

# THE PUSHBOAT



## December's Birthday Greetings

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- 12/2 Marvin "Monk" Williams
- 12/2 Michael G. Lewis
- 12/5 Lute Alston
- 12/7 Charles Huckabee
- 12/14 Marlan Collins
- 12/19 Alice Haun  
PTC Profile
- 12/23 Stanley Adams
- 12/25 O'Neal Huckabee
- 12/29 Rodney Clark
- 12/29 Greg Wyatt
- 12/29 Steven A. Norris

### Promotions!!

- Steven W. "Nero" Norris  
Relief Captain
- Brentt Morris Chief Engineer
- Bubba Jowers Chief Engineer
- Randal Handley 2nd Eng.
- Francisco Rivera 2nd Eng.
- Jeff Kelley 2nd Eng.
- Hunter Jones 3rd Eng.
- Scott Walters 3rd Eng.
- Steven A. Norris 3rd Eng.
- Richard Perrigin 2nd Deckhand

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## The Unorthodox Chef of Parker Towing

Each year the holiday season seems to bring out the best in man. It is a time when doors are held open a little more often, purse strings are loosened to help out those in need and families gather to feast upon turkeys, mashed potatoes (or macaroni and cheese), cranberry sauce and pumpkin pies. It is truly a special time of year.

There are some on the Parker Towing boats who possess the ability to prepare a holiday feast even when faced with limited space, little time and what some would consider questionable ingredients. Some of the gentlemen who are able to accomplish this daunting task are Phillip Huckabee, Richard Williams and Faron Keith. One

man, however, stands on the cutting edge of maritime culinary arts - Fred Williams.

Fred, Chief Engineer on the M/V Gilbert Taylor, can make a feast from most anything. Fred's recipe for cooking a raccoon for the holidays is as follows:

*Ingredients:* A raccoon, 4 large sweet potatoes, *Tony's* seasoning, onions, pepper and red pepper

- Pre-heat the oven to 350
- Locate a good sized pot
- Add water, an appropriate sized raccoon, onions, pepper and a dose of *Tony's* seasoning in the pot
- Place in oven and cook for 2-3 hours

- Find a big pan and line it with aluminum foil
- Remove pot from oven. Place the raccoon and sweet potatoes in the pan. Sprinkle on crushed red pepper.
- Place in oven and let bake until brown (approximately 45 minutes)
- Serve with Tea and enjoy!



Fred Williams

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



Happy Holidays!! Did you know that on average, a Parker Towing Company barge contains 1,550 tons of coal when filled? If each delicious fruit cake my Aunt Edna makes weighs around 2 pounds...(pause for mathematical calculations)... then that means that a barge could carry approximately 1.5 million of the scrumptious baked goods! Happy Holidays indeed!

## PTC Profile - Alice Haun

Alice Parker Haun was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Mrs. Haun is the Accounts Payable Manager for Parker Towing Company. She has been working for PTC since November 7, 1980. During her off time, Alice would rather be working with her horses or gardening.

5 Questions for Mrs. Haun:

Eggnog or apple cider:

Eggnog

*It's Wonderful Life* or *Christmas Vacation*:

*Christmas Vacation*

Fruit cake - Bah humbug or Hallelujah:

Hallelujah

Tree - artificial or real:

REAL!

Decorate or super-vice:

Decorate



## The Cleanest Engine Room in the Fleet



(Left to right) Pilot - Larry "Bobo" Norris, Port Engineer - Randy Baygents, 3rd - Engineer Michael E. Lewis, Chief Engineer - Derriel Winters, Top Deckhand - Steven "Hillbilly" Newton and 2nd Engineer - Hollise Coxwell

The cleanest engine room in the Parker Towing Company fleet, according to Port Engineer Randy Baygents, is on the M/V Tim Parker. There is quite obviously a tremendous amount of effort taken in keeping the Tim's engine room clean, organized and well maintained.

As you enter the engine room you cannot help but notice that it looks as though a fresh coat

of paint has just been applied. The floor's red finish literally shines. The reason for this is no secret to anyone who has pulled a hitch on the Tim. Derriel and his two fellow engineers, Hollise and Michael, take a great deal of pride in their workplace. They mop the top deck of the engine room at least once every 12 hours. The tools of their trade are all stowed in their proper place. The engines they main-

tain operate without incident.

The work ethic of the engineers aboard the M/V Tim Parker is worthy of emulation. These men have created a work environment which is not only aesthetically pleasing, but is first and foremost, safe and efficient.



## WANTED!



Old photographs! If you have any old photographs of Parker Towing Company folks, boats, get-togethers, etc. please bring them by the office. If it is inconvenient or you are unable to bring them by the office, please call Ron at (205) 391-1114 to make other arrangements.






This year's United Way campaign drive at Parker Towing was a tremendous success. The total pledged (individual

donations and the company donation combined) was \$20,591! This is an increase of over 10% from last year's total pledged! Thank you Parker Towing employees, your contributions make a positive difference in our communities. Thank you Way, Ray, Shelton &

Co., P.C. for your United Way loaned executive, Mr. Charles B. Poole. In addition, thanks are deserved for Mr. George Anderson. Although a loaned executive to other businesses, he still kept a keen eye on Parker Towing Company's progress throughout the campaign drive.

As a result of the generosity of Parker Towing Company and its employees, the United Way recognized our employee campaign with a gold award and the company with a bronze award. Congratulations!

## December Crew Changes

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

### NewFaces

- Larry Ernest - Manager
- Stanley Adams - Pilot
- Solomon Williams
- Hunter Sullivan
- James Williams
- Jason Kelly
- Rick Nelson
- Willie Wimberly Jr.
- Robert DeLoach
- Jerry Hicks - Nickajack, TN
- William Jason Fox - B'ham

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