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PRESSing NEWS

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Spotlight of the Month: Jett Vanculin

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on **Jett Vanculin**, who is a critical member of our machining department and has been part of Our Team since March 22, 2017. Jett was born and raised in Springfield and attended Horace Mann Elementary School. He eventually transferred to the Montessori School where his brother was already attending. Jett continued attending Montessori until 11th grade at which time he enrolled in our local Career Technology Center (CTC). Jett enrolled in their two year carpentry program and graduated from both the CTC, as well as, the Montessori School.

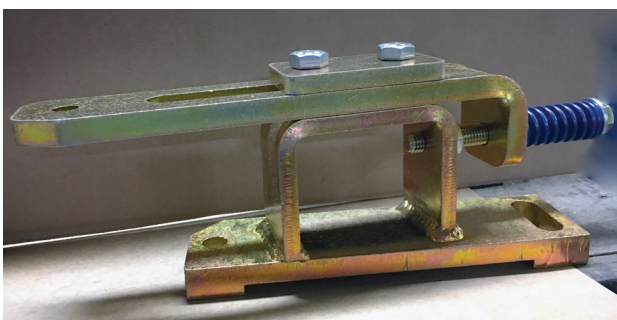


Jett started working part-time at Valco Industries during his senior year. When he first started with Valco, Jett was building pallets and doing other carpentry work as needed. He soon transitioned into our machining department where he now spends most of his working time. Through hands-on time work and some in-house training Jett has become the lead person of our machining department.

During his spare time Jett enjoys working on cars, both repairing them and restoring them. He also recently was involved in helping to renovate and update the facility the Montessori School recently purchased. It was especially nice since his sister currently attends the school. His older brother also graduated from Montessori.

We are glad to have Jett and his numerous skills and talents as part of the Valco Team and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead. We are also proud of our long time partnership and relationship with our local CTC. We have been very fortunate to have hired a significant number of their graduates, many starting during their senior year. They do a great job in helping students learn much needed and in-demand skills and preparing them for the work force.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT IT IS?

We usually put some big, heavy, complex weldment in this spot but we thought we'd do something different this month.

This assembly Valco makes is about 5" long and fits in your hand although some are larger. You have a few in your house or garage. Can you guess what it is? It is a drive belt tightener. You might find one on your washer or dryer or lawn mower or go cart or motor bike or attic fan or even your car or truck. As rubber belts wear and stretch they get loose and sloppy and eventually fail. A gadget like this takes the slop out of the belt drive so you won't need a new belt as often.



Our annual ISO surveillance audit took place on August 5th and 6th. The auditor took a sampling of Valco's key processes and reviewed them to verify that we were in compliance with all of the ISO 9001:2015 standards. We are very pleased to say that we are in compliance with the ISO standards! After a day and a half of reviewing and inspecting our operating procedures and interviewing a number of our associates in their work areas, we passed with "flying colors" and received no negative findings.

We would like to give a big thank you and shout out to Dave Jenkins, our quality manager, who was the lead person for the audit. We also want to thank everyone at Valco for their support of our Quality System/Processes. We are already planning and looking forward to another successful audit in August of 2020.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Michael Wells Sept. 2nd
Bradley Castle Sept. 2nd
Bob Wilkerson Sept. 10th
Josh Polcyn Sept. 17th
Dave Montgomery Sept. 27th
Larry Huxley Sept. 30th

September looks to be a great Valco Birthday month. We wish each of you a great day on your special day and a year of good health, lots of laughs and much personal and professional success. Here's hoping for a lot more birthday celebrations in the years ahead.

Years of Service

Dave Jenkins . . . Sept. 13 . . . 9 Years!
Ed Ledent Sept. 18 . . . 2 Years
Angie Judy . . . Sept. 24 . . . 12 Years!!
Bob Wilkerson . . . Sept. 24 . . . 7 Years!

We thank each of you for all you have done and continue to do every day for Valco and for our many customers. Your many contributions are greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

Great Quotes

“It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.” *Charles Darwin*

“Some of the world’s greatest feats were accomplished by people not smart enough to know they were impossible.” *Doug Larson*

“If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it.” *Lucy Larcom*

“Others believing in you is nice but worthless if not matched by your own thought.” *Scott Moore*

“You miss 100% of the shots you never take.” *Wayne Gretzky*

A last reminder that we will be celebrating **Labor Day**, which unfortunately normally signals the end of summer, on Monday, September 2nd. This is of course a paid holiday for all full-time Valco Associates who have been with us for at least 90 days. We certainly hope everyone has a great holiday weekend with great weather and the time that allows you to do the things you enjoy doing the most. Be safe and smart out there. Normal work schedules and hours resume on Tuesday, September 3rd.



Welcome TO THE TEAM!

Valco is happy to welcome the following individuals to our expanding Team!



Alfred Cunningham who started on July 30 as part of our 2nd shift welding dept.



Anna Wohler who started on August 5 as part of our 1st shift welding dept.



Ryan Mills who started on August 5 as part of our 2nd shift laser dept.



Christopher McClung who started on August 5 as part of our brake press dept.

It has been a great month to hire some really great people at Valco! We look forward to working with each of them in the months and years ahead and wish them much success in their new positions.

Kona Ice Comes to Valco!!

Valco employees enjoyed a much deserved break and summer treat when the Kona Ice truck came during a hot afternoon. No better way to cool off during the summer than with a snow cone!



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