A HISTORY LESSON...cont.
By Deidre Dunkin

In the last issue of Ambient Conditions I recounted the history of D&B from its inception in 1943 to the early part of the 1970's; the first half. I will pick up the story in 1972 with Tom Dunkin II working as Office Manager in the Seattle office, and Tom Dunkin Sr. working with Bill Bush in Fairbanks, Alaska. The spring of 1972 was a season of change. The sole Project Manager, and two of the three superintendents working out of the Seattle office left D&B to form their own company. Consequently, Tom Dunkin II was quickly promoted to the Manager of the Seattle Operations with no office staff, no estimators, and one superintendent. (Most of you know him, or have heard of him, his name is Fred Tharp, and retired in 1999 with more than 30 years with D&B.) Recognizing how young he was, 25 years old at the time, and how his youth may be perceived in the business community, Tom hired a seasoned Estimator that provided him instant help in both years and maturity. The Seattle operation continued on through 1972 and into 1973 when Tom Dunkin Sr. became ill and was on leave for almost a year. In 1975, the Alaska Pipeline work began and Tom Dunkin Sr. moved back to Fairbanks to manage the boom in business.

Throughout the mid 1970's most of the Company's resources went in to funding the pipeline work. Dunkin & Bush was doing some other industrial work at the time, but the full switch from commercial painting had not yet taken place. In 1977, with the pipeline work complete, Dunkin Sr. retired and sold his share of Dunkin & Bush to Tom Dunkin II. Tom Dunkin II and Bill Bush were now equal shareholders. The Company was doing work out of both the Seattle office and the Fairbanks office, with solely industrial painting being performed out of the Seattle office, but still quite a bit of commercial painting in Fairbanks. In 1978 D&B was a union contractor, and volume had decreased significantly since the boom in the middle of the decade.

In 1982 Tom Dunkin II bought Bill Bush's share of D&B. 1982 also marked our first maintenance job with Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., with whom we have been working now for 21 years (earlier, in 1979 we had completed the painting on the new construction of Pump 7). After the buyout was complete, D&B was just operating out of the office in Seattle; it no longer had a separate Alaska office. 1983 was the year of the strike. The painters union went on strike and the Company’s operations were virtually shut down for a month. The painters eventually went back to work and a three-year agreement...
Dunkin & Bush's fiscal year is over! On September 30, 2003 we completed our 60th year in business, doesn't seem possible, but that's what everyone who is getting old says! I'm very happy to report that on the year just ended we hit a new high for sales volume. Profits are down a bit which, I think, is economy driven but to achieve record sales in today's environment is truly remarkable and a tribute to all of you. Thank you! This thank you extends to everyone - those of you who get the work, those who do it and the others that support that effort. All members of our team are important but the most important part of this trilogy is the people doing the work – without them we couldn't succeed. Again, thank you.

I am very pleased to announce that, once again, we will be making a full profit sharing contribution to our 401(k) plan, our 17th consecutive year. Now if the stock market would cooperate we can get our account balances up to where we would like to see them.

As most of you know, here at D&B we have a Rolex watch program. At twenty years with the Company the employee receives a Rolex Submariner watch with a “D&B blue”, actually lapis blue, face and at twenty-five years the face is substituted for one with diamonds. Present members of the “Rolex” club are Scott Faupel, Jim Hanson, Don Hovde, Roy Parrett, and Fred Tharp (ret’d). So, with that background it is with great pleasure
that I introduce the newest member of this club – Ed Pruesser, Sr. Ed first worked for D&B in the early 70’s, mostly in the Ferndale area. In the middle 70’s through the early 80’s, he left D&B to run the painting work on the modules in Tacoma, which were part of the huge oil discovery/expansion in Alaska. In 1983 Ed came back to D&B and we have been better off ever since. Congratulations, Ed and enjoy your watch!

One more congratulations, this one to a competitor but also our JV partner on the successful Altamont project two years ago. Congratulations to Jeffco Painting on their 25th year in business!

SAFETY STUFF
By Rex Bison

Wear it with pride! Dunkin & Bush employees are sporting a new look, as in hardhat stickers recognizing individuals for their years of injury-free service. We have long recognized work groups for long-term safety achievements. It suddenly dawned on us that we haven’t done enough to recognize the many employees, who may not work at the same site year in and year out, but who work safe year after year. This is just a small but hopefully very visible sign of our appreciation. Some of the most notable achievements… Tom Dunkin II – 33 years (whew), Roy Parrett and Don Hovde – 21 years, Scott Faupel – 18 years, our father-son team of Ed and Ed Pruesser Jr. – 17 years, Charles Carter – 16 years, Mark Harrison – 15 years, Dan Beitler and Jim Hanson – 14 years, Bill Hickok, Tim Loving and Rich Loftin – 13 years, Mark Smith – 12 years, Brian deBoer, Julie Walker and Pete Weese – 11 years, Bob Martinez, Aaron Weese, Martin Johnson, Jason Lasater, Marty Horgan and Seth Jeretzky – 10 years, Robert Gauss, Mike Green, Jim Lusk and Dan Clements – 9 years. Note: these are full calendar years, not anniversary dates. Thanks to everyone for making this is safe place to work and thank you Julie for your efforts on designing and creating the stickers.

I am happy to report that we are having a very safe year with just one recordable injury and no lost time with nearly a quarter million hours for an incidence rate of just 0.80 so far this year! Let’s keep focused to make this our best year ever.

This isn’t safety related, but as the tournament director (and winner) I feel it necessary to report on the 8th Annual Dunkin & Bush Golf Tournament at Kayak Point Golf Course. It was a great event at a great golf course. Thank you Tom!

