



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

APRIL 2010

- 4Joe Hoy
- 7Jim Buskirk
- 7Steve Thomsen
- 12Tim Johnson
- 13Matt Paulson
- 23Dave Bailey
- 25Todd Braman
- 27Rob McGill
- 30Kurt Newcomb
- 30Alex Watts

SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Derrick Baker
Kevin Krouse

Andy Green
Kevin Lipp

The Safety & Suggestion Committee for March will meet on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Wednesday, May 12 starting at noon.

CAREER SHOWCASE



(L-R) Larry Caverley, Chris Bannen, Dale Hartway, Rick Hillman

CHRIS BANNEN - 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

On February 25, Chris Bannen was recognized in a brief ceremony with his coworkers for 25 years of service. Above, Chris is flanked on his right by President Larry Caverley. On his left by CEO, Dale Hartway, and Milling Supervisor, Rick Hillman. Also, in the foreground is a bronze statue of a quarter horse that Chris chose as his token of appreciation from the company.

Chris graduated from Lakeview High School in 1984 and immediately joined full time employment with the former Lakeview Lumber Company. Chris worked there until he joined Greenville Tool & Die as an apprentice tool and die maker on February 25, 1985.

Chris completed his tool and die maker apprenticeship in May 1989 and went on for the next 10 years or so in the plant as a

diemaker and machinist. In 2000, Chris was offered the opportunity as night shift milling department supervisor. After a training period, Chris commenced those duties in early 2001. He has held that position of responsibility since.

Chris and his wife Melissa are horse enthusiasts, hence the bronze statue above. They presently have three and enjoy riding, often combining this with a camping outing. Chris also enjoys fishing and hunting and has either won or placed several times in our buck hunters' pools over the years.

Chris and Melissa have a son, Robert, 21.

A sincere thank you to Chris for his years of service and best wishes for continued success in his career.



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Above left, Dwayne MacLaren, our die leader, and Kyle Ruffer, Designer, hold the Rear Suspension Crossmember for an upcoming 2011-1/2 Dodge/Jeep vehicle. We designed and built the progressive die in the background which Flex-N-Gate will use at their Royal Oak, MI plant to produce the annual volume of 60,000 parts. Dick Grimm was also involved in the initial designs for this project.



POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Above, GTD employee, Jary Shinabarger and his son, Dennis, take the Polar Plunge at Clifford Lake to raise money for Special Olympics. The pair won best costumes. Below, employee, Rob Rahn (R) as BeetleJuice, and friend, Lucy Cooper, take the Plunge. Wow! Great Costumes. The event raised more than \$15,000.



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