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Spotlight of the Month: Matt Johnson

Our Valco Associate Spotlight this month shines on Matt Johnson who has been a member of the Valco Team since March of 2017. Matt works in a variety of different areas/departments, some of which are: sawing, robotic welding, grinding and packaging.

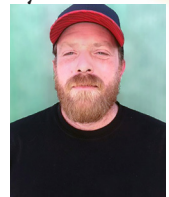
Matt was born and raised in Springfield and graduated from North High School (Go Panthers!) in 2000. While in high school Matt took a variety of wood working, auto body repair, and metal fabrication classes, all of which helped to prepare him for life after high school. Unfortunately, all of these type of classes and courses are no longer offered in most high schools.

After graduation Matt took his first job with Big Lots. He moved from working in the warehouse and stocking inventory to becoming the manager of the furniture department. Matt worked for Big Lots for four years until the Springfield store was closed. He then took a job with Gylans Towing Service for the next two years where he worked driving a tow truck. This could sometimes be a 24 hour 7 day a week job depending on peoples car towing needs. Matt's next job was with Tru Tek, a heat-treating company located at Prime Ohio. He operated the heat-treating furnaces as well as headed the clamping department. After several years in the heat treating world Matt took a job with Riley Auto Parts where he did commercial sales.

After a couple of years of selling automotive parts, Matt joined A & E Powder Coating where he worked for several years. When A & E opened a new powder coating facility in Columbus called LevCoat, Matt joined them and helped to set up that operation and was a major part in helping to launch production. LevCoat closed in March of 2017 and that is when Matt became part of the Valco Team.

Matt is married to Melissa who works for Phoenix Safety Outfitters as a seamstress. They are the proud parents of two boys, Dylan who is 16 and attends Springfield High and James who is 13 and attends Warder Park. In his free time Matt enjoys operating radio control cars and boats, camping, hiking, and fishing. For many years he also did a great deal of dirt track racing, but decided it was safer to find another hobby.

We are very excited about having Matt as part of the Team and using his flexibility and many skills to work in a variety of areas. We look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead and having him continue to do so many different things so well. Matt has been a great addition to Valco.



Product of the Month

This month's product of the month features a partnership between Valco and our local Career Technology Center (CTC). The 6th Annual Welding Rodeo at CTC took place on April 20 -21. There were eight teams who had the opportunity to create a piece of "found art" from the metals donated by several manufactures in the area. The theme of this years Rodeo was "Transportation". Valco supplied blanks that were cut from a coil of material on a cut off die in one of our presses. Once completed the sculptures were auctioned off with all proceeds going to charity and scholarships.

Valco is proud of our long-term partnership we have had with CTC for many years. Each year we have been lucky to have been able to hire several welding students who work at Valco in the afternoons of their senior year. After graduation many of them become full-time Valco employees. We appreciate all that CTC does in training a large number of career ready welding students, as well as students who are studying 25 different careers options.

Pictured (from left): Roger Clemans, a CTC senior who has been working part-time at Valco, and Dan Woodruff, team leader in the Stamping Department. They are checking the blanks to be used in the Rodeo. Next are the blanks ready to be used by the students. Also featured are a few of the pieces created during the Rodeo. We are proud to say that Roger's team got 2nd place (sculpture #5)! Way to go Roger!!





Happy Birthday

Jerry Reed May 16
Bill Brougher May 31

We want to wish Jerry and Bill the very best on their special day and hope that their new year is one of good health, lots of laughs, and much personal and professional success. Here's hoping both Jerry and Bill have a lot more birthday celebrations in the years ahead.

Years of Service

Jamie Callan May 2 7 Years!
Jerry Reed May 18 20 Years!!
Hannah Judy May 30 1 Year

We thank each of you for your many contributions to Valco's success and continued growth. We appreciate everything you each have done and continue to do on a daily basis and look forward to working with each of you in the years ahead.

WELL DONE JERRY!!!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bill Brougher on the recent birth (April 18) of his grandson George Addis Parsons. We are glad to report all are doing well.

With Sympathy

Our sympathies go out to Micah Hanks on the recent passing of his brother. Our thoughts are with Micah and his family during this very difficult time in their lives.

Reminders...



We know summer is getting closer when the Springfield Arts Council publishes their Summer Arts Festival Calendar. This year's six-week summer festival of free entertainment starts on Thursday, June 14th with the presentation of Oliver that will be presented for three nights. The close of the festival will be on Saturday, July 21st with the group All-4-One. Most of the shows begin at 8:00 p.m. and take place at Veterans Park and are free and open to the entire community. For more information and a complete listing of what is being offered go to www.SpringfieldArtsCouncil.org. More information to follow as we get closer to the start of the festival.

Memorial Day, our fist 2018 summer holiday, will be celebrated on Monday, May 28th. This is a paid holiday for all full-time associates who have been with us for at least 90 days. We will be closed on Memorial Day and will reopen on Tuesday, May 29. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so we all have the opportunity to enjoy the holiday with family and friends doing what we enjoy doing the most.

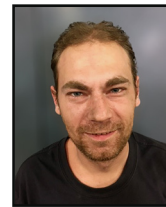


A last reminder about taking a few minutes and voting on Tuesday, May 8th. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. till 7:30 p.m. There are several important issues and several offices that will be decided on May 8th. Make yourself heard and VOTE!!.

Welcome TO THE TEAM!



Roger Clemans started part-time Feb. 19th in the Welding Dept., as he finishes his senior year at CTC.



Michael Wells started on March 21st as a production support associate on first shift.

It is great having Roger and Michael as part of the Valco Team and look forward to working with each of them in the months and years ahead.

Great Quotes

"The important thing is this: to be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become." *Charles Dubois*

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think." *Benjamin Disraeli*

"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart." *John Heywood*

"Well done is better than well said." *Benjamin Frnaklin*

"It is never too late to be who you might have been."

George Eliot

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