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PRESSing NEWS

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Product of the Month

This part is a press fit bushing for heavy-duty generators for the truck/bus market. It is made from 304 stainless steel and, with a press fit, it has very tight tolerances. The part starts from coil and after going through a straightener and servo feeder is blanked in our 300-ton Minster Press into 24" long by 1.5" wide perforated strips. The flat strips then head to our 110-ton Bliss Press where in successive hits in cam operated dies they are formed into the shape of an "O". In our Weld Department the two ends of the part are brought together and TIG seam welded. The parts then head back to the Stamping Department to be run through a "rounding" die in order to make the parts perfectly circular. Finally, in our Lathe Department the chamfers are put on. Once all of these operations are complete, the part is final inspected, packaged in a cardboard carton and shipped to the customer in Mexico for assembly.

Welcome TO THE TEAM!

We would like to welcome our two newest Valco Associates:

James Martin started on May 2nd and is part of our grinding department.



Zac Lawson started on May 9th and is part of our grinding department while also providing production support.



We are sure glad to have James and Zac as important members of the Valco Team and we wish them the best in their new positions. We look forward to working with each in the months and years ahead.

We want to recognize Zac Peck, who has been with Valco for the past five years, for his continuous passion and accomplishments in creating some outstanding art work. Zac says he has always had an interest in art and painting and when he was younger he was a big fan of the Bob Ross TV painting show. While watching various painting shows on tv a "light" went off for Zac and he realized this is something he wanted to pursue and become accomplished at.



During high school Zac had to take several months off from school due to a medical issue. During this time, Beth Dillon, a neighbor who was a very accomplished artist spent many hours working with him while teaching him the basics of drawing and painting. This helped to continue Zac's interest and desire with painting. During his senior year one of his works of art was chosen "Best in Class".

Zac has been showing his work since 2006 and had a display at the Kuss Auditorium as part of a local art show. He spends time visiting art museums to learn how to improve his skills and get new and different ideas. His short term goals are to show his work at the Springfield Art Museum and the new Hub Gallery in downtown Springfield.

Recently, we proudly displayed some of Zac's art work in the Valco office and are sharing some of those pictures with you as part of our newsletter. Zac continues to be a vital part of our welding department as he continues to pursue his passion of painting.

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Announcements



Robin Freeman June 7
Lita Wood June 13
Jamie Callan June 17
Fred Leventhal... June 22...No. 95!!

We wish each of you a great day on your special day and an even better year. A year of good health, lots of laughs, and much personal and professional success! Here's hoping for many more birthdays to come your way.

Years of Service

Denise Gordin....June 20 ... 11 Years!
Jessie Whitt. June 23.....2 Years
Dave Montgomery..June 24..12 Years!
Jon Young. June 25.....14 Years!!
Mike Bell .. June 27. .5 Years! Woweee!
Lonnie Cook.....June 30.2 Years

Wow! June has been a very good month for hiring some great people. Thanks to each of you for all you have done and continue to do for our customers and for Valco's continued growth and success. Your many contributions are greatly appreciated and we look forward to working together for many more years.

Get Well

We wish Lita Wood a speedy and easy recovery from her recent surgery. We sure do miss her and look forward to having her back with us to help brighten our day.



This summer will be a very special Summer Arts Festival season as we will be celebrating its 50th year anniversary! It is hard to believe that it has been 50 years that The Springfield Arts Council has continuously been able to provide 5 weeks of outstanding free summer entertainment for everyone in the community to enjoy. The Summer Arts Festival starts on Friday, June 10th with long time favorite Phil Dirt and the Dozers. Entertainment, activities, and events continue until Saturday, July 16th. Most shows start each evening at 8:00 pm and take place at Veterans Park. As always, there is no charge for any show. All you need to enjoy the show is to bring a lawn chair or blanket. To get more information and a complete listing of all shows and activities you can go to www.springfieldartscouncil.org/series/summer-arts-festival.



A last and I'm sure a much unneeded reminder that Memorial Day is coming up on Monday, May 30th. As sad as it is, we will not be working on May 30th due to the holiday. We hope everyone has a perfect holiday and holiday weekend. To make it even better, Memorial Day is a paid holiday for all full-time associates who have been with us for at least 90 days. The next best thing to working at Valco is getting a day off with pay and spending it with family and friends doing the things we like best. During the Memorial Holiday though be sure to take a few minutes and give some thought as to what this holiday really stands for, what it really means, and the price many people have paid in order for us to celebrate it. Have a good one and be safe out there!



Independence Day, July 4th, believe it or not will be celebrated on Monday, July 4th. This is another holiday that means a great deal more than just getting a day off from work. We will of course be closed on the holiday and normal production, business hours and schedules will resume on Tuesday, July 5th.

Great Quotes

"Few of us write great novels; all of us live them." Mignon McLaughlin

"The best way to predict the future is to create it." Peter Drucker

"All the advice in the world will never help you until you help yourself." Fred Van Amburgh

"Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it." Danny Kaye

"Some of the world's greatest feats were accomplished by people not smart enough to know they were impossible." Doug Larson