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PERSISTENCE YIELDS RESULTS...

If you have any doubts, ask Sally Cook, pictured above, regarding an idea she had for wave-solder of the Model 902 circuit board. When soldered, the circuit board has components inserted over approximately 60% of the length of the board. The remainder of the board has components which are inserted later in process, and require that the board be worked on during wave-solder operations to eliminate excessive touch-up labor.

Sally's idea involved constructing a shield to trap the solder on the wave-solder machine in that area where solder was not required on the board, and resulted in significant savings in touch-up time.

Everyone in the Company is encouraged to let their ideas be known, just as Sally has done. We would like to feature an employee each month in "Smoke Signals" together with his/her idea for improvement. Let your supervisor know what your idea is TODAY!!!

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In an era of international tension, natural disasters, pestilence & terrorism-we should be grateful that the main question facing Washington today: What wine goes with the grits?

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COMPANY COMMENTS...

Welcome back to former part-timer, Pat Sexton, who's returned to Statitrol to replace Debbie McClimans, who moved to Plant II as Ken Thompson's secretary...

Paul Staby spent four days skiing at Copper Mountain - must be nice...

Welcome aboard to Gene Sonnenberg, new Manufacturing Engineer at Plant II...

to Judy Salas, new Receptionist, at Plant I...

and welcome to Customer Service to Sandy Spurgin, who replaced Judy Taylor.

The "Epitomy of Concentration Award" this month goes to Andy Anderson on one of his better bowling nights. Andy threw his ball while the bars on the lane were still down; broke the bars; closed down the lane; and, if our info is right, his teammates were upset???

Since the Sales Dept. has moved to our Plant II, the gals in the offices are trying to keep it together by meeting once a month for lunch.

Margie Calkins (Plant I Cafeteria) is moving to the Stockroom and Dock area. She will be replaced by Pat Reilly. Incidentally, if you haven't already seen it, ask Margie about her tatoo!

Mina Sutcliffe returned from church on Easter with her children, to find her house strewn with candy wrappers and her new dog stuffed with eight pounds of chocolate plus jelly beans! Needless to say, the dog is now outside!!

Congratulations are in order for Jane Tuma and her husband on passing their citizenship tests. Jane is planning her first trip back to Czechoslovakia to visit family and friends.

Song Hun Yu is recuperating from his recent car accident in a Denver hospital, having been transferred from Santa Fe. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We're wondering how many of Statitrol's gals from Plant II enjoyed that "fun-filled" Tuesday nite at PT's. Understand they're still smiling!!!

Mi Cha Yu was with a Korean dance troupe known as the "Lowly Angels" prior to coming to the U.S. Understand her photo album is a beautiful sight to behold!!!

Keith Lilley will yell for help next time he unloads heavy equipment. We hear he's recovering fast, and will be available to dance as soon as the cast is removed from his foot!

A baby shower was held February 24 for Betty Birlauf, by her friends at Plant II.

Congratulations to Carol Schultz on the birth of her new baby daughter.

And, congratulations and best wishes to Becky Herzog and Robbie Leitner who were married March 4.

Bob Doty, still in St. Anthony's Hospital (at this writing), sends his thanks to all of his friends who have visited him, sent cards and gifts (especially that bottle of scotch). Hope to have him back by the time you read this item.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A personal thank-you to Joyce Innes for graciously agreeing to draw our new cover scenes.

Joyce is a very talented lady...and we like the new look. Thanks again, Joyce!

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CREDIT UNION BY-LINE...

The Credit Union is compiling an information leaflet which will answer many questions members have regarding loans, payments, insured shares, etc. We continue to encourage you to ask questions so we can provide answers in this news letter. This month's question:

HOW MUCH MONEY CAN I BORROW?

From 90 days to 2 yrs. employment at Statitrol, you can borrow up to \$200 on your signature. After 2 years, \$500 on your signature; with collateral, \$3,000.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS...

