

Newsletter One

August 1973

Welcome to the Fall, 1973 issue of the Statitrol monthly Newsletter! Since our family is getting so big, the "honchos" upstairs wanted to keep the lines of communication open and have directed the use of a Newsletter to help us keep in touch with each other. However, since "Newsletter" is a boring name, we are happy to announce a CONTEST, complete with a MONEY PRIZE! Submit your entry for a name for our paper to Jeannie at the reception desk by September 14. The name chosen will merit the winner a \$5.00 prize and all the status he or she can stand. As an extra added attraction, Bob Marsik has volunteered his time and money and promises to foot a bill for lunch for the winner. And he doesn't mean the goodie truck, either!

PROFILE

The gentleman who received all the applause at the "Fireside Chat" last week is Bob Hartman, the new Senior Staff Accountant. Bob joined the company on June 11 and has already managed to get us a raise. Not too shabby! (Bob says Duane gets the credit, but it's Bob who issues the checks, is it?) A native of North Dakota, Bob received his degree in Business at the university in that state and transplanted himself to Tucson, Arizona, to be a banker. Somewhere in there he also served a stint in the Army. When in Tucson he met his wife-to-be and stayed in the warm sunshine for 6 years. Leaving "down under" Bob came to Colorado in 1959 to seek his fortune, and met our Secretary-Treasurer, Art Mooney, when both were employed at Ball Brothers. Tough luck for Ball that Statitrol kidnapped their two best mathematicians to our benefit. In case we find any of the company funds missing, it's because Bob is supporting a wife and 5 kids ranging in age from 12 to 18 years old. You may remember his daughter, Mary, who worked on Dick Moore's line this summer and just left for school at C.U. Good times for Bob include camping, fishing, and square dancing. The grapevine has it that Bob is super to work for, though he says he's tough. When's the next raise, Bob?

W DID YOU KNOW THAT...The President's Commission on Fire Prevention and Control has put out a report, America Burning. Our SmokeGard Model 700 is the only home fire detection device pictured in the 177-page book! Pages 121 & 148.



Photo by Pete Smith

The annual Statitrol Company picnic was held this year on Sunday, August 5 at Hidden Valley Ranch outside Boulder. Those who managed to find the place (thanks for the map, Bob Marsik) were treated to hamburgers, potato salad, beans, pop, beer, and watermelon. You should have been on the volleyball field when cries of WATERMELON!! reached the players! Those who didn't get too stuffed with treats tried out horseback riding, volleyball, horse shoes and other games in the sun. (Ask Judy Giron how to cool off when you're overheated). We found out that Board member Blaine D'Arcy is a fair volleyball man, topped only by Dick Moore. Pete Smith really CAN eat as much as rumored, and Faye Jones was in good "spirits" helping Sam out on the reception desk. Shouts of "I have room for one more person on the 7:00 ride" closed the evening, and a good time was had by all. Thanks, Duane, Bev (super-organizer), Bob, and Hidden Valley Ranch.

(For a pictorial report see Dick Moore Pete Smith and Joe Christenson).

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\$5.00 for anyone who has a good name for
the Newsletter! Leave it at the front desk
with Jeannie (or whoever is there at the
time). Free lunch! An impartial committee
will select the winner.....

Happy Belated August Birthdays to:

Andy Anderson 8-28
Dave Antonio 8-14
Yvonne Archulatta 8-12
Bernice Bellows 8-13
Linda Benjamin 8-22
Virginia Brock 8-22
Jean Dack 8-26
Pete Erickson 8-14
Alma Hyatt 8-1
Shannon Jorgensen 8-21
Marge McClure 8-6
Dave Mancinelli 8-19
Steve Means 8-7
Bev Peerman 8-24
Debbie Smith 8-8
Mary Jo Stracener 8-31
Shirley Vowels 8-25

TODAY'S ECOLOGY MESSAGE: Eat a beaver and
save a tree

Maroon Bells near Aspen



Back from the wilderness is our Resident Wizard, Paul Staby. (Read the sign on his desk in Engineering). Paul flew alone in his white Cessna 120 to Fairbanks, Alaska, for vacation. Choosing Alaska because it's the only state besides Hawaii that he hasn't visited by air, he spent all but five nights camping out, backpacking and fishing. The city people, according to the Wizard, are like folk in any large metropolis, but the natives in the brush were most interesting. Many conversations with people who were curious about Paul's adventurous spirit. He also reported that the land was lush and green, not quite the Sgt. Preston image one usually thinks of. Temperatures are mild, in the 60's, and tundra thicker and more beautiful than that which we find in our Rockies. Three weeks was not long enough, and, traitor to Colorado that he is, Paul would like to live in the white wilderness. Neat place, says he, and he plans on returning next year to pick up where he left off.