1st Place Team
Marty Horgan
Josh Horgan
Cheri Bison
Rex Bison

2nd Place Team
Ian Barling
Jack Jarmoski
Fletcher Saulie-Rohman
Brad Scott

Women’s Long Drive – Emily Weese (again)
Women’s KPs – Lisa North (again) & Arenda Hovde

Men’s Long Drive – Marty Horgan
Men’s KPs – Josh Horgan & Brad Scott

Putting Contest
Women’s 1st Place – Lisa North
Women’s 2nd Place – Arenda Hovde
Men’s 1st Place – Bob Martinez

Check out the new Dunkin & Bush Website!!

www.dunkinandbush.com
MARK’S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TRAVELS

Dunkin & Bush is now open in Signal Hill California. Encouraged by existing customers in the petroleum industry D & B offers customers in the Los Angeles area the same great service they have become accustomed to in other geographic areas.

MATT’S NEWS

Ed Pruesser Sr., Barry Solada, Felipe Alva and Brett Oliver have been trying to stay afloat on the sunny shores of Tacoma, WA. With two new ferry terminals and a 122’ long bridge being built by Jesse Engineering, Ed and crew had little time to enjoy the beautiful weather in between juggling the blasting and painting operations.

Jim Harris, Spencer Hinge and Wade Winterhalder have completed a number of projects located on Harbor Island for BP/ARCO, Shell Oil Products and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners. This past summer the crew has painted two tanks, repaired a number of weeping rivets, coated 5 product lines on the wharf and repaired the roof of a truck rack.

In between taking care of our customers on Harbor Island, Jim and crew found time for a quick trip east of the mountains to Knight Construction’s facility in Deer Park, WA. Where the crew blasted and painted three radial gates for the Army Corps of Engineers.

We have just wrapped up our summer maintenance painting for both the Williams Gas Pipeline and Puget Sound Energy. Aaron Weese, Ed Pruesser Sr., Barry Solada and Rafael Covarrubias have been seen as far north as Machias, WA. and as far south as Chehalis, WA. Doing everything from digging out buried pipe, pressure washing buildings and of course blasting and painting.

We have just completed our mobilization to the City of Everett Effluent Transfer Project for Tri-State Construction. Once onsite Jim Harris, Spencer Hinge, Aaron Weese and Rafael Covarrubias found themselves beneath Marine View Drive in Everett, abrasive blasting and applying polyurethane to the weld seams of the 42.5” pipeline. With over 5,000 lineal feet of pipeline to be installed, the project will continue through December.

As usual, all of the guys mentioned above have done a spectacular job this summer. We have been productively completing project after project and always leaving the customer satisfied. Nice job guys!
We have been busy moving in and performing a variety of tasks at local facilities. Thanks to **Mike Ryan** for his many years experience in the area and helping me when I'm traveling the wrong way on the wrong freeway. Thanks to **Sam Pounds** for keeping us compliant with the many regulations and requirements for performing our work in California. We have met many new people and look forward to demonstrating our abilities for new customers throughout this vast region.

**Variety is the spice of life**

In past newsletters, I have mentioned many times how interesting it is to be involved in such a wide variety of industries and diversified projects. In this newsletter you'll read articles about projects ranging from tank linings at a refinery to providing safety support personnel at a specialty wood products facility. **Dunkin & Bush** has the reputation for being versatile and for helping our customers out whatever the need is. Recently we were again asked to provide a large number of trained confined space attendants for a shutdown. The request came in less than a week prior to the shutdown starting. Thanks to **Pete Weese**, **Kim Wohrley**, **Sam Pounds**, **Jimmy Lusk** and his 40 person crew, we were able to successfully complete this project.

**Hydro-electric turbine re-build projects**

**Dunkin & Bush** has been involved in many projects in and around hydroelectric facilities. From spillway gates, penstocks, to lining draft tubes we have gained invaluable experience for tackling these types of projects throughout the Western United States. Currently we are involved in a project at **Hyatt Dam** in Oroville California. The wide use of lead based paints during the original construction of these facilities requires extensive lead abatement for their re-builds. At the Hyatt facility our crews safely abated lead on all the major turbine components and in the draft tube and scroll case as well. Special attention to ventilation, dust collection, and specific procedures surrounding worker protection has all been met on this successful project. We are currently getting ready to start work on the second turbine of this six-turbine powerhouse. It is exciting to be involved on many projects in this clean energy industry.

**KIM’S KORNER**

Wow! So many new and exciting additions to our benefits structure! I thought it might be a good idea to have a Q&A format this time around. Hope you find it helpful and informative.

**Q. How can I find out what the co-pay is on my prescription?**
**A.** Go to www.onehealthplan.com and click on prescriptions. This will take you to the AdvanceRX site. You can also locate a pharmacy in your area on this site.

**Q. What’s the advantage of using the mail order prescription service as opposed to my local pharmacy?**
**A.** The answer depends on what type of medication you’re taking. For example, if you take Zyrtec (allergies) everyday you’d want to take advantage of the mail order service. By doing so, you pay only a two-month copay but get a three-month supply. (Mail order: $10 co-pay x 2 months = $20. Pharmacy: $10 co-pay x 3 months = $30). You’d still want to utilize your local pharmacy for medications that are short in duration such as antibiotics, etc.

**Q. What should I do if my child is running a low-grade temp and I’m not sure whether to go to the doctor?**
A. Call our new Nurse Line free of charge at 1.800.777.4114. You can call 24 hours/day. This service is provided by our new Employee Assistance Program, First Choice Health and is open to all members of your immediate family. They also offer assistance on Legal Consultation and Adult & Elder Care Services.

