker; TE - m/v Touchstone Energy

### New Faces

- EUGENE BEAN
- GREG WYATT
- MICHAEL ANGLIN
- CHRIS GUY
- RICKY GUY
- TONNIE LANG
- STEVEN A. NORRIS
- SHEDRICK NAPIER
- WILLIAM REEVES
- WAYNE DANIELS
- MICHAEL G. LEWIS

401 K

It's never too early to start saving for your retirement. Need an enrollment form? See Ron.



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