



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

MAY

- 1Andy Green
- 1Don Orr
- 1Nate Akin
- 7Dan Gasper
- 10Dan Updike
- 10Kevin Coon
- 18Brian Lake
- 18Mark Heintzelman
- 30Brett Tomkinson

SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Tony Walker
Cory Selleck

Mike Davis
Matt Dempsey

The Safety & Suggestion Committee for April will meet Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We had a great Red Cross Blood Drive recently with 39 much-appreciated donors. We also had some donors reaching milestones with their donations. Congratulations to:

Kevin Arnold	3 Gallons
Brian Brasington	8 Gallons
Joe Hoy	11 Gallons
Brian Mason	11 Gallons
Rich Ring	17 Gallons

Our next drive is Wednesday, May 11.

BIRTH

Congratulations to Dan and Lisa Pitch on the birth of their second child, a little girl, Avery Lee, born on March 23. Little Avery joins a brother, Hayden, 2. Best wishes to the Pitch family.

SERVICE AWARD

We apologize for inadvertently omitting Gordon Garvey from our recent service recognitions. Gordon complete 15 years with us on February 27. We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Gordon and wish him continued success in his career.



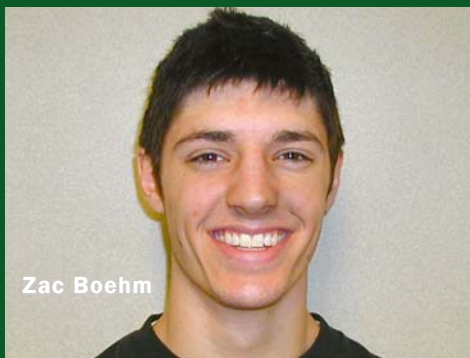
AutoForm Plus R2 Simulation Enhancements

Shown above (L-R) are our Simulation Specialists, Brian Mason, Rick Visch, and Troy Thompson. A critical element in our design process, AutoForm Plus R2 software allows us to simulate the draw characteristics of various materials to be used in the making of a part. The color variations on the part in the inset photo above show the thinning percentages of the material. Consequently, the simulation allows us to run virtual die tryout and development. Formability problems are

detected early and then corrected before the actual design process is completed.

Recently, we have added Boxx multiprocessor computers to the system along with additional AutoForm licensing. These improvements dramatically speed up the processing time. Up to four processors can be used at the same time on one simulation. And, the kinematic hardening module captures results for advanced high strength materials.

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MAX BABBITT - ANTIQUE TRACTOR RESTORATION

Long time employee, Max Babbitt (below) started an antique tractor restoration hobby back in 1981 as a result of a trip he took with co-worker, Dan Updike, to pick up an old Fordson Dan planned to restore. Since that time, Max has completely restored five tractors and is currently working on this sixth, a John Deere 50. He presently has twelve units on hand with several awaiting his retirement to complete.

1. A much younger Max is shown in 1981 with the first tractor he purchased and completely restored, a Silver King.

2. Some years ago, on a family vacation to Arizona, Max found time to investigate some antique tractors at some "junk" dealers. The one below he recalls as an old Wallace.

3. Here Max is shown with a John Deere 1520 that he completed in 2000.

4. Max purchased this Minneapolis-Moline tractor from co-worker Ken Selleck some time ago and completely restored it. He is shown in the photo below at the Praire Gold Convention Parade in Minnkota, Illinois in 2009.



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