National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman Christopher Hart may not have a crystal ball but during a recent visit to Texas he had the opportunity to see Greenbrier’s “Tank Car of the Future.” Chairman Hart and several other members of the transportation board and staff attended the “Safer Tank Cars Now” event on April 16th at the GBW Railcar Services shop in Hockley, Texas. GBW is a joint venture between Watco Companies and The Greenbrier Companies and is currently retrofitting older tank cars to make them safer to carry crude.

In addition to touring the shop, the “Tank Car of the Future” was on display at the facility for the NTSB, media, and members of the rail industry to view. The tank car is deemed to be six to eight times safer than the DOT-111 tank car. A safer tank car has been on NTSB’s most-wanted list since 1995 and on April 3, 2015 the NTSB issued safety recommendations in an effort to encourage a ruling on tank car requirements. The industry is ready to start modifying the cars but cannot do so until they know what the requirements are.

Greenbrier CEO Bill Furman said, “There’s adequate capacity to get the job done in three to five years, we just need to know what modifications are required before we begin.”

After the tragic accident in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec where a fiery oil train derailment killed 47 people, Furman was determined that the tank car industry take action to prevent incidents like that from happening. “Those people (who died in Lac-Mégantic) had names. It’s our responsibility as an industry to do whatever we can to ensure that it doesn’t happen again.”

The “Tank Car of the Future” has been designed to meet or exceed the requirements that the U.S. Department of Transportation should be releasing this month. The car features a 9/16-inch steel tank shell vs. a 7/16-inch steel tank shell, which decreases the threat of puncture and product release in the event of derailment. Other features include a minimum 11-gauge steel jacket, ceramic insulation, high-flow pressure relief valve, full-height half-inch-thick head shields on both ends of the car, and a detachable bottom outlet valve handle. There are approximately 1,000 of the new tank cars in service today.

As a prelude to the Hockley visit, the NTSB Chairman visited Watco’s Greens Port facility in Houston on April 15th. Greens Port is the largest private multi-tenanted industrial park in the Gulf Coast market. While visiting the port the Chairman had the opportunity to see the tank cars moving at the facility and gather information on tank car movements prior to the “Safer Tank Cars Now” event the following day. Chairman Hart and his staff also had the chance to watch a variety of transportation modes in action at the industrial park such as barges, ocean going vessels, trucks, and trains. He was able to understand what the growing transportation needs were at the port. They are currently in the process of adding three new docks to the facility to accommodate the increase in traffic coming through the Houston Ship Channel.

Tim Haas, senior vice president, operations, said, “It was quite an honor to have the Chairman visit our facility and see how we touch nearly all sectors of the transportation industry here at Greens Port.”
Bartlett Grain (Bartlett) couldn’t have asked for a more perfect day for its open house at the Barton County, Kansas, shuttle loading facility on April 30th. Sunshine and very little wind, which the local farmers said was rare, greeted the visitors to Bartlett’s newest shuttle loader. The event celebrated the completion of the facility that represents a large investment in the Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad (KO) by Bartlett. It features approximately three million bushels of storage space and is designed to load out 110-car unit trains. Watco’s Project Management Team was called in to assist with the project.

“The Customer had a conceptual track design and cost estimate in hand just two weeks after we were asked to see what we could do,” said Ron Close, senior vice president of supply chain services. This led to the eventual agreement to have Watco complete the full design and construction management services. Through constant communications with the operations, maintenance, and marketing teams, as well as input from the Customer, a design was created that would enable maximizing passage of grain cars through the facility with minimal impact to the existing throughput on the mainline. Just five short months after the agreement was signed, construction was completed.

Invitations to celebrate the completed facility were sent to area farmers and county commissioners with approximately 250 people attending the event. The open house featured a barbecue lunch and visitors donned hard hats and safety vests for tours of the facility. Representatives from Bartlett were on hand to help get grain customers signed up for accounts in preparation for the upcoming harvest.

