



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

NOVEMBER

- 2.....Gordon Gorby
- 5.....Shaun Cotten
- 11Dick Grimm
- 17Adam Teegardin
- 19John Latva
- 21Ken Selleck
- 22Jerrad Higgins
- 27Toby Ingraham
- 29Justin Heimbecker

SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

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| Adam Teegardin | Gordon Gorby |
| Rob McGill | Bob Nelson |

The Safety & Suggestion Committee for October will meet Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

Seated L-R: Brian Lake, Jody Teegardin, Eric Teegardin, Roland Demorest.
Standing L-R: Phil Hopkins, Tim Johnson, Robbie Rahn, and Jay Vlahas.

CHRYSLER

We recently completed our first direct program for Chrysler which included the design and building of the necessary stamping dies to make five (5) parts for an upcoming mid-2012 Chrysler car. Four of these parts are of dual phase material. Our Die Leaders on this program were Phil Hopkins, Tim Johnson, Jay Vlahas, Brian Lake, and Jody Teegardin. Design leaders were Robbie Rahn, Roland Demorest, and Eric Teegardin. Other employees assisting in design were Brett Tomkinson, Gaven Tift, and Kurt Newcomb. Those assisting in the build phase were Joel Palmer, Dave Hendricks, Zac Boehm, Dan Gasper, Dwayne MacLaren, Dave Christensen, Larry Ruthruff, Dennis Guernsey, Mike Smith, Rick Visch, and Chris Johnson.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We had 43 donors at our recent Red Cross Blood Drive. Kevin Lipp reached 3-gallons with his donation. Congratulations to Kevin, and many thanks to all of our donors. Our next drive is Wednesday, November 9.

SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations are in order this month for Dan Gasper, celebrating 35 years of service on October 4. Best wishes to Dan for continued success in his career.

NEW EMPLOYEES



AVALON PARK TO CLOSE

Just a reminder. Now that early October is upon us, we will soon be winterizing Avalon Park at Burgess Lake for the upcoming winter. Picnic tables will be stacked etc. There is, however, still time to take the family out there for a nice fall picnic and enjoy the autumn colors.

LUNCH COOKOUT

Thursday, Sept. 29, the management and supervisory group grilled and served hamburgers and hot dogs at lunch for all employees. Just a small token of the Company's appreciation for the great job our employees do for us.



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(l-r) Sue Buskirk, Rose & Brian Lake, Jim Buskirk.



DALMAC - 41ST ANNUAL DICK ALLEN LANSING TO MACKINAW BICYCLE TOUR: Having 5 routes, all originating in Lansing, the DALMAC's objectives are to develop awareness of bicyclists and their needs; promote bicycling as a healthy means of transportation and recreation; and, encourage wider use of bicycles. Employees participating in this year's event were Jim and Sue Buskirk and Brian and Rose Lake in the upper photo at left. They followed the 4 East route. In the upper right photo is our Dan Updike (r) and his son Brian. They took the 5 UP route all the way to the Soo. Dan also drew a lot of attention along the route with the double decker bicycle he built and rode.

JON GIGOWSKI FULLY RESTORES 1929 FORD MODEL A TUDOR

Jon Gigowski's father, Albert, has owned Model A's most of his life. In the mid 60's, he got a good buy on a Model A from a nearby farmer for \$100. But, through the years, life in general got in his way (having kids, raising a family, etc....) and the car just sat in the elements for over 20 years before he would again begin its restoration. It took several years, but Albert got it driveable and the family enjoyed it for some time. As the kids grew up and left home, however, the Model A sat unused again for more than 15 years until in 2003, Albert gave it to his son, Jon (right). Jon tells us the car was in "bad" shape, but "I wanted to make it look new again. I had no idea what I was getting into. It took 3-1/2 years, lots of sweat equity, more than a little money, as well as help from Dad, friends, and other Model A owners to fully restore the 1929 Model A Tudor to mint-condition" as shown in the picture at right.

Jon rebuilt the car from the ground up, used it in two weddings, took 2nd place in his first ever car show, and says he is really enjoying the fruits of his labor. In fact, he has already decided on his next project, a Model A pickup truck. Watching Jon's restoration project has also re-inspired Albert. He has purchased a 1930 Model A Coupe that he and mother are enjoying traveling in.



Jon Gigowski



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