Q. Whom should I call if I don’t understand my EOB (Explanation of Benefits) from Great West?
A. You can call the Benefit Resource Center 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday through Friday at 866.468.7272. They have benefits specialists dedicated to helping you understand your health plan.

Q. How do I go about getting reimbursed through the PERKS account?
A. It depends what you’re submitting. If you submit a claim for prescription safety glasses, you submit that form along with your receipt of visit. If you submit a claim for preventive care reimbursement, you submit the Health Care Claim Form along with your receipt of visit. The same goes for tobacco cessation claims. For a Dependent Care Account claim, you may have your provider sign and date the form in lieu of providing a receipt. All reimbursement requests can be faxed to 206.770.6098 or mailed to Kibble & Prentice, Attention PERKS Administration, 601 Union Street, Suite 1000, Seattle, WA 98101-4064.

We hope that you are becoming familiar with the new enhancements made to our benefits package. Please remember that PERKS claims forms are inside your benefits package envelope. If you need additional copies of forms there are extras available at your regional office.

This was a big change for all of us and we appreciate your continued support!

TECHNO BABBLE

By Martin Marino

Fall is upon us and now that it’s cold outside, we all tend to spend more time inside, building a fire, staring at the TV, and most likely spending more time on our computers. Despite what you may think about them, computer hackers are people too and you can be sure that they’ll also be spending more time inside during the colder months of the year, plotting new and improved ways to terrorize our computer systems and cause the most destruction and/or widespread panic possible.

Over the past few months, these hackers and virus creators have been busier than ever and have had me scrambling around quite a bit tracking down and removing computer viruses among our main offices. Many companies around the world have been hit much harder than us, crippling them for days and sometimes weeks on end, but regardless, we’ve been hit just the same. Although some viruses have snuck through the protective barrier that’s been setup (Norton Antivirus), we would’ve been hit a lot worse had that protection not been in place.

Viruses target ALL computers, not just businesses. Hackers have several search and destroy techniques at their disposal that can find a vulnerable computer and infect it with a damaging virus. Even if you just logon to check your email, then turn the computer back off, if their searching tool found you once, it can remember your computer and infect you the next time you logon.

The best protection that you could have against protecting your computer is to use your brain. Most viruses are delivered through email, many times masked as people you know. More often than not, there will be something wrong with the subject line or the name of the person sending the email,
which should alert you that something is just not right. You should delete those emails immediately, removing them from your deleted items or trash can as well.

For those times that your computer has been targeted or an infected email has been opened on your computer, the best protection is an antivirus program. There are a few companies out there who supply virus protection, but the main two are Norton (www.norton.com) and McAfee (www.mcafee.com). I personally prefer to use Norton’s products over McAfee as I’ve had better success with them, but either one will be sufficient.

Norton makes several different products for consumer’s varying needs, some highlighting network protection for your high speed connection at home (Norton Internet Security), which also features pop-up blockers for those annoying ads as well as a spam alert that can help rid your inbox of unwanted, unsolicited emails…known as spam.

Norton SystemWorks is a great program that I use almost every day. It will scan your computer for errors in the operating system and all applications loaded on your computer, then will go a step further and will find the files needed to fix those applications. After it’s found all the solutions to the errors, it will give you the option to fix the problems automatically. When all your applications are working properly, your computer runs smoother and faster and is less likely to crash while you’re typing up your important documents like this article (notice below that I’ve been able to finish this article without crashing…at least I hope I do!) or when you’re three cards away from winning that solitaire game.

Regardless of what software you choose, most Norton programs are bundled with Norton Antivirus. The key to effectively keeping your computer virus-free is to use the Live Update feature included with Norton Antivirus so that you have the latest virus protection available, and then run a minimum of one full system scan weekly.

Viruses are created and fought off daily and it’s important to protect yourselves by protecting the data on your computers. Think about this for a second…why do you lock your car when you leave it? Probably so that your personal belongings are safe inside or so the car doesn’t get stolen, right? Well if that’s the case, then why would you ever think about leaving your computer unlocked with the “windows” open, allowing any thief (hacker) to steal whatever you’ve got on it, which for many of us might be sensitive documents containing personal information or even passwords to your money management program which contains much, if not all, of your financial information, including balances and account numbers.

Not using virus protection can leave you as
From **Deidre** to **Martin Marino** and **Julie Walker** for successful completion of the Website Upgrade Project.

From **Deidre** to **Dorothy Holm** for her leadership and diligence.

From **Deidre** to **Kelly Davis** for the many hats she wears so well.

**SOUTHERN SPECS**

*By Pete Weese*

The daytime sun hasn’t stopped shining since the last newsletter. We have just had the driest summer on record and have taken full advantage. All personnel have dark brown farmer tans to go along with their blue D&B t-shirts.

**Mike Parish, Dan Elliott, Dustin Colby, Scott Tyler, Pat Fisher, George Beebe, Brian West, and Mike Ryan** returned to Spokane and completed various projects for **Tanco Engineering** at ExxonMobil’s facility. Projects included lining of a floor and floating roof, exterior coating repair, pipe coating, stenciling and caulking of tank chines and caulking of a geo-dome roof. Summer temperatures were around 100 degrees, causing some work to be performed during early morning hours. Temperatures on the dome exceeded 150 degrees.

From Spokane **Mike Ryan, Brian West, Dan Elliott, Pat Fisher** and **Dustin Colby** continued to Bozeman, Montana and completed the exterior coating and plural component, fast setting, thick film interior lining of a storage tank for **HMT** at ExxonMobil’s facility. Some of the guys took advantage of the close proximity to Yellowstone Park and were able to visit.