Andrew Fullerton, the facility’s origination manager said, “The turnout was great and it was a good opportunity for our customers to meet our team and for us to show off our new facility.”

The facility is well equipped with state-of-the art safety and technology with computers analyzing and testing shipments. Trucks will enter from the east with shipments, which are weighed, tested, and analyzed. The grain shipments will arrive primarily by truck and will move out by rail.

Area farmers are excited about what the facility can bring to their area. Billie Bonomo said, “It’s very impressive and very well organized. I can see this being a very positive thing for our area.”

Local farmer Duane Reif added, “They really put a lot of thought into this when they planned it out. We appreciate their investment in this area with the building of such an impressive facility.”

To celebrate the event, a group of about 40 guests from Bartlett, Union Pacific Railroad, and Watco arrived at the facility aboard the Wisconsin and Southern business train. The group enjoyed a two-hour ride with an excellent view through the theater window of recent work completed on Watco’s KO track between Hutchinson and the facility. The track work will help with shorter turn times on the railcars. Rail fans from across the state tracked the progress of the unique passenger train on its journey from Yaggy Station to Dartmouth. This was the first train to go through the completed facility and everyone is anxiously awaiting for the first one to arrive with actual grain cars. Guests at the open house were invited to board the train and many shared fond memories of train rides past as they walked through the vintage train set’s cars.

The team at the shuttle loader will be testing equipment and preparing for the harvest, which should be starting up the first week of June. Weather conditions have been favorable so far and everyone is excited to see the unit trains arriving at the new shuttle loader.
Amanda Bourbina, eighth-grader and daughter of Helpdesk Analyst Brad Bourbina from the Pittsburg, Kansas, office, has been selected to showcase her singing talents in New York City as part of the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall this June.

Amanda is already an accomplished performer, having been selected for the Kansas Choral Directors Association Treble Honor Choir each of the last two years. She also received “One” ratings for ensemble choir, solo, and duet performances at the Mid-America Music Festival hosted by Pittsburg State University. In addition to her singing, she is a highly accomplished student and actor who recently had the lead in the Pittsburg Community Middle School play “The Girl with the Golden Locks.” She is also a talented golfer and enjoys being a member of the Pittsburg Community Middle School (PCMS) golf team.

In November of last year, PCMS Choir Director Virginia Darling nominated Amanda to be part of the Honors Performance Series.

“She’s so good at what she does,” Darling said. “She excels at singing and is much better than your average eighth-grader.”

Darling went on to say that the talent and dedication she shows earned her the privilege of being nominated for the Carnegie Honor Choir.

“I have seen tremendous growth in her musicianship due to her dedication. She has an innate sense of music; that it’s a part of her. Teaching her is such a joy because she has such a sense and feels the music instead of just handling the technical aspects. She goes above and beyond to do the best that she can. She knows what she wants and she is willing to work at it and it is part of her being.”

Amanda took the opportunity and ran with it, submitting her audition recording in December, and on March 15th she received the news that she was selected for the honor. The choir itself is composed of students from the U.S., Canada, and select international schools, and is directed by Missouri native Greg Gilpin, an internationally-renowned and ASCAP award-winning choral composer. In addition to performing at Carnegie Hall, she will also have the opportunity to see the sights of Manhattan as well as a Broadway musical.

Of course, opportunities such as these do not come without expense, and there also Amanda has shown her dedication and drive. She has, with some assistance from her parents, organized fundraising efforts to help pay for her and her mother Janett to make the trip. She has organized a rummage sale, spoken with local businesses, and set up a GoFundMe account online to assist with expenses.

“Her mom and I couldn’t be more proud of her,” said her dad. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and to be that accomplished, especially at her age, is an amazing thing and we have to do all we can to encourage and support her.”

Janett and Amanda will leave for New York on June 20th, returning on June 29th. Her performance will be Saturday, June 27th, at 8:00 p.m.

