

C & B News Blog

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Waterways Journal

Silver Grove Cleaning

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Service Coordinator

C & B has made our first unsolicited appearance in The Waterways Journal. A full-page picture of the Silver Grove Cleaning operation, showing a barge being cleaned, is found on page 63. The picture was taken by Gregory Thorp of the Waterways Journal. It is exciting to see our company noted in the most circulated waterways paper in USA. Congratulations to the cleaning crews at Silver Grove for this recognition. Silver Grove has already cleaned 133 barges this year, compared to the 175 barges that were cleaned all of last year. Additionally, we are performing barge repairs for outside carriers at Silver Grove. Please see the picture below in the Photo Gallery.

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Darryl's Lazy Bench

A Boy Named Sam

Darryl Holmes

Safety and Compliance Manager

"My boy, you must get a little memorandum-book, and every time I tell you a thing, put it down right away. There's only one way to be a pilot, and that is to get this entire river by heart. You have to know it just like A B C." Sam received this advice from Horace Bixby, the river pilot who "learned" him the river, and he complied in the extreme, writing down everything his mentor passed on to him. After serving a two year apprenticeship, Sam acquired his pilot's certificate, plying his trade voraciously until, four years later, circumstances changed his life. There was a war to be fought and Sam gave up the life of a riverboat pilot, a profession he "...loved far better than any that followed, and took measureless pride in. The reason is plain: a pilot, in those days, was the only unfettered and entirely independent human being that lived in the earth."

Upon fulfilling his duty, Sam changed careers, becoming a newspaper reporter in Nevada. Though far from home, he never forgot how much the river had impacted his life and how much he loved it. It would become a recurring theme in many of his writings. Desirous of always having a connection with his past, Sam pondered how he might best do this. After much thought, he had a "eureka" moment. While on the river, one of his duties was to ensure his steamboat always traveled at a safe depth – then considered to be no less than 2 fathoms (12 feet). This depth was measured with a weighted line dropped to the river bottom, marked every fathom (6 feet). Crewmembers knew the water was deep enough to proceed when the second mark on the line disappeared below the surface and, utilizing the archaic term for "two", they would holler to the pilot "mark twain."

Thus, Samuel Clemens, a river rat, boatman, deckhand and pilot, became Mark Twain, an American icon.

Environmental

Keeping Your Neighbors Happy

Bob Weis

Consultant, C & B Enterprises

People live alongside where we work. When you're working, remember that we have neighbors and act like you would like a neighbor to act if they lived next you. Our operations can be quite noisy and dirty. Keep noise and debris at a minimum, particularly at night when people may be sleeping. Actively choose times that are best suited for loud noise, such as in the morning and afternoon. C & B relies on the goodwill of our neighbors to continue our operations and we want to be positive members of the communities that we work around. We're asking everyone at C & B to do their part to ensure the good reputation of our company. Be a good neighbor and keep our neighbors happy.

Steersman

Jason Inman

Ed Eichhorn

Pilot

Jason has been with C&B Marine for going on 5 years and has held his License as Steersman since July of 2012. Jason has steered under Joe Braden and Willie Terrell, working at just about all of the C&B facilities. This has given him a wide view of the company operations and the opportunity to see the piloting styles and skills of some of our best pilots. Jason has been with me on the Hilltop Rock-run for the last 8 months. He has completed his TOAR book and, with a little tutelage, has been standing his own watch for the last few months on the Wayne C. Jason is doing what he needs to do in order to broaden his knowledge and experience. This is the type of employee that a company needs as it grows and expands.

Warehouse

Paint Supplies

Jason Dew

Warehouse Coordinator

With the summer season coming upon us quickly, be sure you are prepared for any painting you may need to get done. Let me know as soon as...
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... possible what you need, so it gets done before it gets too hot. In case it does get too hot though, we will still have the Sqwincher popsicles on hand to make sure you guys stay properly hydrated. As always be sure to drink plenty of water and be safe out there.

Dispatch Department

TowWorks

Vicky Schottelkotte

Dispatch Manager

Ian and I have been loading the TowWorks system with barge history from February, March and April. During May the crew of the Wayne C and James H will begin to enter barge movements into this Traffic system as they pick up and deliver. We are excited about the step this takes for reporting traffic to our customers. The goal is to have every location using TowWorks by sometime this quarter. Take a look at the web page <http://towworks.com/> to see what TowWorks will offer to the company and to our customers. Thanks for all your efforts in learning this new system in advance.



Score Global

Vessel Security/ Tank Barge Awareness

Craig Burrus

Vice-President, Score Global

One of the areas C&B Marine wishes to grow is the ability to move tanks barges. To do that, each vessel must have a security plan and that plan must be enforced by the onboard crew. Please do not take this issue lightly because our customers do NOT. They understand it is the requirement for having the ability to move these hazardous cargos. Along with the ability to move them, comes the responsibility to move them safely. As your crew is trained in vessel security, you will be involved in discussions on tank barge awareness. This will describe the restricted areas of a tank barge, cargo awareness, barge inspection process and what is expected of the crew that has these barges in tow. The management team at C&B Marine is relying on all of our leaders within the company, both on the deck and in the wheelhouse, to help us in this process.

Safety Department

Man Overboard!!