Right at project completion **Dan, Pat and Dustin** got out of Montana just before all the forest fires but **Mike** and **Brian** fought the elements and traveled to Helena to do a few various tasks for **ExxonMobil**, including touch-up painting, stenciling and labeling. They didn’t stay long to watch the fires but quickly retreated back to the west side of the Pacific Northwest, not missing many gas stations with all the specialized heavy equipment they were carrying. But we do have fire watches that will stay as long as needed plus ½ an hour longer at any customer’s request, read about that service later in this article.

After completion in Spokane, **Mike Parish** and **George Beebe** returned to work locally at **ConocoPhillips** with **Tim Bjorn**. They performed lead abatement and coated various air tanks and exchangers. After completion of the above mentioned tasks, with the assistance of **Mike Ryan** and **Brian West** returning from their visit with Yogi and Booboo, and **Doug Stinson** traveling up from Springfield, we completed the cleaning and polyurea lining of the tank farm sump. **Brian deBoer** traveled down from Seattle with the technical equipment needed for this type of project. Thanks to all for the organizing of equipment and traveling of individuals to make it happen.

Not to be outdone by all the petro-chemical projects taking place **Rich “Rivet” Speakman, Brad Scott, Terry Prince, Mike O’Daniels** and **Carlo Roncallo** completed three exterior tank coatings, pipe coatings, rivet sealing and stenciling at the **BP West Coast** facility in Linnton. Work included setting wheelabraders on the lids to remove all the old failed coatings and reapply a full coating system and the shells were prepped and over coated. The customer is very happy with the quality of our work.
Mike Ryan and Brian West have toured all over the northwest but have never had the opportunity to explore downtown Portland. So we scheduled a project! The Dynamic Duo loaded up with a sponge blasting pot and compressor and headed downtown to perform blast cleaning on an old brick building for Robertson, Hay & Wallace. This surface prep method is great for removal of coatings and contaminates without destroying the delicate brick. Blast softly, but carry a big broom!

Exterior coatings removal continues at the Northwest Pipe facility with Mike Parish, George Beebe, Terry Prince, and Tim Bjorn hydro-blasting their way to strong arms and shoulders. Keep this up much longer and one of them might be able to run for governor of California some day.

An interior lining removal was competed by Jimmy Lusk, with assistance from Brian deBoer. Creative thinking made this project a success and these guys are two of the best. Why is it when you have a project that can be worked rain or shine its 80 degrees every day?

After completion of the interior lining removal project, Jimmy Lusk and Doug Stinson were over 100’ high in the ocean air on the beautiful Oregon Coast at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse. They assisted OTAK Engineering with access to the exterior of the lighthouse and to perform corrosion inspection, milage checks, glass condition, concrete condition including the underside of the observation deck, gallery deck, lantern deck members, roof cornice, etc. All enjoyed the fresh ocean breeze, right?

Another tank lining, Jimmy Lusk, Doug Stinson, Dan Elliott, and Pat Fisher lined two tanks at GP Resins in Eugene for Advanced Mechanical. Work included full interior lining, which required scaffold building in each tank to line the roofs and walls. Our scaffold competent team performed excellently, on budget and on schedule.

Yet, another tank lining. Obviously vessels or tanks on the inside of a building are a lot tougher because of the containment and ventilation considerations. Mike Parish, Tim Bjorn and George Beebe did an outstanding job on a tough lining for Integrated Device Technologies on the inside of their water processing building. The customer called and informed me what a great job our crew did on the lining and especially on the cleaning!!

George Beebe completed plant maintenance painting for Columbia River Carbonates. He spot repaired coatings from one end of the plant to the other. High, low, east west, north and south. George was on this project for six weeks with only a couple of days assistance from Rick Bear and Mike O’Daniels. Another call from the customer expressing the quality of our work and the work ethics of our crew.

Remember those fire watches. Well, they are still watching at Duraflake in Albany, TrusJoist in Coburg, Foster Plywood in Sweet Home, and TrusJoist in Eugene. Our fire watchers include Matt Singler, Al England, Tom Gettman, Alex England, Tim Bjorn, Albert England and Dennis Lowery. These guys have been from one end of the Willamette Valley to the other at all hours of the day and a lot of extended shifts. We appreciate your efforts; you’ve done an outstanding job.

Mike Parish and Tim Bjorn worked swing shift at Greenberry Industrial in Corvallis assisting their paint shop with a new 18 tank fast track scheduled coating project later installed at a lube plant in Portland. Other projects including lead abatement, blasting and coating were completed for Greenberry at Boise Paper in St. Helens
covered later in this article.

Mike Ryan, Florentino Rangel, Ted Sangren, and Luis Batson completed a lead overcoat on an over water pipeline for ExxonMobil above the Dominguez Channel in Alhambra, CA.

Thanks to all who helped support and complete this project. All personnel were required to have OQ (Operators Qualifications) training.

Another gas line requiring OQ compliant personnel was completed by Jimmy Lusk, Doug Stinson, Mike Parish and Tim Bjorn for Weyerhaeuser at the Albany Mill. The crew prepped the surfaces and applied safety yellow to many sections of natural gas line. Thanks to Sam Pounds for training and qualifying our people for these types of tasks.