How effective is your training program?

by Greg Garza
GBW Railcar Services

There are active training programs underway at almost every GBW facility to enhance team member’s knowledge and skill levels in various areas. However, not all training programs are as effective as others. Some classes consist solely of an instructor showing a video or presenting a procedure on a white board with monotone narrative. Less effective classes are sometimes held in poorly-lit rooms, with no air circulation and at a time when team members are challenged to stay awake. Studies have shown that these environments can only guarantee a student will retain between 7% and 13% of the subject matter presented.

To have a more effective training program, it’s important to hold the class in a well-lit room with plenty of ventilation and incorporate tactics that assure a greater amount of the subject material is retained. Also schedule the class during times less likely to for absences such as Monday mornings or Friday afternoons because people often take those days off or leave for an early weekend. The time of day a class is held can be a factor too. Classes held immediately after lunch or late in the afternoon, when fatigue sets in, can be less effective.

Another good practice involves engaging class members through audience participation such as asking students questions. This tends to keep all of the students alert in anticipation of being called on next.

A technique is to incorporate a “show and tell” feature. Simply telling a class member about part of the training is one thing but it is much more effective when you actually show them. Try to bring in an example of the feature into the class such as a valve or a tool. Or, take the class out to the shop and show them what you’re talking about.

A third good training practice is to observe each class member performing the task themselves to show they truly understand the instructions. By using these techniques, a trainer can improve the overall effectiveness of a class and encourage retention of a greater percentage of the class material.

Watco's model locomotive

Model railroaders might have to look hard but there are Watco model locomotives available at hobby shops and online. The models are made by Athearn. There were three versions of the Watco locomotive which was a limited run. Each of the versions is now sold out on the company’s website.

If you do find one, hold onto it; you never know when, or if, they will offer any additional limited runs.

Amanda Bourbina and her Choir Director Virginia Darling.

The HO RTR CF7, Watco #11 model locomotive.

This SKOL locomotive appears to be enjoying a baseball game as it travels past the ballpark in Labette County, Kansas.

Fitzgerald, Georgia, Welding Instructor Mike Hancock (left) takes his classes to the shop for hands on training.
Trevor Burford: Son of Angel Pridemore, Chief Dispatcher, Wichita, KS; graduating from Wichita South High School, Wichita, KS.

Cassidy Carman: Daughter of Jared J. Carman, General Manager, Timber Rock Railroad, Silsbee, TX; graduating from Milton High School, Milton, WI.

Kobe Carman: Son of Jared J. Carman, General Manager, Timber Rock Railroad, Silsbee, TX; graduating from Milton High School, Milton, WI.

Michael Allen Cooper Jr.: Son of Michael Allen Cooper, Assistant Trainmaster, Stillwater Central Railroad, Oklahoma City, OK; graduating from Blue Mountain High School, Sylkirk Haven, PA.

Kersee Currier: Daughter of Shellee Currier, Marketing Manager, the South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad and the KAW River Railroad in Kansas City, KS; graduating from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Degree in Communication with an emphasis in Broadcast.

Michael Findley: Son of Jeremy Findley Switchman/Engineer Pensacola, FL; graduating from Robertsdale High School in Robertsdale, AL.

Leah Fischer, Graphics Intern and AP Assistant in Pittsburg, KS; graduating Cum Laude from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, with a Bachelor of Science in Technology degree.

Marissa Gagniat: Daughter of John S. Gagniat, Vice President of Steel Marketing, Monroeville, PA; graduating from Emory University, Atlanta, GA, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience & Behavioral Biology and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology.

Michele Haddow: Wife of Chris Haddow, Trainmaster, Great Northwest Railroad, Lewiston, ID; graduating from Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, ID, with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management.

Ashley Morin: Daughter of Hilda Morin, Assistant Terminal Manager; graduating from the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX, with a Doctorate Degree.

Brian Nicholson: Wife of Thomas Nicholson, Locomotive Engineer, Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, Asheville, NC; graduating Magna Cum Laude in December from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Chase Oberlin: Son of Kevin Martin, Locomotive Mechanic in Grand Rapids, MI; graduating from Byron Center High School, Byron Center, MI.

