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KEN SELLECK RETIRES

AICHIGAN MOTORPLEX



Ken Selleck will retire from Greenville Tool & Die at the end of December, after 38 years of service. Ken was born and raised in Fenwick to parents Frank and Virginia. He has two older siblings: brother Frank and sister Deb, as well as a younger sister Buffy. While Ken's father Frank worked for Warner Trucking over a guarter of a century, he was also a farmer. Ken's introduction to hard work started there. His first jobs included milking cows and bailing hay for local farmers in addition to his father's farm. Ken graduated from Ionia High School in 1979. During high school Ken had taken the auto mechanics program at MCC. Deciding upon this as a career, after graduation he attended Denver Automotive and Diesel College in Colorado

earning certification in automotive repair in 1980. Ken returned home to Michigan and worked for Jerry's Tire and Auto in Lake Odessa from 1981-83. His older brother Frank was also a long time tool and die maker at GTD, and he suggested Ken work with us as well. Ken considered benefits offered at GTD such as profit sharing as well as a lucrative retirement and began employment here on August 22, 1983. He completed his apprenticeship including all the required coursework at Montcalm Community College to earn his tool and die maker certification in 1987. Ken spent time as a die maker, but he soon was transferred to our CNC machining area where he has become not only a very skilled operator, but a mentor for our apprentices. In addition, with his mechanical background, Ken has contributed greatly to our requirements for troubleshooting and repair of our complete regimen of CNC milling machines. He credits GTD retiree Leroy Benson for teaching him so much about maintenance. Just a week after Ken started his job at GTD he married his wife Terri and over the next four years they built their home. They have two sons, AJ and Cory both of whom also work for GTD as journeyman tool and die makers and journeyman tool and die designers. All of them are immersed in their hobby of auto racing. Both on the drag strip and in the mud. Ken said, "No mud is too deep if you go fast enough." He started racing in 1982 in a 32 Ford Coupe. Ken took a break from the sport in 1999 and picked back up in 2015 in a fire orange Mustang. Now the Selleck family summers are spent at the Mid-Michigan Motorplex where Ken, AJ, and Cory all race in the Top or Modified class. Ken's granddaughter Ryden raced the last two seasons in the 7-9 year old Junior division. Ken's grandson Alex will begin racing next season and compete against her. In addition to wrenching and racing, Ken also enjoys off roading by ATV or snowmobile on his property up north between Grayling and Kalkaska. He plans to spend more time there in his retirement. Ken also plans to complete the restoration of Terri's 1972 and 1974 Volkswagens. She has only waited for him to complete the project the past eighteen years. Thank you Ken for many years of outstanding service to Greenville Tool & Die. We all wish you and Terri many healthy and happy years in retirement.

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CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Thursday, December 23rd Friday, December 24th

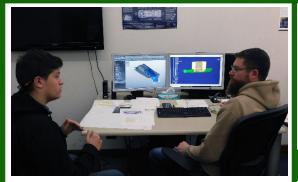
Thursday, December 30th Friday, December 31st

SERVICE AWARDS

12/1.....Brian Brasington.....35 years 12/9.....IV Mumby.....35 years 12/19....Mark Cazier.....10 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/1.....Jim Denevan 12/2.....Marv Doezema 12/2.....Tim Adkinson 12/6.....Joe Garnsay 12/8.....Chris Carr 12/11.....Devyn Hubbard 12/18.....Gordon Garvey 12/21.....Terry Miller 12/25.....Tristen Potter 12/29.....Dan Pitch 12/30.....Josh Bailey



JOB SHADOW

Greenville High School senior Noah Holbrook visited GTD for a job shadow experience on November 19th. Noah is a Metals and Machine, Welding, and Wood Working student with Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Nelson. He is pictured above learning about simulation from Derrick Baker.

WELCOME TO GTD





Matt Zander Tyler Akin Die Maker Assistant Maintenance Apprentice

CONGRATULATIONS

Nightshift held their 3rd annual Chili Cook-off on November 18th. Caleb Green, Tim Jakeway, John Meyer, Josh Brewington, and Jordan Melching were our chili makers. Congratulations to winner Josh Brewington!

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE TOURS



Greenville High School Instructor Adam Hopkins and the students of his Metals & Machine class toured Greenville Tool & Die on October 22nd during the Discover Manufacturing Days.

Thank you to the following employees for making time to introduce students to the design and build of tooling by demonstrations in the following: Toolpathing – Tony Walker & Nick Tillottson, Design - Roland Demorest & Mark Heintzelman, Simulation - Derrick Baker, Process Engineering – Brady Paulson, CNC – Matt Greenhoe, Quality Control – Ted Murray & Drew Nielson, and our Tour Guides - Brian Brasington, Joe Hoy, and Jerrad Higgins.



MCC Quality Control Class with Instructor Bill Small took a tour of GTD on October 28th. Pictured above, Drew Nielson explains the blue light scanner.



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