A shutdown was performed in St. Helens for Boise Paper Solutions. Our crews worked around the clock to prepare and coat the #1 Paper Machine Dryer Frames within the available short work window. Work was completed within the preset schedule and within the available funding limit. Big thanks are in order to our Redmond office for allowing Ed “Rolex” Pruesser, Barry Solada, Raphael Covarrubias, Joel Hoffman and Felipe Alva to travel from their respective projects and assist with this shutdown. Rick Bear, Todd Speakman, Mike Parish, Scott Tyler, George Beebe, Don Smith, Will Smith, Rich Speakman, Mike O’Daniels, Terry Prince, Timothy Bjorn, Jimmy Lusk, Pat Fisher, Doug Stinson, Brad Scott, Jake Harvill, Carlo Roncallo, Jeff Knight, Doug Hegle, Anthony Pastorino, Mike Moffett, and Nathan Retherford, assisted on the shutdown, and also completed many other projects before, during and after the shutdown including tanks, structural steel frames, members and towers, silos, buildings, catwalks, stairs, handrails, piping, sumps, lead abatement, blast booth blasting and coating, crane rails, flooring, washing, containment, caulking, and other various tasks. Obviously we have been quite busy at this facility. Thanks to the crew for the hard work and thanks to Boise Paper for allowing us to do these projects.

Another shutdown. Regulars Jimmy Lusk, Pat Fisher, Aubrey Haxby, Tim Bjorn, and Doug Stinson, along with 40 others just completed a shutdown for Weyerhaeuser at their Springfield Mill. Work included 24 hour work timeframes generally performing confined space attendant services. Pat, Aubrey, Tim and Doug did various painting projects including transformers, acid piping, acid pit, hood steel, roll ends, air motors and striping. Great job pulling together with such a short notice to proceed. Sam Pounds and Kim Wohrley assisted at a moments notice with the documentation and training. Sam actually shortened his vacation to make this happen. Afterwards, Jimmy had to buy a new pair of track shoes disguised as substantial leather work boots. Excellent teamwork!!

We have been fortunate enough to employ quite a few painters new to the company this summer and most of them are still with us - Thanks for working safe and welcome to the D&B team.

Well, the sun has set for today, but the forecast is for plenty more. (I think there is some validity to the global warming theory) If this article was written in shutdown mode I would turn it over to the next shift, but since this is a single shift and the day is done it is time to send it to press. Until next time, work safe.
TROPICAL TEMPERATURES
by Seth Jeretzky

The day was nearly over - another beautiful, sunny, warm Aruba Friday coming to an end. The working week was ever so close to being complete; the weekend looming so near we could see visions of the weekend's bbq’s, beaches and relaxation in our minds eye. Then on that balmy Friday afternoon, July 18th to be exact, came the call - “We need your crew inside the C-5 Furnace starting tonight” said the voice, and the Coastal Aruba Refining Companies 2003 Turn Around had begun for Dunkin & Bush. Starting that night, our crews worked 24-hours a day through the end of August in the V-3, C-5, SWAR II, SFAR, D-3, Merrox, FSAR, M-1, M-2, and M-3 units. Our multi-talented crews performed a variety of activities during the turn around that included inspection blasting, fiberglass linings, interior and exterior painting of towers, drums, and exchangers, mastic application in the V-3 and C-5 furnaces, and fireproofing removal to name a few. In our spare time we also painted the entire Merrox Unit.

Superintendent Dan Clements had great support on the turn around with foreman Erinn “Shockey Spark Tester” Travelstead on day shift and foreman Dave “they all look like tanks” Stocks on night shift. Gary “Red Bull” Sorter returned just in the nick of time, from a brief and well deserved family vacation, to provide excellent support on the night shift along with David “Papa Bear” Shoup, and Neomar Ladeut. If you have not spoken with Dave and David, and are planning a trip down, they highly recommend the shrimp dish at the Mess Hall if you get the chance – it’s truly a delicacy. Oscar Flores and Jose Meza also played significant roles on the day and night shifts. Both Oscar and Jose became very experienced in the fine art of interior inspection abrasive blasting of columns, exchangers, drums and towers.

The day crew received a special treat by being able to welcome back Mike “Frequent Flyer” Green to Aruba. From what we understand, the day Mike returned home from his first stint in Aruba, he went straight to the Bellingham office and requested that if a spot became available, he wanted to be on the top of the list to return. Well luckily for Mike a special project came up during the turn around for which we required his expertise, and with his bags already packed, and an additional bag packed with some specialty equipment, his wish came true. The special project Mike headed up required the internal abrasive blasting of nearly 200 fin fan tubes so that the steel integrity could be inspected and repaired if necessary. Mike also greatly contributed in other turn around activities after a successful completion of the fin fan project. Great job Mike and thanks for all the hard work – come visit again soon.

A special thanks to Tom for allowing us two new additions to our transportation fleet. These two high performance Schwinn’s played a huge role in our success during the turn around. They provided unmatched response times into the units and were maneuverable into areas other vehicles could not access. Dan is still trying to figure a good way to install the tow package and ladder rack on his red machine; his only hang-up thus far is finding 8-ply tires to handle the weight. I wonder if we could get Dan Beitler down here to solve this problem??

Steve “4-5-6” Davidson, Rob “Bushwhacker” Steele and Oscar “Air ball” Flores very recently completed the SGAR Gas Plant project. This particular project had our crew working 7 days a week for nearly the entire 4-month duration. A lot of long days and hours were put in by many, and with the combined support from our local painting crew consisting of Victor Flanders, Gustavo Jarava, and Jacintho Ridderstaat the project was finished safely and on time.
The DCAR Coker project was temporarily put on hold for 6 weeks so that crewmembers Gary, Dave, Neomar, Reginald Allee, and Elliot Courtar could be part of the much-needed manpower required for the turn around. Since returning to the Coker, they have made tremendous progress preparing and applying the 3-coat paint system on this tall task. When the cutting activities of the Coker do not allow us to be on the structure, the crew is working in the hydrogen unit finishing up the structure, piping, and other components of the compressor building.

