



Dave Christensen & Dave Bean - 25 Years of Service

Dave Christensen (above left), graduated from Belding High School in 1973. After high school he tried his hand for a few years as a mold maker and tool grinder. Then, on May 21, 1984, he began his tool and die career at the former Tomco Tool & Die Company in Belding. Since that time he has spent his career as a die maker and die leader. When Greenville Tool & Die purchased Tomco in 2003, Dave came aboard as a GTD employee and is celebrating 25 years of service.

Dave and his wife, Diane, have two grown daughters, Leigha and Tracy, and three grandchildren. The grandchildren are getting to the age where Dave and Diane follow them in school activities and sports.

Both Dave and Diane like to travel. In recent years, their destinations have included Alaska, Mexico, Jamaica, and other places throughout the U.S. Dave is also a hunter and outdoorsman and several years ago had a successful venture to Quebec, Canada for caribou.

Dave Bean (above right), also celebrating 25 years of service, graduated from

Lakeview High School in 1981. Growing up on the farm, Dave tried farming for several years before entering the tool and die trade at Tomco Tool & Die on August 6, 1984. Dave completed his tool and die maker apprenticeship in December 1987.

Dave has not only been a die maker and die leader, but served a number of years as first night shift foreman and then as day shift foreman. He comments that the biggest innovation he has seen in the tool and die industry has been the introduction of CNC machining equipment.

In 2000, he and his wife Sherie purchased Twin Ponds Sports Shop near Stanton. Consequently, Dave is also very involved in the out of doors. He has been to Africa, made regular hunting trips for elk to Colorado, and already has an Alaskan hunting trip in the works for next year. In addition he is an avid steelhead fisherman and actively manages his property for wildlife, particularly deer. He is currently president of the Mid Michigan United Sportsmen's Alliance (MMUSA). Dave and Sherie also have a daughter Jennifer, now a dental assistant.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

DECEMBER 2009

- 2Marv Doezema
- 2Tim Adkinson
- 3Woody Vining
- 8Bert Fountain
- 11Bryan Houston
- 11Chanda Olmstead
- 13Chuck Hamilton
- 17Terry Myers
- 28Garrett Weber
- 29Dan Pitch
- 30Troy Thompson

SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Matt Paulson
Rob McGill

Ted Braam
Doug McKeown

The Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2009, in the Conference Room.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, November 11 from noon until 5:30p.m. Night shift donors may report to work at 2:30p.m. that day and will be allowed to end their shift early that evening.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

We would like to take this opportunity to announce our tentative upcoming holiday schedules. We will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving
 - Thursday, December 24, Xmas Eve
 - Friday, December 25, Christmas Day
 - Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve
 - Friday, January 1, 2010, New Year's Day
- We wish all a joyous, happy, and safe holiday season.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Kurt Newcomb and the former Alisha Scott on their marriage September 26. Best wishes.



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HAPPENINGS

Recently, Marc Nelson (above left), CAD and Metals & Machines instructor at Greenville High School visited us and our Milling Department. Marc is looking to learn more real world applications particularly for his Metals & Machines students. Our Jon Gigowski above explains to Marc what needs to be machined on a casting setup.

On October 21, Larry and Cheryl Caverley treated GTD employees to a picnic lunch of barbequed pulled pork sandwiches and the fixings (upper right photo). A big thank you to Larry and Cheryl for their much appreciated generosity.

In the photo at right, GTD employees, Michael and his father Ted Bush (2nd from right and far right respectively) took a trip to Pelee Island (Lake Erie) pheasant hunting. Ted, his brother Tom (at left) and Dan Wheeler have been to Pelee Island before, but this is Michael's first trip. As you can see they did well.



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