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FRAME RAIL & RAIL CAP TEAM MEMBERS:

Kneeling L-R
Dan Pitch
Chad Teegardin
Gaven Tift
Larry Ruthruff

Standing L-R
Gregg Spencer
AJ Selleck
Brett Tomkinson
Joe Hoy
Rob Rahn
Dave Scott
Dan Thompson
Mike Brownell
Ross Hansen
Tim Johnson
Matt Dempsey
Dennis Guernsey



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the following GTD employees a Happy Birthday on:

MAY 2009

- 1Andy Green
- 1Don Orr
- 1Nathan Akin
- 7Dan Gasper
- 8TJ Holland
- 10Dan Updike
- 10Kevin Coon
- 11Kris Peters
- 14John Greenway
- 14Dick Rittersdorf
- 18Brian Lake
- 18Mark Heintzelman
- 19James Mull
- 28Mike Wright
- 30Brett Tomkinson

TOWER AUTOMOTIVE - FORD MOTOR CORPORATION

We have just completed a couple of projects for Tower Automotive of Chicago, Illinois for the design and building of the necessary transfer type dies to make both a right and left hand Frame Rail and its accompanying right and left hand Rail Cap for upcoming Ford Explorer and Ford Taurus vehicles. The projects are part of Ford's program Code Name U502 and demonstrate some of Ford's plan philosophy to incorporate interchangeability in many of its vehicle part needs. Chad Teegardin has been our die leader for the

Frame Rail. He was assisted by Mike Brownell, Dennis Guernsey, Dave Scott, TJ Holland, Gregg Spencer, Matt Dempsey, and Joe Hoy. Bryan Houston was our design leader with help from Dan Thompson, Ross Hansen, Gaven Tift, and Jeremy Hopkins. Dwayne MacLaren led the Rail Cap with help from Tim Johnson, Aaron Kent, David Milligan, Dan Gasper, Dan Pitch, and Larry Ruthruff. Rob Rahn was our design leader with AJ Selleck, Brett Tomkinson, and Dan Gasper assisting.

SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Mark Winters
TJ Holland

Nick Feuerstein
Gregg Spencer

The Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, in the Conference Room.

SERVICE AWARD

We would like to recognize and thank Aaron Kent who celebrates 15 years of service on April 4, 2009.

CAREER DAY

Our Brady Paulson (right), at the urging of his son, Macade, volunteered to talk to Lakeview Elementary students recently about career opportunities in tool and die, their scope of job duties as well as the necessary skills and educational training required. Macade helped his dad with the Power Point as they presented to six different classrooms. Brady said he enjoyed spending the time with the students and answering their questions.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We had (37) donors at our recent Red Cross Blood Drive. Several employees reaching milestones with their donations were:

- Larry Ruthruff 2 Gallons
- Jeremy Hopkins 3 Gallons
- Dan Pitch 3 Gallons
- Mike Wright 3 Gallons
- Brett Tomkinson 4 Gallons
- Dave Christensen 5 Gallons
- Brian Mason 10 Gallons

We sincerely appreciate all of our donors and note that their donations may have helped save 111 hospital patients.



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CAREER SHOWCASE

On March 3, GTD hosted students and their parents investigating career opportunities in tool and die as part of the annual Career Showcase. Above, Joe Hoy shows the students a prototype part in the development stage. Below, TJ Holland shows his group a checking fixture, how it works, and how it is used to tell us if we are meeting the customer's specifications.



BELDING ROBOTICS PROGRAM

Above, Belding High School's FIRST Robotics Robot (2188) is about to score at the recent West Michigan Regional (GVSU). Combining enough points with their success at the Traverse City Regional, they have now qualified for the State Competition at Eastern Michigan University April 2-4 qualifying 37th out of 132 teams. The team is made up of high school students and mentors working together to build a robot from concept to competition in six weeks. These students have been exposed to numerous ideas and concepts from the business world including: critical thinking; brainstorming ideas and reaching consensus; teamwork; problem-solving; and strategic planning. Their mentors come from a variety of backgrounds including building trades, engineering, science, education, and accounting. The team is responsible for its own financial support and has done so with the help of several local businesses and individuals. Our Gregg Peters has been serving as a mentor for the team.

BIRTHS

We would like to congratulate Dwayne & Missy MacLaren on the birth of their son, Haiden Dwayne, born March 18. Little Haiden joins sisters Hope, 10, and Hannah, 7. We also congratulate Nick & Leanne Feuerstein on the birth of their daughter, Lexie Madison, born March 21. Lexie joins a sister, Lanie, 2.



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