- 4-1 J. Marie Van Dok
- 4-2 Sher Her, Betty Campbell
- 4-3 Barbara Aragon, Diane Graves
- 4-5 Brian Wheeler, Jackie Schneider
- 4-6 Magdalena Garcia, Erna Sheridan, Grace Morales
- 4-7 Brian Roche, Pam Johnson
- 4-8 Judy Kater
- 4-9 Chong Stanaway, Myrna Steeves
- 4-10 Bok Donaldson, Paul Garcia
- 4-11 Jim Souturas
- 4-12 Shirley Spillman, Sandy Jones
- 4-13 Jeanie Wicks
- 4-15 Marilyn Howell, Rita Warning
- 4-17 Earlene Smarr
- 4-18 Anda Vaughn, Pat Rielly
- 4-19 Dana Seaver, Sally Cook
- 4-20 Gary Jacobson
- 4-23 Yo Seop Kim, Mike Keller
- 4-24 Ock Joo
- 4-25 Cynthia Bechtol, Pat Harrison, Bob Doty
- 4-26 So Yop Baker, Bob Marsik
- 4-28 David Marriot

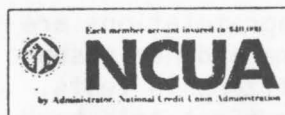
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES...

- 6 yrs. - Karen West, Jeanette McPeak, Jim Souturas, Bob Marsik
- 5 yrs. - Shirley Self, Mary Porter, Joan Coronado, Jeanne Phegley
- 4 yrs. - John Tipton
- 3 yrs. - Margie Calkins, Judy Yates, Pat O'Donnell, Christine McKnight
- 2 yrs. - Chong Stanaway, Maria Ianiro, John Malone, Treava Schram, Keith Lilley, Bev Bakke, Angela Harris, Barbara Aragon, Thelma Delaney, Charlene Garcia, Marianne Hillman, David Lange, Geneva Rangel, Pat Bondie, Clea Miller, Susan Repper, Colleen Wright, Duk Gum Yi, Anna Czyszczon, Tom Graham, Grace Morales, Ruth Hackett, Doug Black, J. Marie Van Dok, Anita Gallegos, Bill Reid
- 1 yr. - Moises Rodriguez, Dan Green, Jeff Weller, Myrna Steeves

Happy Birthdays and Happy Anniversaries to all of you!!!

And, our apologies to Duane Pearsall who, although payroll records show he is celebrating his 14th anniversary this month, he actually celebrated it last November. Sorry, Duane!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Last month, my message was about optimism. I would preach the same message again this month, except that I do not want to mislead anyone into believing that everything is just great. It isn't.

Although we can be optimistic about the long-term, that is, by mid-1979 and later, we have a very tough battle facing us over the next few months.

My confidence that we will win this battle is based on the following:

1. Emerson has made a commitment that Statitrol will be a survivor in the smoke detector field.
2. We have some excellent engineering design talent.
3. We have a Marketing Team, headed by Tom Bellinghausen and Jim Zur, that I believe is superior to any in the industry.
4. We have a production capability headed by Joe Rizzo and his staff, that is capable of the highest efficiencies in the industry.

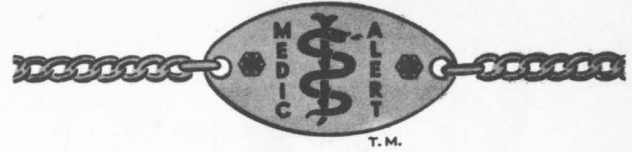
Above all, we are blessed with company-wide spirit of being winners - and that's the major reason we're going to win.

On a very serious note, I must announce that our former Vice President of Manufacturing, and former Vice President of Engineering, Al Mayer, will not be returning to Statitrol as I had hoped. Following his 3-month sabbatical, Al has decided to try something new and different. For his pioneering efforts in engineering and manufacturing, we all owe Al a big vote of thanks.

On a similar note, you have probably seen the news release announcement that Art Mooney will be joining "Century 21 of the Rocky Mountains" as Special Assistant to the President. Art will also be starting a new vocation in an administrative capacity, something that he has wanted to do. Art, also, has made a major contribution to the success of our Company. We wish him the very best in his new career.

- Duane Pearsall

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The Medic Alert emblem (pictured above) --worn on the wrist or neck--gives information of any medical problem or condition that cannot easily be seen or recognized. Some of the most common medical problems, diabetes, severe allergies, epilepsy - even brain damage, or retardation. Whenever a person cannot speak for himself, because of unconsciousness, shock, delirium, hysteria, loss of (or inability of) speech, etc., the Medic Alert emblem speaks for him.

