



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

OCTOBER 2009

6	.....Dwayne MacLaren
7	.....Tonya Shelden
13	.....David Scott
15	.....Gregg Peters
16	.....Steve Foster
16	.....Nate Post
17	.....Kevin Lipp
21	.....Eric Teegardin
24	.....Ryan Merlington
26	.....Jay Vlahas
26	.....Brett Holland
30	.....Brian Mason
30	.....Michael Bush



AUTOTEK/FORD FIESTA

In our May Tool Bits issue, we featured the design and building of the necessary tooling for a B-Pillar for the Ford Fiesta Program Code Name B299. Our customer is again Autotek Mexico SA De CV in Puebla, Mexico. This month we feature a companion or mating part for the same vehicle, the Roof Side Rail Reinforcement, right and left hand. We have designed and built the necessary 12-station double progressive die for these parts.

Matt Caverley has been our die leader on this project. He has been assisted by Blaine Kortez, Tim Holland and Dennis Guernsey. Brad Throop directed the design effort on this project with help from Jason Grimm and Dan Thompson.

Pictured above, left to right are: Jason Grimm, Matt Caverley, Blaine Kortez, and Brad Throop.

Production on this vehicle should commence by the end of the year.

MARRIAGES

We would like to congratulate Fred Murray and the former Ashleigh Buck on their marriage, August 15. Best wishes for a long and prosperous life together.

Best wishes also go to Luke Hansen and the former Amanda Jo Fuller, married on August 22. They have just returned from their honeymoon in Mexico.

BIRTHS

Congratulations also go out to Ryan and Kristine Merlington on the birth of their son, Kyle Jeffrey, born on July 31. They also have a daughter, Siera, 4.

Kevin and Valerie Coon were blessed with another boy, Noah William, on August 3. Noah also has a brother, Kristian, 1.

Best wishes to the Merlingtons and Coons.

SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Gordon Gorby
AJ Selleck

Dennis Guernsey
Ryan Merlington

The Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, in the Conference Room.

SERVICE AWARDS

We would like to recognize and thank the following employees reaching service milestones this month of September:

Paul Fyolek	20 years
Kyle Ruffer	10 years

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Wednesday, September 16, from noon until 5:30 p.m. Both present and past employees and their spouses are more than welcome to join us that day. If you are interested in donating, please be sure and contact Steve Foster by September 14.



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GTD will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of the LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.



**Kari & Brian
Mason**

THRILL OF THE GRILL

Being an area heavily laden with Danish heritage, our hometown of Greenville recently celebrated its 45th annual Danish Festival. One of the newer attractions at the festival started five years ago with St. Charles Parish's St. Anskar Barbeque Cookoff "Thrill of the Grill." Competitors gather to display their grilling talents in a variety of categories while attempting to impress the judges and their palates. Again this year, our own Brian Mason and his wife, Kari, were entered in this competition. Brian did his shrimp kabobs while Kari did fruit kabobs. At its completion, the judges remarked about how stiff the competition had been with presentation perhaps the separating criteria in addition to taste in determining the winners. Congratulations go to Brian as his shrimp kabobs placed second in the miscellaneous category.



EARLY FALL BEAR HUNT - CANADA

Our Ted Bush and his buddies made another trip near Missinaibi, Ontario, Canada (not far from Chapleau) recently for an early fall bear hunt and fishing trip. Their host was again Jeff and Tina of Murray Lake Cottages. They could not have asked for much better luck as all four filled their bear tags within the first two days. In the photo above are L-R: Rob Acker, Dick Meade, Ted Bush, and Matt Kuhn, with Dick's 440 lb. bruin. Ted said it was a fun trip allowing them to do some wilderness sight-seeing on their ATV's as well as get some fishing in. They did not do as well fishing as they did hunting, but they were okay with that. Afterall, they had all gotten their bear.

MONTCALM CHALLENGE FOOD DRIVE

The Montcalm Challenge Food Drive will be starting its fall campaign with a Kickoff Meeting at the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 15, 9:00 a.m. Any businesses who would like to get involved with this very important cause are encouraged to attend that day. The needs of our Montcalm County area food pantries and the people they serve have never been greater.



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