Joseph Parham: Son of Brandon Parham, Truck Laborer, Blue Ridge Southern Railroad, Canton, NC, graduating with honors from Landrum High School, Landrum, SC.

Laura "Roxi" Patriquin, Communication Intern, Pittsburg, KS; graduating from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, with a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Communications, emphasis in Web & Interactive Media.

Kaytee Reed: Sister of Jessica Swafford, Revenue Account Specialist, Pittsburg, KS; graduating from Parsons High School, Parsons, KS.

Kaya Rowton: Daughter of Danny Rowton, Director of Car Accounting, Pittsburg, KS; graduating Summa Cum Laude from Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, majoring in Management Information Systems with a concentration in Software Engineering.

Lindsay Shoemaker, Revenue Account Specialist, in Pittsburg, KS; graduating from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration Degree in Accounting.

Alice Story: Daughter of Doug Story, VP of AG Marketing, Pittsburg, KS; graduating from St. Mary’s Colgan High School, Pittsburg, KS.

Ashleigh Renee Swallow: Daughter of Tina Swallow, Customer Service Representative, Pittsburg, KS; graduating from Frontenac High School, Frontenac, KS.

Joshua Tarwater: Daughter of David Tarwater, General Manager, Birmingham Terminal Railway, Fairfield, AL; graduating from Oak Grove High School, Oak Grove, AL.

Keri Thompson: Daughter of Carla Ewing, Senior Marketing Manager, Oklahoma City, OK; graduating Cum Laude from Labette Community College in Parsons, KS, with an Associate’s Degree in Nursing.

Dexter Trammell: Son of Todd A. Trammell, Assistant General Manager, South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad; graduating from Northeast High School, Arma, KS.

Taylor Trammell: Son of Todd A. Trammell, Assistant General Manager, South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad; graduating from Northeast Junior High, Arma, KS.

Madison Vance: Daughter of John Vance, Senior Trainmaster for the Ann Arbor Railroad, Toledo, OH; graduating from Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor, OH. Madison will be attending Terra Tech Community College in pursuit of a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing.

Tyler Vena, Intern in the Risk Management Department in Pittsburg, KS, will be graduating from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, with a Bachelor of Science in Communication. Tyler has been accepted into the KU School of Law where she will attend this fall.

Amanda Warner, Human Resources Assistant, Pittsburg, KS; graduating from Pittsburg High School, Pittsburg, KS.

Ashley Nau: Daughter of Jerry Nauf, Railcar Supervisor for SKOL, Cherryvale, KS; graduating from Erie High School, Erie, KS. Ashley will be attending Labette Community College in pursuit of a nursing degree.

Logan Waun: Son of Jerry Waun, Railcar Supervisor for SKOL, Cherryvale, KS; graduating from Field Kindly High School. Logan will be attending Coffeyville Community College on a full scholarship in pursuit of a business degree.

Emily Wood: Daughter of Jeff and Penny Wood, Purchase/Feet Card and Cellphone Administrator, Pittsburg, KS; graduating from Pittsburg High School, Pittsburg, KS. Emily will be attending Pittsburg State University in the fall.

Ciera Woods: Daughter of Clint Woods, Operations Support Manager; graduating from Gaylord High School, Gaylord, MI. Ciera has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball at Oakland University, Rochester, MI.

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On April 8, 2015, the team at Bayway, N.J., celebrated a momentous milestone - the unloading of ten million barrels of crude at the facility’s rail rack since it’s start up on August 5, 2014. Tremendous job on providing safe and efficient service to our great Customers!
As a team member at Watco Companies, you have a lot of responsibility, and chances are, the daily demands of life don’t end when you leave work. That’s why Watco has partnered with New Directions to offer a Team Member Assistance Program (TMAP) to help you manage your life when you need it. The free and confidential benefit provides you with the tools, whether online or in person, to help tackle life’s challenges.

