



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

MARCH 2010

- 3Joe Winters
- 6Jary Shinabarger
- 6Joe Dempsey
- 7Scotty Johnson
- 10Bev Atkinson
- 17Dale Hartway
- 18Chris Bannen
- 21Bob Nelson
- 23Roland Demorest
- 23Mike Soules
- 24Rich Ring
- 25Nick Ralph
- 28Nick Feuerstein



(L-R) Woody Vining, Mike Davis, Doug Sanders, Tim Holland, Brad Throop, Jerrad Higgins, and Joe Hoy.

TOWER AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICAL CENTER

We are in the process of designing and building the necessary dies to produce eight (8) parts for Tower Automotive and ultimately Ford and the 2011 Ford Explorer Code Name U502. All of these parts will become part of a sidesill assembly being assembled by Tower's Chicago plant. This month, we are featuring the dies for a couple of reinforcements for this assembly. The parts are high strength steel and are produced in a progressive type die.

Employees working on these projects are die leader, Doug Sanders with help from Woody Vining, Mike Davis, Tim Holland, and Joe Hoy. Brad Throop was our design leader with help from Brett Tomkinson and

Jerrad Higgins.

Below is an artist's depiction of the new Explorer which will not be officially unveiled until later this year. Offering some big changes, this vehicle will be switching from a body-on-frame chassis to the D4 unibody platform similar to the Ford Flex and Lincoln MKT. Ford is hoping for a significant weight drop and in turn 20-25% better fuel mileage.



SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Dan Badge
Kurt Newcomb

Bill LaMere
Rachel Hopkins

The Safety & Suggestion Committee for February will meet on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our recent Red Cross Blood Drive yielded a total of 26 pints. Many thanks to our donors as we recognize the following employees for reaching milestones with their donations:

Matt Dempsey	4 gallons
Paul DeGroot	5 gallons
Marty Bush	6 gallons
Kurt Laux	12 gallons
Dan Updike	20 gallons
Rick Hillman	21 gallons

Our next drive will be Wednesday, March 10.

CAREER SHOWCASE

Greenville Tool & Die will host students and their parents for this year's Career Showcase on Tuesday, March 9, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Showcase is open to all area high school and middle school students.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society's Montcalm Co. Relay For Life will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, at the Greenville High School's Soccer and Track Facility, Yellow Jacket Stadium.

SERVICE AWARDS

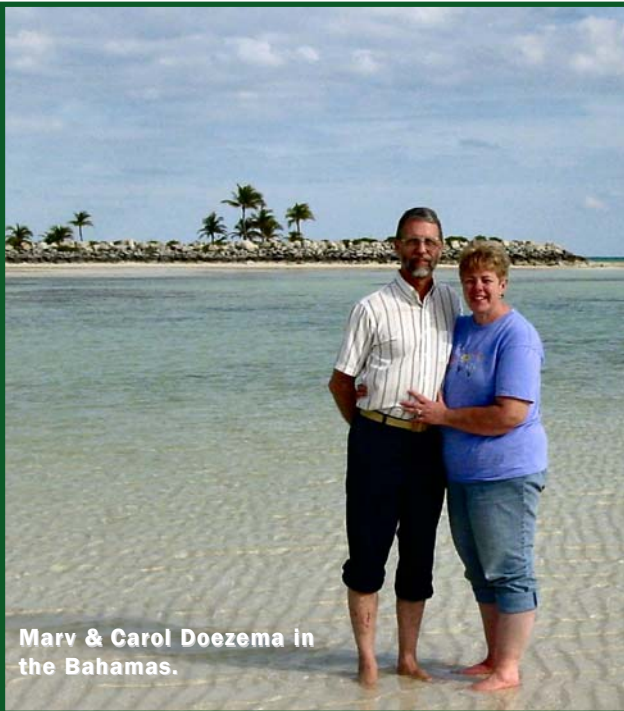
On February 25, Chris Bannen will reach 25 years of service and Kerry Jahns the 30 years of service plateau. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Chris and Kerry.



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Marv & Carol Doezema in the Bahamas.



Bill & Nancy LaMere at Battleship Park, Mobile, AL standing by a propeller from the USS Alabama.

VACATIONS

Several GTD employees have enjoyed vacations to the warmer climates recently. Jim and Kate Panks planned their holiday vacation around the rental of a condo on the Gulf at Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Jim said they just had a relaxing time which included a Christmas church service on the beach and lots of sight seeing.

Bill and Nancy LaMere used Miami, Florida as a home base from where they did some extensive travel. While in Miami, they visited the Miami Zoo with one of its highlights being feeding the giraffes. They spent several days in the Florida Keys where besides sightseeing, they did some snorkeling. That was hampered by a fish die off caused by a severe cold snap. From the Keys, they proceeded along the Gulf Coast Highway to Mobile, AL and Battleship Park and then on to New Orleans where they fulfilled the long time dream of visiting the French Quarter and Bourbon Street.

Marv and Carol Doezema again ventured to Freeport/Lucaya,

Bahamas to visit daughter Sarah, grandson Isaac, and son-in-law Jeff. Aside from family time visits, they enjoyed beachcombing, and exploration of the island. Marv said the weather there was very comfortable although only in the 60's. He also said he learned how to drive on the "wrong side" of the road as the Bahamas are a British Commonwealth.

Steve and Theresa Thomsen went to Las Vegas with friends where they stayed at Harrah's. In spite of the not so good weather while they were there, they did get a chance to rent some Harley Davidson motorcycles and visit Hoover Dam and Lake Mead National Park. They also visited the International Builder's Show and of course, played a few games of chance. Sounded like they may have returned home about even.

Mark and Karen Heintzelman went to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic with friends the week after the Haiti disaster. Mark said there was no evidence of any earthquake damage there. They just kicked back and enjoyed their beautiful resort and the weather. Mark observed that most of the tourists were European and they did encounter a few language barriers.



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