Superintendent Scott Ramsey arrived in Aruba and hit the ground running. We welcomed Scott with open arms, followed shortly thereafter by dropping his bags, getting his safety orientation and badge and finally a ride to the tank farm. With 3 tanks concurrently in progress, it was go-go-go. Since settling in, things are going good for Scott and his crew. They have finished the thin film interior lining in Tank 1003, an interior inspection blast of Tank 965, completed the exterior floating roofs on Tanks 1002 and 1003, have the exterior floating roof of Tank 965 blasted and primed and are currently concentrating on the exterior shells. The exterior shells of Tanks 1002, 1003 and 965 have been abrasive blasted utilizing robotic equipment and primed with inorganic zinc. Chad “Mr. Roboto” Johnson has been diligently working with the V.B.M. (vertical blast machine) on Tanks 1002 and 1003. Now that he has finished with the blasting, he’ll be concentrating on working with the crew to get the exteriors painted – two more coats of epoxy and one coat of urethane – go Chad. Dave Hubbard has been helping Scott oversee the interior and exterior work at Tank 965. We are proud to announce the newest addition to our tank crew family, Erinn Travelstead.

Erinn made the jump from the maintenance crew to the tank crew after the turn around was completed. He is assisting Scott with the crew’s hand abrasive blasting and painting at Tanks 1002 and 1003.

We received a special treat very recently with a surprise visit by Fred Tharp to Aruba. While vacationing with his lovely wife Sue, Fred took the time to visit with many of us for lunch one day, and brunch the next, to reminisce and spread his well renowned knowledge of our trade. We greatly appreciate the time you spent with us Fred, it was definitely our treat, and you know you’re welcome anytime.

Once again, last but not least, a special thanks to the DB Wives Club. Luckily for us, membership has remained at three strong with pioneers Julie, Rebecca and Stormy providing a tremendous amount of support for the entire crew. As things have been winding down a bit, Julie has recently departed back to the homeland with Kylie and Tim, and Stormy is soon to follow middle of next month.

SAM’S TRAINING CORNER

Dunkin & Bush Training Poker
Attention Card Sharks and Craft Training students! Don’t miss your chance to win great prizes and advance in your trade. The new D&B training poker game is being unveiled now! All the fun and excitement of a good poker game without the cigar smoke and spilled drinks! All you need to do to be in on the fun & games is to be enrolled and actively participating in our craft-training program.

Starting in September, for each NCCER Craft Training module completed, you will receive a
poker card in your paycheck. Once the deck is gone, we will call and the best poker hand wins the Pot! At that point, a new deck will be shuffled and we will start dealing again. The cards from the previous round will be discarded and everyone starts over from scratch. The more modules you complete, the more cards you get. The more cards you get, the better your chance at a winning hand. But remember, it might take only one card to win, so get testing. You guys are in control! The number of modules completed will drive the number of games and prizes. As soon as we reach 52 modules completed, a pot will be won and we will start a new game.

Now to make this even easier, the Bellingham office will be offering NCCER Craft Training classes the third Thursday of every month from 5 to 7 pm in the “training trailer”. The next class will be conducted November 20th, so if you have any questions about the material or need to test, BE THERE! If you are in the Redmond or Portland area and would like to test, just give your regional office or Sam a call and we will set up a time and place.

What a deal! (no poker pun intended)

You not only get your regular training incentive pay, you also get a chance to win cool prizes or more money. The first “Pot” will include your choice of an X Box gaming bundle (which includes an extra controller and the ability to play CD’s, DVD’s as well as games, retail value $300.00) or $200.00 in cash.

HORGAN’S HEROES

The Last Frontier
Our operations in Alaska have covered a lot of ground this season, or more to the point, covered a lot of square feet. From the ConocoPhillips facility at Kuparuk and Alyeska’s Tank 111 on the North Slope to Cook Inlet Pipe Line’s facility (you guessed it) on the west side of Cook Inlet down to the Homer Dock complex and down to the left …. Alyeska Pipeline in Valdez; we’ve got’em covered (to steal a phrase).

Our crews have put in long hours often under severe weather conditions and have for the second year, accomplished all of our projects safely. Congratulations to all of our field personnel for such dedication and to Rex Bison for his direction and perseverance. Thank you!

The indispensable Robert Gauss proved once again why he’s the undisputed champion at Cook Inlet Pipe Line’s Drift River Facility for the 10th year. Robert completed four 200’ diameter tank tops, lined 1-200’, 1-113’ and 1-25’ and 1-25’ exterior, whew! Robert’s crew included: Toby Mason, Aubrey Haxby, Nick Dean, Nate Snyder, Mike Lewis, Dan Panamaroff, Chris Guthrie, Kenny Bishop and John Gottlob. Our crew did an excellent job and has now worked 8 seasons at Drift River safely.

Udelhoven Oilfield System Services provided our Kenai crew both shop work at their shop in Nikiski as well as fieldwork on the Osprey Platform for Forest Oil during the platform upgrade project. Ted Benson, John Pollreisz, Skip Dodson, Mike Lewis and John Gottlob with help from Nick Dean and Theron Chin of Bellingham fame.

Wayne Denison completed the two-year Homer Dock project for American Civil Constructors with Jim Pharris, John Pollreisz and Chris Guthrie cleaning and painting the underside of the dock on our work barge riding rollers through
tide and weather changes that would leave most people——er, Hurlin’. Nicely done!

Ted Benson had his hands full with several jobs this past few months, Agrium U.S. Inc. Transfer Line project kept Valdez pro’s Toby Mason and Aubrey Haxby busy between flights to Drift River. Chris Guthrie and Mike Lewis worked high above Cook Inlet on the Steelhead Platform for ASRC Energy Services. Chris and Mike took turns flying the helicopter to the platform instead of swimming out as I originally planned. I suppose it all worked out ok.