This emblem is recognized all over the world. On the back of the emblem, is engraved the medical problem and the file number of the wearer, and the phone number of Medic Alert's Central File. Doctors, police, or anyone giving aid, can immediately get vital information via collect telephone call (24 hours per day) to the Central File.

Medic Alert forms are available at both Plants in the Health Clinic or pamphlet racks.

- Mary Lou Ray

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ANNOUNCEMENT: THERE WILL BE NO GOLF LEAGUE THIS YEAR UNLESS SOMEONE CAN GET RESERVED TIME AT A GOLF COURSE.

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The new automatic sequence and insertion equipment is now installed and operating, and Joe Christensen has his "girls" doing partial maintenance on the machines. When told of their new duties, the gals came to work dressed for the occasion. (see above.)



DEAN CHRISTIAN
Mullen

Wilt Chamberlain, eat your heart out!

The Denver Post's 1978 All-State basketball team is nothing if not versatile...and one of it's top stars is none other than Dean Christian (son of Chris Christian (Q.A.)). Says the Denver Post, "Perhaps the most versatile player in the state, Christian averaged 24 points, 18 rebounds, and 6 assists per contest. He did it all-handle the ball, shoot, and play defense-for the Mustangs without sacrificing his coach's team concept. When he was double- and triple-teamed, he found the open man for the shot."

Congratulations Chris...you must be a mighty proud Dad!!!

We always get letters, and most of the ones we've printed in the Smoke Signals have been testimonials...but if you wonder why the Service Dept. sometimes looks bewildered, they wanted to share part of a recent letter they received.

"This alarm, which I am returning, has been acting up. It bleats; it squawks; it squeals; it sounds off sporadically at odd times, and at odd intervals. It doesn't chirp regularly as it should if it were hungry for new batteries; nor, does it send out a steady signal of indignation at having discerned smoke or fumes or other products of combustion. The bleats, the squawks, the squeals are of one-half to one second in duration, etc. etc."

This letter, which was two pages long, ended with the following:

"I don't irk easily. But, when I do, I irk mightily. Now, I have learned to keep company with the extraneous soundings of the alarm. I can sleep through slumber-stopping squawks; the momentary aberrations of the alarm; its slight failings; its sophomoric propensity to alert and to awaken. My wife, however, cannot. She now sleeps in another bedroom, with the door closed. I sleep in the front bedroom, alone. And, Brother, it gets damn chilly in the front bedroom on these long and cold winter nights, alone.

Hence, in the interests of the performance of SmokeGard, and the connubial bliss of the writer, I should appreciate very much your checking out this alarm and setting it straight."

- Name withheld

Naturally, our Service Department fulfilled the gentleman's request, but, wouldn't it be great if we could get him to write this newsletter for us! Such imagination and vocabulary would be an asset to anyone!!!

Sssssh! Here Comes a Fire Truck

We recently received a piece of literature from the Environmental Protection Agency which states in part:

"Noise emission standards for newly manufactured medium and heavy trucks are effective as of January 1, 1978 . . . [But] the Fire Apparatus Manufacturers Division of the Truck, Body, and Equipment Association [has] petitioned EPA to reconsider the applicability of the regulation to fire apparatus based on certain information that was submitted . . . This information has important bearing on the matter . . . and merits EPA's careful analysis. In the near future EPA will solicit public comment as to whether fire apparatus vehicles should be excluded from the regulation . . . EPA will publish a notice of its decision as well as any revision . . . if such is appropriate . . . Effective January 1, 1978, the provisions of 40 CFR 205.50-205.59 shall not apply with respect to any fire apparatus. This action is a stay pending consideration of the regulation . . ." [etc., etc.]

What we think this means is that somebody has tried to convince EPA that fire trucks are supposed to make noise. But EPA isn't sure, so it is going to ask around. If the people EPA ask think fire trucks should make noise, the law might be changed. In the meantime, fire trucks can blow their sirens and roar their engines.

- Machine Design

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If you think OSHA is a small town in Wisconsin, you're in trouble!!!