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PRESSing NEWS

April 2017

Spotlight of the Month: Jeff Kubes

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on Jeff Kubes, who started with Valco on March 13th of this year. Jeff works in our brake press department on first shift. Jeff was born and raised in Springfield and attended high school at OIC as part of their alternative high school program.

Jeff began his working career in 2007 at American Pan in Urbana. He worked as a brake press operator as well as part of their pan line assembly. In 2014 he left there and moved to Bethlehem, PA to a sister company of American Pan called Pan Glo. Jeff made the move to Pennsylvania to be closer to a friend of his. After a period of time he took a job with Alpine Metal Company that was located in Easton, PA. While with Alpine, Jeff became a brake press set up lead person while also becoming the lead operator of the pemsertor line.

After a couple of years in Pennsylvania, Jeff decided to move back to Springfield which has turned out to be a very good thing for him as well as for Valco. Jeff has been a great addition to our brake press department and has “hit the ground running.”

In his spare time he enjoys working on his lathe and machining equipment while also pursuing his passion of auto racing. Jeff has his own racing car and has entered races in Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee and Ohio. He said auto racing is an expensive hobby with tires being the major expense.

We are certainly glad to have Jeff as a key member of the Valco Team and look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.



Product of the Month

What you are looking at is a DCE reverse jet modular, tubular bag filter system, designed & distributed by Tinker Omega and manufactured by Valco Industries. The DCE MTB system is used in the sand casting foundry industry. Inside this 5 chamber system, the sand is filtered and separated from the broken down dust and usable sand particles.



Over a period of 10 weeks, Valco fabricated each of the 5 sections of the DCE MTB system out of 11 gage mild steel plate, angle, channel and custom cut tubing. The structure is fully welded to operate in heavy or light duty applications. Each section was fitted and pre-assembled prior to final assembly and build at its resting place in Mexico.

Valco is proud to be a supplier for Tinker Omega in a partnership that will continue to grow in the years ahead.

Lonnie Cook, General Manager



Valco recently received a “**Group, 100%, and Achievement Award**” for 2016 from the Springfield-Clark County Safety Council and Co-Sponsored by The Chamber of Greater Springfield. The 100% Award was presented to each company that works the entire calendar year without an injury or illness resulting in a day away from work. The Safety Award Presentations were presented by Joseph Koehl, Loss Prevention Supervisor for BWC and Bob Braun, Regional Development Manager SW-BWC. Thanks to all Valco Associates for making 2016 a very safe workplace year.

This is an award shared by everyone at Valco. Hopefully we can make 2017 an even safer and more productive year.



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Jerry Reed May 16th
Jason Kennedy May 25th

We hope you both have a great day on your special day and an even better year. Here's hoping for many more Birthday celebrations to come your way in the years ahead. Enjoy your big day!!

Years of Service

Jamie Callan May 2 6 Years
Jerry Reed May 18 . . . 19 Years!!

Thanks to Jamie and Jerry for all they have done for Valco and our many customers over the years. We appreciate their many contributions and look forward to working with them in the years ahead.

Welcome Back

Welcome Back to Larry Brown who had been off for several weeks due to recent surgery. Larry was certainly missed while he was recuperating and we are thrilled to have him back with us. We are sure glad all went well.

Great Quotes

“A lot of people die at twenty-five and aren't buried until they are seventy-five.” *Benjamin Franklin*

“Unless a man undertakes more than he possibly can do, he will never do all that he can.” *Henry Drummond*

“Clear your mind of can't.” *Samuel Johnson*

“If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.” *Anita Roderick*

“It's not what you start in life, it's what you finish.” *Katharine Hepburn*

Congratulations to our first group of Valco suggestion winners!

Dan Woodruff: Improvement idea for the stamping dept.

Micah Hanks: Improved way/method to handle our scrap and increase the value we are able to generate from the scrap being created.

Joe Guinn: Improved material ordering batch sizes to decrease the costs of the individual pieces used in production.

We appreciate the improvement suggestions we have received so far and would love to get a lot more. Take a look around and help us improve what we are doing and how we are doing it.



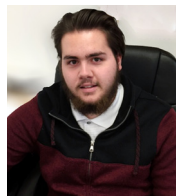
We will be celebrating our first 2017 Summer Holiday, Memorial Day, on Monday, May 29th. This is a paid holiday for all full-time Valco Associates who have been with us for at least 90 days. We will be returning to normal production schedules and hours on Tuesday, May 30th. Hopefully the weather will co-operate so we can take full advantage of having the day off. Be sure to be safe and smart out there.



You know summer is not too far off when the Springfield Arts Council publishes their list of shows and events for their annual Summer Arts Festival. This year's festival will start on Friday, June 9th with Springfield's own Griffin House kicking things off and will close six weeks later on Saturday, July 15 with a performance by Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (who ever that is). Most of the shows, performances, and events take place at Veterans Park (by the Springfield Museum of Art). Performances go on rain or shine and normally begin at 8:00 p.m. All performances and events are FREE so plan on taking advantage of six weeks of free entertainment. We will provide additional information in the next several Valco newsletters. You can also get a complete listing of all shows and events by going to their web page at www.springfieldartscouncil.org.



Jordan Norman who started on March 23 as part of our CAD department.



Matt Johnson who started on April 3 and is working as part of our production support team.

Jett Van Culin who is finishing his senior year at CTC and is working on a variety of building projects.



We wish each of them the best of luck in their new positions and are glad to have all three as part of the Valco Team. We look forward to working with each of them in the months and years ahead.