Ted also completed installation of sampling wells at Chevron Products in Anchorage with Mike Lewis. Well done guys.

As you read this, Robert Gauss, Nate Snyder and Dan Panamaroff are finishing the installation of an epoxy liner at Trading Bay facility for Rockford Corporation and are then off to the West McArthur River Facility for Forest Oil to remove and replace lining in four other tanks. Robert has not stopped for a break since the start of the year…..probably about time for a well deserved rest. Thank you Robert!

Ted Benson, Wayne Denison, Mike Lewis, Kenny Bishop, John Gottlob, John Pollreisz and Skip Dodson have been removing and replacing fireproofing at Tesoro Alaska’s Kenai plant. The work involves demolishing existing fireproofing, powertool cleaning the steel beams, epoxy priming and reapplication of fireproofing materials all inside a working facility. Good job guys!

Regarding the Kenai office, I would be remiss to exclude the hard work of our new office manager, Amanda Feagin. Amanda has had several challenges thrown her way in the last few months and has been doing a great job. Thank you!

At our last visit, Aaron Weese and company had just started lining a tank for Tanco Engineering at Kuparuk on the North Slope. Well he and his crew Aubrey Haxby, Scott Hollingsworth and Toby Mason have long since finished the lining and are off to Valdez or other points south. They did a great job early in the season with snow falling and wind blowing!

Meanwhile, in Valdez, Rich Loftin has wrapped up the season before the snow falls. Rich finished several projects applying exterior coatings and interior linings within the Terminal for Alyeska Pipeline Company. Rich and Ron Bell had a great crew working for them: Mike Venable, Bill Stallsworth, Angie Morgan, Aubrey Haxby, Scott Hollingsworth, Toby Mason, Ted Sangren, Travis Stelter, Dan Pounds (son of Big Daddy), Jeremy Brouhard, Branden Brouhard, Nash Wilson, Frank Araiza and Josh Luecken. Ron has stayed in the Terminal to finish up some insulation projects and then he’ll be off to his next project. This crew now has two years without any recordable injuries! Congratulations!

Charles Carter is a well-known name in the ranks of D&B as well as several of our very good customers. Charles has worked from one end of the states to the other and can be found in Golden, Colorado working with JE Merit Constructors at the Coors Brewing Company plant. Since his start this season, Charles and crew have completed or have underway, five large projects, which have included every type of surface preparation and coating you can envision. Interior coatings, exterior coatings from basements to elevated structures. Charles’ crew includes some other well-known names: Aaron Weese, John McDowell, Spencer Hingey, Scott Hollingsworth, Bret Oliver and Jose Sanchez just to name a few. This is the first year of our three-year contract with JE Merit; we’re looking forward to the next projects!
DON’S REGIONAL REPORT

BP ISOM project is underway at the Cherry Point Refinery. Ed Pruesser Jr. along with Allen Hill is overseeing the fireproofing portion of this project. We are working 5 days a week and two shifts per day. Jason Lasater is running our 2nd shift.

This undertaking includes the application of the Carboline Pyrocrete 241 system, which includes lath being pre-bent and attached to steel by Hilti pins being delivered by a charge of shot. Then 2 coats of Carboline Pyrocrete 241 are sprayed, with the second coat being troweled smooth. The Pyrocrete is being installed on structural steel beams and columns along with equipment vessel skirts. Helping these gentlemen out with this project are Mike Green, Jack Jarmoski, Mark Harrison, Martin Johnson, Theron Chin, Aaron Struthers, Micah Fisher, Bob Martinez, Ian Barling, Nick Dean, Dave Shoup, Kevin Chanik, Joe Paszkowski, Darren Beutler, Travis Garman, Fletcher S-Rohman, Jeremy Wardle, Mel Sary, Micco Robbins and help from our Redmond office, Ed Pruesser Sr., Bill Stallsworth, David Lintz and from our Portland office, Tim Bjorn, Terry Prince, Matt Singler, and Aubrey Haxby.

Jim Hanson also has a piece of the BP ISOM pie. He has started blasting and painting a couple thousand pipe spools along with paint removal from structural steel tie-ins. Rich Bullock, John Discant, Gary Marconi, Victor Parts and several others are also working on the interior of the boilerhouse, exterior tank sealing, interior blast / clean heater tubes in the Crude units South Vacuum Heater, substation painting, line striping along with miscellaneous other projects.

Roy Parrett and crew have reached 8 years of accident free work at the Shell Refinery in Anacortes. Helping Roy are Bob Martinez, Jack Jarmoski, Joe Paszkowski, Dave Shoup, Victor Parts, Darren Beutler and Scott Parrett. They have worked on the dockline piping, interior tank linings, the LSG project, work for Diamond B, Matrix, Total Western and the touch up painting for CBI Howe-Baker at the Air Liquide facility next to Shell.

Scott Faupel, Bill Hickok, Luis Bueno, Mike Dolan along with several others are working on the pipeline in the cut that goes to the dock at the ConocoPhillips Refinery. This is a lead abatement job, which includes abrasive blasting, full containment and dust collection equipment. We engineered a rolling structure for containment and had it fabricated specifically for the project. It has saved a lot of time and cost to our customer. Scott and crew also have been using Ultra High Water blasting (40,000 PSI) to remove a thick lining from the interior floor of a 130’ diameter tank.