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Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad Team assists in police training

Part of the Customer First Foundation Principles states that we need to Safely improve everyday with a bullet point highlighting the need to make decisions that protect our Customer, Team, Community, and Environment. On April 13th, the Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad (KO) Team did just that. They partnered with the Wichita Police Department (WPD) Bomb Squad for a 2 1/2 hour training exercise. Patrol Officer Erik Noack, Certified Bomb Technician, and KO Assistant General Manager Bryan Fennell worked together to make the training a successful event.

The KO placed a locomotive and several cars in their South Yard and a few hours before the exercise the members of the squad set up a “terrorist situation” by placing fake explosives and a dummy (mannequin) around the railcars. The idea was to create a scenario that a terrorist had placed bombs on a train and the bomb squad was called in to respond.

“We try to make this as realistic as possible. Having the KO provide this environment gives us a genuine feel of real situations that we just can’t fully reenact at our bomb range,” said Officer Noack.

All of the Wichita Bomb Squad members are also hazmat technicians so they chose to use tank cars in the exercise in order to practice not only explosive removal but hazmat exposure as well. The Bomb Squad consisted of eleven men and one woman, all members of the WPD. Some are patrol officers, some detectives, and others are supervisors. The squad responds to nearly 80 call outs per year. They also cover 19 surrounding counties as part of the South Central Regional Bomb Squad Team.

Fennell said, “It was a real privilege to work with the WPD on this. We should always support these brave men and woman. If allowing them access to our yard for practice can help save lives in the future, we are all in.”

Birmingham Team Member Retires

Thirty-six years ago Arthur Bradford (Brad) began his career with the Birmingham Southern Railroad which was later purchased by Watco and became the Birmingham Terminal Railway (BHRR). On April 28th the team bid Arthur farewell as he began a new chapter in his life as a retired railroader.

Arthur was treated to lunch and given a watch to commemorate the event. He and his wife have plans to spend time traveling during his retirement.

David Tarwater, BHRR general manager said, “Arthur’s a very good man. His experience and friendship will be greatly missed.”
Deer Park Team celebrates five years injury-free

The Deer Park Switching Team celebrated going five years injury free in style; they received embroidered camouflage jackets from Watco and jackets from the Customer Dow Chemical. Each crew selected a menu of their own favorite foods to enjoy for their celebration and then Dow hosted an additional lunch for all of the facility’s contractors, including our switching team, with a fajita steak lunch.

The team attributes their success to being reliable and consistently focusing on safety. Each of the team members were an intricate part to the team’s success in keeping the Deer Park facility a safe and happy work environment. Team members at the Dow location are: Adolphus Dibia, Jesse Victoria, Allen Godfrey, Kelly Frazier Jr, Brian Kraus, Kenneth Christian, Buddy Olvera, Lloyd Christten, Charles Clay, Mark McGee, David Silva Jr, Noland Bailey, Douglas Steed, Patrick Holden, Gabriel Gonzales, Robert Gable, James Tyler, Samuel Rodriguez, Javier Jimenez, and Willis Walker.

TIBR Team goes fishing

The Timber Rock Railroad (TIBR) Team just held its first Bass Fishing Tournament and they hope that it becomes an annual event.

“It was a great chance to get the group together and have fun,” said Bubba Marshall, TIBR trainmaster. “This is something that the Team Members had asked for in years past and we were able to finally make it happen. We also plan to have an additional event for the Team Members that aren’t into fishing.”

Winners were: 1st Place Big Bass Winners - Bubba Marshall and Bryan Welker; 1st Place Tournament Winners Kyle Mitchell and Nick Smith; 2nd Place Tournament Winners Bubba Marshall and Bryan Welker; 3rd Place Tournament Winners Dave Fontaine and Ryan Gordon.

