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# PRESSing NEWS

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## Spotlight of the Month: Kurt Gallmeyer

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on *Kurt Gallmeyer*, who recently rejoined our Valco Team in early February of this year. Kurt is heading up our maintenance department, as well as, working on a number of special projects.

Kurt was born and raised in Hoagland, Indiana which is not far from Ft. Wayne. In 1984 Kurt graduated from Heritage High School and then enrolled at IVY Technical School in Ft. Wayne. He concentrated his studies in welding and graduated in 1986. While attending IVY Tech, Kurt was also working part-time for Bentz Metal in Ft. Wayne and then joined them on a full-time basis after graduation. Kurt began his career in the welding department, but soon moved into the quality department and became a quality control technician where he was responsible for the final quality audits.



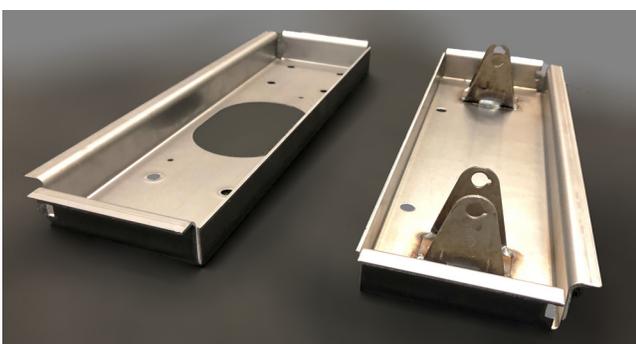
In January of 1998, Bentz Metal opened a new facility in Springfield. Kurt saw this as a major opportunity for himself and moved to Springfield to become part of the group that was involved in the start-up phase of the new facility and operation. Bentz attached sleeper boxes and eventually trimmed out the 9700 and 9800 series tractors. When Bentz Metal closed their Springfield facility, Kurt joined our new Valco Truck and Trim Company/facility. Kurt was a major part of our new start-up operation which quickly grew and soon was trimming out 40 of the 9800 high rise trucks each day.

Kurt remained with Truck and Trim till that facility was closed when Navistar moved the trimming of those tractors out of Springfield. It was at this time that Kurt became part of the Valco Team when we were located on Route 68 and County Line Road. Kurt was involved in a number of different operations, such as heading up the welding department, drawing and programming the laser, and facility and building maintenance. In 2001/02 Kurt took a position with Metal Tek Industries where he was in charge of welding, rack design and repair, maintenance, and contract engineering work. In 2017 Kurt was hired at Imperial Freight Management where he was involved in a number of large building renovation projects, as well as, continuing with his contract engineering and repair work.

When the building renovation projects came to a close, we were fortunate to have Kurt return to the Valco Team. Kurt has been married to Tammy for 30 years. Tammy is currently working at Teaberries restaurant after spending some 10 years in the medical billing field.

We are very excited to have Kurt as part of the Team as he brings with him a tremendous amount of manufacturing and fabrication skills, experiences, knowledge and a “can do” attitude. We look forward to working with Kurt in the months and years ahead as he helps us to continue to grow and improve on a daily basis.

## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



These are two castor brackets we produce. The parts are made in our stamping department from steel coil. The castor bracket on the right has two-wheel holders welded to it to make the non-swiveling bracket. The bracket on the left will have two swivel castors bolted to it. Together they will be mounted to the bottom of electrical cabinetry used in the IT server world which can weigh up to 3,000 pounds.



Jerry Reed . . . . . May 16th  
Connie Smith . . . . . May 27th

We sure hope Jerry and Connie have a great day on their special day and a year of good health, lots of laughs and much personal and professional success. Enjoy your special time of year.

### Years of Service

Jamie Callan . . . . . May 2 . . . . . 8 Years!!  
Jerry Reed . . . . . May 18 . . . . . 21 Years!!!  
Bradley Castle . . . . . May 21 . . . . . 1 Year  
Brennen Kumbusky . . . . . May 22 . . . . . 2 Years  
Hannah Judy . . . . . May 30 . . . . . 2 Years

What a great month for hiring some really great people. Thanks to each of you for all you have done and continue to do every day for Valco and for our many customers. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

### April showers bring May flowers

According to George Latimer Apperson's "Dictionary of Proverbs," we can trace the phrase "April showers bring May flowers" as far back as 1886. Also, there is meaning behind the words. "April showers bring May flowers". It is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed – in this case, an abundance of flowers in May.



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**WOW!**

As you can see Valco recently installed a new 9,000 gallon nitrogen tank to provide the needed fuel/gas to operate our four lasers. This was part of our new set up and configuration of the Fiber Laser that was recently installed.



*We will be celebrating our first summer holiday, Memorial Day, on Monday, May 27th.*

This of course is a paid holiday for all full-time associates and we hope you will get to spend the day with

family and friends doing the things you enjoy most (besides working at Valco).

Have a great holiday weekend and be smart and safe out there. Take a few minutes to think about the real meaning of Memorial Day (see below). Normal work schedules and hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28.

*Did you know:* Memorial Day was first widely observed in May 1868. The celebration commemorated the sacrifices of the Civil War, but in the years since World War I, the day has become a celebration of honor for those who died in all America's wars, as well as those who are Veterans and current members of the US military. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday.

### Great Quotes

"Obstacles are the cost of greatness." *Robin Sharma*

"The place between your comfort zone and your dream is where life takes place." *Helen Keller*

"Don't count the days make the days count." *Muhammad Ali*

"Always ask yourself if what you're doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow." *Paulo Coelho*

"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear."  
*George Addair*