Why did Marge Brady kidnap Bob Marsik's spider? That was the first installment of the zoo he was keeping for the Orkin man.

Sam received a letter from a customer recently who said she never checked her SmokeGard because she doesn't smoke!

Check out the Bulletin Boards in the lunchroom to find out about:

- *Creative Living--Discussion & Discovery about life for people who want to grow
 - *A good deal on fire extinguishers to go with your SmokeGard
 - *Lost keys
 - *An automobile and a motorcycle for sale
 - *Discounts on tires
 - *A sale on BEEF (Remember what that is?)
 - *A key to the metric system--word has it that the government will be converting to it in the future.
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On Monday, August 27, Emma Stevens marked her fifth anniversary with Statitrol.

Lunch with Bob Marsik and \$5.00 is yours if you name the Newsletter. Submit your entry to Jeannie (otherwise known as the Voice of Statitrol--she's the one whose tones you hear over the loud speaker) at the front desk.

FIRESIDE CHATS -- August 27 and 30

PROFIT SHARING IS A REALITY!!! At last the employees of Statitrol can participate in a program designed to include us in the company's financial growth. Long a dream of our President, the profit sharing idea is in print. A bit too involved to cover here, the exciting benefits are outlined in a short book handed out after the chat and available on request at the Personnel Office. It's a good feeling to know that each individual can share in the gains our company is making around the world.

Stan Peterson outlined a plan to procure a mini-bus to help with the company's transportation and parking problems. Any one who has not yet filled out the information sheet on the bus, giving your name and address, the car you drive, and whether you wish to participate, see Marlene for the form.

Bob Marsik explained that the cost of group insurance has gone up, but that Statitrol is absorbing most of the cost. He also encouraged all employees to take a close look at the insurance program and take measures to prepare for unforeseen medical expenses by taking advantage of it.

Introduced at the chat were Edd Campbell, Bob Hartman, John Johnson, and Rick Baldacci, all of who have joined the staff in a supervisory position during the summer.

Faye Jones surprised Duane at Thursday's meeting. On behalf of the day and night crews, she presented him with a scroll and a "thank you" for taking such good care of the employees. We all agree with Faye and the people of the plant, and also hope that the Fireside Chats will be a regular part of working at Statitrol.

The flowers you see in the reception area are contributed regularly upon request by the Resident Wizard. Paul has a fantastic garden of roses and peonies, & though he disdains daisies, manages to bring them also to adorn the front office.

The new plant is a beauty! We should be moved in by mid-October.

We had three sales reps from out of state visit with us for a few days. Tom Gates from Los Angeles, Carl Wasko from Baltimore and Bill Davis from Ohio spent some time in the front office, dazzling the secretaries with their good looks and charm. Carl enjoyed Colorado so much he and his wife extended their stay an extra day to do some horseback riding in the mountains, and Tom Gates called back in on Thursday to say that he wished he didn't have to move on so quickly out of our beautiful state.

Tom Bellinghausen is about to leave for the International NFPA Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. Accompanying him will be his wife, Jo. They will combine business with pleasure and will be absent from October 12 to November 5. Maybe when he returns we can have him sign our guest register?

Frank Lineweaver speaks seven languages! Look him up in one of the late-May, early-June issues of the Sunday Empire magazine, where he accumulated about three pages of ink.

Pete Smith (Customer Service) is an expert photographer. Not only that, but he is spending his weekends on a long-term project climbing the "Fourteeners" -- 53 mountains in Colorado that are higher than 14,000 ft.

Our traveling president, Duane Pearsall, returned recently from a business trip through Europe accompanied by his wife Marge. Met midway by our International Marketing Manager, Frank Lineweaver, they visited Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, France, England, Amsterdam and Belgium. From the description Duane provided, it sounds like we should all chip in and buy a chalet in Switzerland. Ireland was the most impressive land, and the "cleanest" country they toured.

\$5.00 is yours for naming the newsletter!

FINAL NOTE: If you noticed that this first installment is filled with office-type news, it's because we NEED PLANT PEOPLE!!! to be reporters!!! Now is your chance to spy on your neighbor, keep up with the latest in weddings, babies, other important happenings. Also in the works are a Want Ads section, Sports page, etc. SEE JEANNIE if you want to contribute to the newsletter!