Greens Port team member measures up

Greens Port’s Martin Dudley is a one-of-a-kind guy – literally. Dudley works for the Greens Port Crude by Rail (GCBR) division and when he was hired he was the only measurement professional in the entire company that performs this specific job function. His title, Measurements and Logistics Technician, is even a bit mysterious. Since joining the team he has worked with the GCBR staff to create and implement the “Measurement and Logistics Department” of GCBR. Dudley works closely with the newest member of Measurement and Logistics, Thomas Caffall (GCBR’s Measurement and Logistics Specialist), to ensure that every drop of oil in and out of the facility is accurately accounted for.

“It does feel a bit weird, being the only one in the company to do what I do,” said Dudley.

What does Dudley do? Simply, he measures things, and more importantly the Measurement and Logistics department protects the quality and the quantity of liquid commodities flowing in and out of the Greens Port facility. This is an extremely important function at our Greens Port Crude by Rail Terminal which has the functionality to measure the flow and transferred volume of gases and fluids going through the pipelines.

“There are industrial recommended practices, measurement standards, and federal regulations that govern the measurement process for inventory and commercial movements and I have to ensure that what we do here meets those standards, always” said Dudley. “The process affects the billing of our customer(s) and it is our job to offer the absolutely best customer service in everything we do.”

In addition to protecting the quantity and quality, he has also been involved in teaching future generations the application of sciences in everyday life. Dudley has been involved with Nepris, an organization that connects teachers to industry professionals to help enrich student learning. When a class was learning about sound waves he talked about how ultrasonic sound is used to measure the flow and transferred volume of gases and fluids going through the pipelines.

“I remember thinking when I was a kid, when will I ever use this?” said Dudley. “Through Nepris they learn exactly where and how they can use their lessons in real life, career situations.”

Since joining Watco, Dudley has been heavily involved with the American Petroleum Institute (API), specifically working with the API on their Manual of Petroleum Measurement Standards (API MPMS). He has been added to the Committee of Liquid Measurements that ballots and votes on new, revised, and withdrawn standards. He was also recently asked to work with the American Association of Railroads to revise and update Standard 2554, which scopes and outlines requirements for the calibration of tank cars.

Dudley, in collaboration with additional area measurement professionals, has founded the Texas Gulf Coast Association of Measurement Professionals. The community organization is a professional education and training by connecting professionals to available resources and funding. The organization’s goal is to generate awareness of the measurement industry to the general public, to cultivate integrity and professional growth within the measurement industry, and to facilitate professional education and training by connecting professionals to available resources and funding. The organization hopes to foster the sharing of better work practices, procedural changes, and industrial cohesion through active social networking. They are also working to generate scholarship funding for students interested in the measurement industry within the regional area.

As the energy by rail industry continues to grow Dudley may need assistance in monitoring the measurements but for now, he and his team remain the one and only measurement department within Watco.
Births
Brooklyn Rae McIntire
Christopher McIntire and Kiersten Wenner are the proud parents of a baby girl, Brooklyn Rae, born on Easter Sunday, (April 5). Brooklyn weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Kenadee Paige Thornton
Craig and Cara Thornton are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Kenadee Paige. Kenadee was born on March 13th and weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. Kenadee was welcomed home by big sister Brylee, 3.

Craig is a trainmaster for the Terminal and Port Service Materials Handling division at Greens Port in Houston, Texas.

Obituary
Jerry "Frog" Wilson
Jerry "Frog" Wilson (70) passed away on Monday, March 30, 2015. He was the Locomotive Purchasing Manager for Watco Companies in Jacksonville, FL., at the time of his passing.

Jerry was born January 4, 1945 in Augusta, Kansas, to the late Frank and Tulsa Wilson. He graduated from Augusta High School and married his high school sweetheart, Norma Potter, before enlisting in the Army National Guard.

Jerry worked with his brothers Carl and Gene Wilson as a master brick layer, as a machinist with Mobile Oil Refinery for 18 years, and then he worked in the railroad industry for 28 years where he found his passion rebuilding locomotives.

