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## VALCO'S ONGOING TRAINING



*"I would like to thank Valco for sending Larry Huxley, Jim Neidhardt, Jim Hardesty, and myself (Nichole Metzger) to the Welding for Non Welders class at Hobart. I think I can speak for all of us when I say the class was a great experience. I would highly recommend this class for anyone who is interested in the fundamentals of welding. The classes were organized and well thought out. The instructors were knowledgeable in the information presented and in their technical application.*

*During the four days at Hobart, we learned about as well as practiced Mig, Tig, Stick, and Oxyacetylene welding. The day's instruction started with the book we would be covering, a power point presentation that reinforced the book instruction and then a video to reinforce the power point presentation. The second half of the day would be for demonstrations by the instructors and then the students practicing those weld techniques on sample material provided. I can say with certainty that I have a completely new respect for our welders at Valco, my hat is off to you!*

*It was good to spend some time outside of work with my fellow co-workers and get to know them outside of a work environment. I found the training experience to be educational as well as enjoyable. We were given course books to keep, so if anyone is interested in taking a look at the materials provided, please stop by my office.*

*I want to say thank you again for giving me the opportunity to learn and grow through this experience. I certainly gained more knowledge about the welding processes that I will use to improve my work at Valco.*

*Nichole Metzger, Manufacturing Engineer*

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We are very excited about our newest manufacturing purchase, **SigmaNest**. We recently purchased this new nesting software for our laser department. SigmaNest is a very powerful tool in today's laser nesting arena and is used worldwide by many major manufacturing companies. It has amazing capabilities in sheet utilization and specialized processing features and will also work in sync with our E2 manufacturing system. With the addition of a module called Simtrans, this will help Valco with our production scheduling along with real time material inventory. All four of these features will make our laser processing a great deal more efficient and hopefully more profitable. I spent 3 days at the training facility in Cincinnati where we covered all aspects of the software package. I found the class to be very beneficial and their support system seems to be very willing to cater to the special request of the end users of their product.

—Russ Angel

## IN THE VALCO SPOTLIGHT: Lonnie Cook

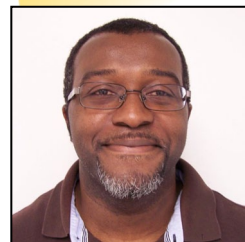
Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on **Lonnie Cook** who joined the Valco Team on June 30<sup>th</sup> as Assistant General Manager. Lonnie comes to us with many years of manufacturing experience at a variety of companies in a number of different industries. We are certainly excited to have him as part of our winning Valco Team.

Lonnie was born in Beckley, West Virginia, where he lived until he was 14 years old. His family moved to Sidney, Ohio, due to a new job opportunity. He attended Sidney High School (Go Yellow Jackets), where he participated in football, wrestling, and track. After high school graduation, Lonnie attended the University of Dayton (Go Flyers) where he was a part of the football team for four years. He graduated UD in 1998 with a mechanical engineering degree. During his college years he was able to do a three year co-op at Copeland Corporation in Sidney

and his senior year did an internship at GM/Delphi in Kettering, Ohio.

After graduation he moved to Texas and took a job with Schlumberger, which does gas and oil exploration. He soon decided Texas was not for him and moved back to Dayton. He took a job with Copeland Corporation in their air conditioning compressor division as an advanced manufacturing engineer. He spent 12 years with Copeland before taking a job with Delphi Automotive Systems in Columbus as the Lead Supervisor of Production Operations.

In 2003 Lonnie was hired as Supervisor of Core Product Engineering with Inteva Products-Interior Division in Vandalia, Ohio. At Inteva he was primarily responsible for the pursuit of



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**VALCO ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT: Lonnie Cook**

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new business as well as managing the supply chain end to end. His major emphasis in pursuing new business the last couple of years was working with BMW in Germany as well as General Motors. This required a significant amount of travel and suppliers meetings in Germany, China and Mexico.

Lonnie is married to Amy who is a sergeant with the Green County Sheriff's Department. He is the proud father of three—Lonnie III, Alea, and Maya. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with family, gardening, fishing, and hunting.

We are thrilled to have Lonnie in such an important leadership position at Valco and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.

**Valco's Mike Bell Throws the First Pitch of the Champion City King's**



We wanted to congratulate and recognize **Mike Bell** for being chosen to throw out the first pitch of the Champion City King's May 30<sup>th</sup> baseball game. This was the Kings' second game of the season and Mike did us proud that night by actually getting the ball to home plate. In case you have not seen a Champion City Kings game, we encourage you to go out to the "ole ballpark" and enjoy



an evening of baseball while supporting your local team and a new local sporting event. It is a great stadium to watch a game at, the prices are very reasonable, and with enough local support we can hopefully keep the Kings as part of the Springfield community for many years to come. The one thing we know for sure though is that Mike will not be leaving Valco any time soon to become a full time member of the Kings!

**Announcements**



Ray Powell ..... Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Dave Denney..... Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>

We hope you both have a great day on your special day and an even better year. Make it a year of good health, lots of laughs and much personal and professional success. Be sure to enjoy your special time of year.

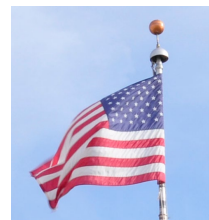
**Years of Service**

Josh Wright..... Aug. 5 .....1 Yr.  
Steve Queen..... Aug. 10 .....4 Yrs.  
Cody Evans..... Aug. 12 .....1 Yr.  
Paul Blevins ..... Aug. 18 .....4 Yrs.  
Jimmy Hall..... Aug. 20 ...12 Yrs!  
Charlotte Brickles...Aug. 26.....12 Yrs!

We thank each of you for all you have done and accomplished as part of the Valco Team. We appreciate your many contributions to our success and growth. We look forward to working with each of you in the months and years ahead.

**Labor Day**

**Just Around the Corner!**



We hate to even mention it but Labor Day is fast approaching. Labor Day usually makes

us think that summer is over, schools are back in session, and fall is upon us. ***This year we will be celebrating Labor Day on Monday September 1st. We will be closed on Labor Day and will be back to normal production hours and schedules on Tuesday, September 2nd.*** As always this is a paid holiday for all full time associates who have been part of the Valco Team for at least 90 days. Be safe and be smart out there and enjoy the long holiday weekend.

*Great Quotes*

"Better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness."  
—Chinese Proverb

"We have a strategic plan; it's called doing things."  
—Herb Kelleher

"Only those who do nothing at all make no mistakes....but that would be a mistake."  
—Anonymous

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."  
—Oscar Wilde

"Every day is a new beginning. Treat it that way. Stay away from what might have been, and look at what can be."  
—Marsha Petrie Sue