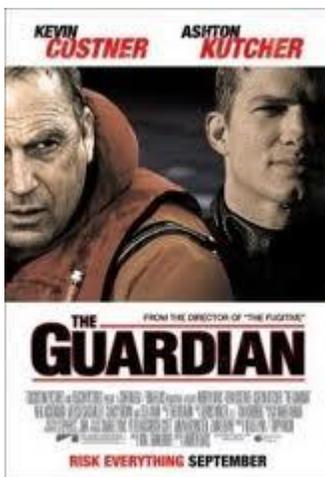
Darryl Holmes

Safety and Compliance Manager

As a crewmember in the towing industry, you are confronted with many different types of hazards in the workplace, the most prominent of them being the need to regularly perform routine tasks in close proximity to the edge of a boat or barge. Working near “overboard” hazards is something we have to deal with daily. Without adequate care, a fatal fall overboard can be a consequence. Prevention of man overboard incidents should be the number one goal of every boat and cleaning crew.

To prevent man overboard incidents, it is imperative to follow company policies and procedures. Listed below are several of C&B’s “best practices”:

- Avoid walking on outboard edges of the barge, except when absolutely necessary
- Carry loads on outside shoulder if it is necessary to walk on the outboard gunwale
- Loudly announce known “bumps” and brace yourself
- Never walk the notch
- Do not step on hatch covers
- Ensure hatch covers are closed
- Use the “buddy system” while on a tow
- Never go on a tow without notifying your pilot or fellow deckhand
- Discuss known hazards with the on-coming watch
- Never walk or stand on outboard gunwales when barges are coming together/closing up
- Never jump to/from moving equipment



The Guardians will always save you!! Just don't watch our movie!!

Service Department

Signature

Greg Schabell

Service Coordinator

When you sign a document, you are certifying the contents of that document. That signature makes you legally accountable! For example, when you sign the ERL and check that you inspected the MSD, and you're inspected by the Coast Guard and they notice that there are no chlorine tablets—you're liable. The MSD must have chlorine, and YOU signed and certified that it did. In this circumstance, the Coast Guard could hold you, as well as C & B, accountable. You are asked to sign many documents as a C & B employee and you must take it seriously each time that you do. When you sign a document, remember that YOU are certifying that YOU verified the information and acted accordingly.

Maintenance Tip of the Month – Fuel

Roger Williamson

Port Engineer

It is currently the worst time of year for condensation in the fuel tanks. The river temperature is significantly cooler than the outside temperature, which results in condensation forming. Be sure to check your fuel at least 3 times per shift. If it is bright red, then you're good. If you see water, then bleed it into buckets until it is bright red. You cannot run a boat or equipment without good fuel.

Quote of the Month

Cain: “Am I my brother's keeper?”

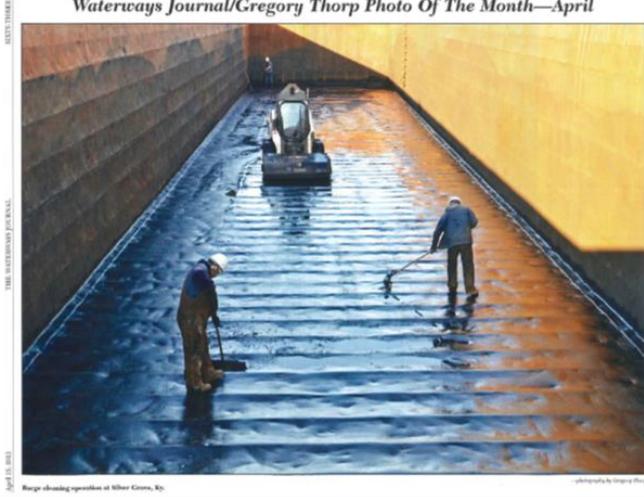
Genesis 4:9

“It was [Cain's] misfortune to live in a dark age that knew not the beneficent Insanity Plea.”

Mark Twain, Letter to Elisha Bliss, 5/15/1871

Waterways Journal, April 15, 2013

Waterways Journal/Gregory Thorp Photo Of The Month—April



Jason "Cornbread" Inman, Steersman



Stuart



Killen Ash Pond



Crossing Under Roebling Bridge



Chaplin



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Rhoden	5/01
Stephen Kuhr	5/08
Edward Lapikas	5/12
Joe Braden	5/18
Rocky Groves	5/18
Michael Satterly	5/18
Brian Moubray	5/19
Mark Phipps	5/20
Edward Eichhorn	5/25
Darryl Holmes	5/26
Jason Smith	5/29
Anthony Monroe	5/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Raines	5/1/97 – 16 years
Jerry Jones	5/5/99 – 14 years
Richard Latham	5/7/12 – 1 year
Jeffery Lucas	5/7/12 – 1 year
David Kinhalt	5/10/06 – 7 years
Brian Mullins	5/19/03 – 10 years
Aaron House	5/20/04 – 9 years
Thomas Loschiavo	5/23/12 – 1 year
Richard Youngman	5/26/10 – 3 years

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

We are asking that if you have any questions or would like clarification on something that you send us your questions and we will address them in this section. We look forward to hearing from everyone.

Q. How many boats do we operate and what are the areas?

A. We currently operate 16 boats and our main area of focus is Ohio River miles 389-626.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to announce our completely new corporate website, www.carlislebray.com. We invite you to visit the site and add a bookmark so that you have easy access to our website. Here you can find updates and also access several industry and company programs. Please also note we have a Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/#!/CarlisleBray?fref=ts> and Twitter account @carlislebray. Our company has experienced exponential growth due primarily to the hard work and dedication you have showed. Your confidence is most appreciated and we hope that you enjoy our new website as much as we enjoy working with you!

Q: How do I get in the Newsletter?

A: Individuals and operations will be recognized in each month's Newsletter for outstanding efforts in regards to safety, maintenance, operations, etc. The department managers will note the employee or operation they would like included in the Newsletter.

Q: Can I send pictures to be published in the Newsletter?

A: Yes! Send pictures to Greg Schabell or your manager.