He is preceded in death by a son Aaron Wilson; father and mother, Frank and Tulsa Wilson; brothers: Carl, Darrel, Tom and Gene; sisters, Bonnie and Phyllis. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Norma Wilson; sons: Brent, Chad and Jared Wilson; daughter, Krysta Howard (Wilson); grandchildren: Conner Wilson, Savannah Wilson, Gunner Wilson, Chase Wilson, Avery Wilson, Baby girl Wilson, Taylor Howard, Ashley Howard and Logan Howard; brother, Frank Wilson; sisters, Thelma Wilson and Judy Holden.

Jerry's services were held on April 7th and interment was at the Jacksonville Memory Gardens Cemetery.

May Anniversaries
Congratulations to the following team members celebrating their anniversaries!

1 Year: Jacob Abrahams, Ryan Albracht, David Alvarado, Marques Anderson, Jeffrey Anhorn, Travis Chamberlain, Lloyd Christen, Marcus Connelly, Carrie Danielson, Aaron Davis, Derrick Davis, Caleb Dellasega, Nicole Drozd, Nathan Eby, Jessica Gammel, Gabriel Gonzales, Sharon Hansen, Kevin Hedrick, Gerald Hoffman, Michael Holland, Christopher Kleman, Scott Korth, Dave Kunes, Erik Lee, Brandon Lockley, Matthew Lumm, Michael McComas, Lance Mitchell, Tracy Mitchell, David Monson, Michael Moore, Adam Oveson, Sherman Owens, Gary Plotts, Jerry Quintana, John Ray, Hailey Roderique, Kirk Ross, Joseph Ryan, Ryan Shockley, Jacob Short, Dwayne Smith, Anthony Steensnes, TraQuiesha Swan, Karrie Torina, Jerry Waun, Jason Wehr
2 Years: Jay Anderson, Jerry Bivings, Kris Bollinger, Jordan Brown, Eric Caine, Dino Candelis, Teresa Coleman, Gary Doxtater, Frank Edwards, Tyrone Fielder, Melissa Gardner, Rene Garza, Joshua Goelz, Tabitha Hansen, Jeff Huser, Willis Jones, Brent Lubkeman, Kris Moland, Jack Robertson, Floyd Russell, Henry Sanchez, Roger Schueler, Cole Schulz, Lawrence Shinavar, Laura Smith, Jessica Swafford, Zachary Wooldridge
3 Years: Drew Beasley, Derrick Bennett, Timothy Boyd, Trinity Campbell, John Davis, Lupe DeLeon, Teri Ellis, Tim Enayati, Daniel Farr, Mickey Goodman, Robert Groth, Matthew Grove, Doug Halverson, Jacob Hauser, Tashata Jackson, Brandon Jones, Jerome Lawson, Jerry Lowe, Marcus McCalman, William Patterson, Tyler Pruitt, Wendy Smith, Zachary Starling, Matthew Tanwater, Christopher Thomas, Christopher Thyer, Mem Webb, Brice Willis
4 Years: Joseph Bradley, Michael Corbell, Robert Dixon, Michael Gillikin, Steven Gonzalez, David Harris, Amy Hopkins, Carrie Krebs, Mark Kusch, Wesley Lindell, Christopher Miller, Frank Nickowski, Kenneth Powell, James Richards, Gary Roberts, Samuel Rodriguez, Terence Snell, Eric Thurlow, Alan Wilmouth
5 Years: Kristopher Colley, Adam Hall, Christopher Hintz, Joshua Holt, Gerald LaBrec, Derek Penner, Jerri Titus, Terry Wall, Kyle Whitman
6 Years: Kevin Anselmi, Trevor Penner
7 Years: Nakia Jenkins
8 Years: Michael Hubbs, Ricardo Leija, Kenneth McGarity, Danyale Norman, Jeffrey Raker, Matthew Smith, Chris Spear, George Yanas
9 Years: Jason Danz, Charles Davidson, Matthew Koser, Hugh Peo, Dan Sanger, Keith Slotman, Nancy White
10 Years: Aaron Coester, Steven Conrad, John Gaither, Teresa Gentry, Evan Groth, Timothy Groth
11 Years: Debbie Bishop, Amy Parady, Bradley Walker, Lance Williams
12 Years: Matthew Felzer
13 Years: John Johnson, James Lilly
14 Years: Richard Kelly
15 Years: Ed McKechnie, Tony Montabana
16 Years: Casey Thrall
17 Years: Douglas (Bubba) Marshall, David Muth
18 Years: Irineo Basurto, Scott Davis, Douglas Falkner, Jimmie Pelton
19 Years: John Snow
20 Years: Thomas Thompson
22 Years: Timothy Karp
23 Years: David Hackberth, Walter Tisler
26 Years: Michael Brown
27 Years: Todd Mulrooney
29 Years: Mark McClellan
30 Years: Danny Barrington, David Stott
36 Years: Michael Roberts
37 Years: Jose Acosta, Frank Jones
The team at the Refugio, Texas, terminal believes in being good stewards of the environment and to celebrate Earth Day they picked up trash along the highway that runs in front of the facility. The stretch of Highway 77 that the group cleaned up spanned over 1.25 miles and they collected more than 15 bags of trash.