Tim Loving, Ruben Zurita, Kyle Lindsay, Jose DeLeon and Andrew Morris are working on tankage, some API separator work, exterior blasting on COB#1 & #2 and some miscellaneous maintenance painting at the Tesoro Northwest Refinery. They have also been working on a project for PM Northwest. We would like to thank Tim for his C-Stop training he has taken care of as late.

Jamie Brisky, Micah Fisher and Barry Solada have started working on a water tank project in the Olympic National Park for Straightline Construction. There are four tanks to prepare and coat interiors and exteriors. This crew will then move on to the Manchester Fuel Depot near Port Orchard, Washington for another job for Straightline Construction which included repainting a truck loading station and tank vents.

Allen Hill with help from Kyle Lindsay and Jeremy Wardle completed the 2003 maintenance-painting program at the General Chemical facility near Anacortes, Washington safe and sound.
Jamie Brisky, Micah Fisher, Gary Marconi, Aaron Struthers, Ian Barling, Kevin Chanik and Dane Hovde completed some painting on the New York Canal Bridge in beautiful downtown Boise, Idaho. We were working for Cannon Builders and were in and out of town before you could say Idaho spud.

Jamie Brisky and Micah Fisher completed another job at the Navy base in Oak Harbor, Washington for CDC, which included relining the interior of 2 tanks.

Daniel Beitler has become the new owner of waterfront property without moving, go figure. Prior to enjoying his changed property he was been busy self-sipping all tires on our airless pumps and 600 pound blast pots.

Monica Latting continues running our office efficiently and continues doing the work of two, thanks Monica.

Brandon Seigel has been doing a great job with all the workload out of our Bellingham office, thank you Brandon.

While fishing the Skagit river recently with our fine crew of Ken, Tom, TDII, our guide, “I had a Sturgeon on” Cal and myself we were given a fishing clinic by our fearless leader, TDII. Although not catching the first or biggest, that honor went to Ken who pulled in the first, which also was the biggest (near record setting), TDII caught the most. It was a great time, thanks Ken, Tom, TDII and Guide Cal.

In closing I leave you with one thought, “Why don’t psychics ever win the lottery?”

HAZARDOUS WASTE REDUCTION

In addition to protecting employees by maintaining a safe and healthy workplace, Dunkin & Bush recognizes that protecting the environment is also a high priority. D&B is committed to maintaining and protecting the quality of the environment through responsible compliance with environmental regulations and cooperation with Federal, State and Local regulating agencies. Specifically, D&B was required to develop and implement a Hazardous Substance Use and Waste Reduction Plan.

The plan includes strategies for reducing the amount of hazardous waste we generate, primarily through work practices and recycling. Dunkin & Bush provides training to employees for the purpose of raising awareness as to good work habits that hopefully will translate into reduction/elimination of hazardous waste. Initial training occurs at time of new employee orientation. Additional ongoing training is provided as part of the regular weekly safety meeting program, periodic “special” meetings and through articles like this one.

How can you, the individual, make a difference on your jobsite?

- **Segregation of waste streams;** MEK is the most used type of solvent for cleaning equipment. Segregation will increase the amount suitable for distillation, which reduces the volume of virgin product purchased. Keep different types of solvent and paints separated to improve the quality and re-use of recycled materials.

- **Equipment cleaning and use;** define who is responsible for the cleaning of spray equipment and when this cleaning should take place. Equipment not cleaned in
a timely manner requires more solvent during cleaning. Proper use of equipment, and efficient cleaning methods use less solvent.

- **Paint materials:** reduce the amount of opened, but unused paint returning from the job sites. Improved management of paint can reduce purchasing more paint than is needed.

- **House keeping:** eliminate brushes, rollers etc. being left in pails of returning paint, which requires their disposal as a hazardous waste.

Since the inception of our plan, we have continually decreased our hazardous waste production each year. Reducing waste is a goal that should be shared by everyone. “Let someone else worry about it” is an attitude that doesn’t cut it in today’s world. All of us, as individuals and as a group, can make a difference.

### SAFETY COMMITTEES

Just a reminder – Each office has an elected Safety Committee. All employees are encouraged to talk to their committee members if they have questions regarding safety in the workplace. You can also make suggestions to improve the procedures in your day to day tasks. Your representative will take your suggestions back to the next meeting and it will be up for discussion. Remember these are your Safety Committees.

**Your 2003 Safety Committees:**

- **Bellingham:** Theron Chin, Luis Bueno
- **Portland:** Pat Fisher, Mike Parish
- **Redmond:** Brian deBoer, Jim Harris

### BIRTHDAYS

**NOVEMBER**
- Elliott, Dan 21
- Green, Mike 10
- Haxby, Aubrey 03
- Loving, Tim 18
- Meza, Jose 26
- Roncallo, Carlo 21
- Shelton, Roy 29
- Shoup, David 04
- Sorter, Gary 14

**DECEMBER**
- Bell, Ron 02
- Denison, Wayne 06
- Flores, Oscar 21
- Harrison, Mark 22
- Morris, Andrew 30
- Pruesser, Ed Jr. 20
- Smith, Don 26
- Weese, Pete 10
- Whiting, Aaron 07

### ANNIVERSARIES

**NOVEMBER**
- Discant, John 03 yrs
- Dunkin, Deidre 03 yrs
- Meza, Jose 03 yrs
- Paszkowski, Joe 02 yrs

**DECEMBER**
- Dolan, Mike 03 yrs
- Dunkin II, Tom 34 yrs
- North, Matthew 06 yrs
- Rondeau, Mark 07 yrs
- Wohrley, Kim 01 yr

### D&B FAMILY TIMES

Congratulations to **John McDowell** and his wife Marah on the birth of their daughter Kathleen on Aug. 4th and to **Kevin Chanik** on his recent marriage and birth of his baby girl.