A Texas Department of Transportation representative gave a short presentation at 9 a.m. and trash clean up began shortly after.

Richard Manes, senior environmental health and safety coordinator, barbecued for the two working crews and others who helped with the trash clean up. Team members who helped with the clean-up were Nicholas Bingham, Michael Hernandez, Jerry Bivings, Evan Klaevemann, Jessica Cancino, Reno Rendon, Juan Solis and Richard Wheeler.

Team members at the Swan Ranch Railroad who helped reach the three year safety milestone are: on the engine (l-r): Brian Fox, conductor and Cody Jenson, trainmaster. On the ground (l-r): Keith Green, general manager; Don Mitchell, track inspector; Dakota Merritt, conductor; Bob Shaffer, mechanic; Brent Keys, engineer; and Brian Walker, conductor.

Congratulations to the team at the Swan Ranch Railroad (SRRR) who recently celebrated their three year safety anniversary, which also marks three years since operations began. The team celebrated by having donuts with their Customers in the morning and then a lunch was catered in for the team members.

The team believes their success was based on their dedication to safety, training, and working not only as a team but as a railroad family.

Keith Green, SRRR general manager, said, "I feel that the success of the facility has been a collective effort and that the team members' attention to not only their own safety, but to that of others as well, has played a role in marking this occasion."

Team members at the Swan Ranch Railroad who helped reach the three year safety milestone are: on the engine (l-r): Brian Fox, conductor and Cody Jenson, trainmaster. On the ground (l-r): Keith Green, general manager; Don Mitchell, track inspector; Dakota Merritt, conductor; Bob Shaffer, mechanic; Brent Keys, engineer; and Brian Walker, conductor.

Refugio TS&IC cleans up on Earth Day

The team at the Refugio, Texas, terminal believes in being good stewards of the environment and to celebrate Earth Day they picked up trash along the highway that runs in front of the facility. The stretch of Highway 77 that the group cleaned up spanned over 1.25 miles and they collected more than 15 bags of trash.

A Texas Department of Transportation representative gave a short presentation at 9 a.m. and trash clean up began shortly after.

Richard Manes, senior environmental health and safety coordinator, barbecued for the two working crews and others who helped with the trash clean up. Team members who helped with the clean-up were Nicholas Bingham, Michael Hernandez, Jerry Bivings, Evan Klaevemann, Jessica Cancino, Reno Rendon, Juan Solis and Richard Wheeler.

TS&IC Team members (l-r) who helped in the highway clean-up are Evan Klaevemann, Nicholas Bingham, Michael Hernandez, Jerry Bivings, Reno Rendon, Richard Wheeler and Juan Solis.

TS&IC Team Members from the Refugio Terminal in Texas clean up the highway that runs in front of their facility.