

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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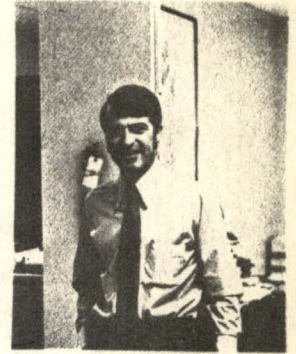
Heartiest congratulations to the winner of our Name-the-Newsletter contest----- Sam Savajian! "Smoke Signals" was actually submitted by four people, but Sam was the first one in with the most popular name.

It's been tough this week keeping the news a surprise from Sam, since she is perhaps the employee with the deepest interest and curiosity about what goes on around the Statitrol house. She began to get real itchy when Pete Smith began hanging around her with a camera to take a picture of the imaginative lady.

The name was selected by a committee of five, one person each from the plant, Downstream Statitrol, Upstream Statitrol, Finneering, and a free agent. Votes were close and a second vote had to be taken in order to decide the winner.

When asked where he would be taking her for lunch, Bob Marsik was elusive. He mentioned McDonald's or Arby's, but no final decision was reached. We think Sam ought to push for a really big afternoon (perhaps taking the editor of the newsletter along to do some reporting). Watch next month's issue for a follow-up report.

Other names which were submitted include: NewsGard, Monthly Detector, Static, Fire-side Chatter, Stati-Scoop, Smoke Screen, Statifax, Ol' Smokee, and South Union Street Gazette. These received the most votes, and were among 40 names in all which were suggested. Thanks to all who participated!



LUNCHEON DATE FOR SAM + BOB

Anniversaries with Statitrol:

September--Pat Quint, Peggy Moore, Bonnie Baker, Mike Martinez, Margie Brady, Renee Meyer, Margie Storms, Bernice Bellows.

October--Faye Jones (5 years!!!), Joyce Innes, and Toni Fitzwater.

Glad to have you aboard!

## OUR FANS WRITE!

In response to our SmokeGard replacement program and reminder to purchase new batteries:

Gentlemen:

Thank you so much for your attention. Such fine voluntary action on your part is rare in industry. Your name on any product would be the only assurance I would need that I was getting the best!

Dear Sirs:

My family and I want to thank you for replacing our SmokeGard unit. Your firm is obviously a highly reputable one and truly an exception. Your product must be excellent because of all of you who stand behind it!

**BEST NEWS OF THE MONTH:** It finally happened after over two years of working, reworking, waiting, submitting, testing, re-testing, changing, and figuring. On Monday, September 24, 1973, the SmokeGard models 700, 710, and 720 received verbal approval from the Underwriter's Laboratories. People danced in the halls, the Engineering department ordered a party, and Sam called all the reps. Our Engineers, particularly Lee Schmitz, deserve our congratulations, along with Duane who had the courage and knowledge to demand first-rate recognition for our great product.



## PROFILE

According to Al Munk, Statitrol's credit manager, he was hatched on a rock during a snowstorm on February 12, 1908. Once one gets to know Al, it's difficult to tell just when he is kidding and what information is the truth--those sparkling eyes and devilish laugh can be pretty deceptive if Al has a mind to play tricks on people.

Al moved to Colorado during the depression with \$35.00 in his pocket (and says he now has \$35.35) and tended bar as well as made sandwich boards in order to keep fed. During the war he worked on aircraft to prepare them for bombing duty, filling in his spare time by knitting sweaters for the American soldiers. After the war Al worked in the automobile business until June 1, 1967 when he joined the Pearsall Company--then dealing with static control and the Model 400 detector. When at 1030 West Ellsworth in Denver, Al was 7th on the payroll and has watched the company grow from 7 to about 192 employees. When asked how he felt about the growth, Al said that he was thrilled to see how the company had grown "in the \$\$\$ the way I have grown in the waist!" Al has contributed a great deal to the growth of the "\$\$\$" along the way, since he has been bookkeeper, purchasing agent, stockroom and inventory control supervisor, and head errand-runner along the way to being credit manager.

Al's wife, Ortha, has contributed to the growth of the waist line. After meeting him in 1947, Ortha snagged one of the most renowned ladies' men of the 20th Century for a Valentine's Day wedding.

Al plans retirement in 2 more years, but adventure calls him to visit the U.S. in total. Besides touring all of the 50 states in the past, Al has seen England, France, Denmark, Sweden, Scotland and wants to see Alaska next trip around. Although Al's chronological age is somewhere in the late 60's, he lives up to his own personal code: You must think young to stay young. Judging from his free time activities with Masonic Temple Lodge, the Shrineers, Eastern Star, and various youth groups, we'd guess Al's age around 18-35 and putting the rest of us to shame!

Birthday of the month: Ben Orr's celebration was one of the most fun--really liked the gingerbread cake with lima bean frosting'

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### Downstream Office News by Sam

On August 18th, Toni Pennel, our Sales Order typist, took the big step and married Jim Bowers. Some of you might recognize Jim if you visited the FINA station on the hill this past summer. He was the tall, thin fellow with the big moustache.

Duane Pearsall has moved into his new home which, incidentally, came complete with a Japanese soaking bath! His wife, Marge, is working for the Lutheran Service Society in public relations.

Pat Quint, from Materials Control, is still recuperating from her recent operation but is expecting to return to work in October.

Another of the office staff, Marlene, will be heading into the hospital on October We wish her a fast and speedy recovery, a quick return to work since she will be sorely missed--especially in Personnel where Rick Baldacci and Jeannie Ramseier will be trying to crutch along without her.

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Did you know that.....Our new Personnel Manager, Rick, is a delightful singer and handles a guitar with ease and beauty. Look for him to perform during the Christmas season!

Joe Christianson, not to be outdone by the Wizard (see last issue), is supplying the Downstream offices with flowers these days.

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AL MUNK



Hourly employees have noticed a change in format of their payroll checks, which now being issued through a new computer system. Very few problems were encountered in the initial switch, and Bob Hartman says that payroll for salaried employees will be transferred to the computer system early next month. In the near future, the computer will handle accounts receivable, sales analysis, and accounts payable. A computerized system for keeping track of inventory has been discussed and may become a part of Statitrol's plans to take advantage of the computer's ability to record and analyze large quantities of data.

**CAMPING SAFETY TIP:** Never smoke in a tent. The sleeping bag you save may be your wife.

An important promotion in the Accounting Department was announced by Art Mooney on September 12. Effective September 17, Bob Hartman is promoted to Manager of Accounting. Bob's takeover of major responsibility for accounting operations will free Art to devote more of his attention to personnel, facilities, insurance, and other matters formerly handled by Bob Marsik.

Much favorable comment about the cheerful new curtains in the Accounting Department has been heard lately. We can thank Cornie Marker for them; she is clever enough to have sewn them up herself.

**SALES** thought you might like to see one of the postcards received in their office:

Route 4, box 65  
Sherwood, Oregon 97140  
April 4, 1973

Ms. M. P. Ian; L. Savajian:  
Customer Sales and Service

Dear Madam:

In your letter of March 12, you stated that you were forwarding three replacements detector units to me. This is nearly a month now so I am concerned about them - wondering if they could be lost in shipment.

Please let me know if you have shipped. I have a new electric typewriter and you will notice I'm having trouble.

Kjurs truly,

Robert, K. Arrowsmith

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

"Smoke Signals" still needs a reporter from the plant! Since plant people outnumber the rest of the crew at Statitrol, you must certainly have twice the news to share with the rest of the family! See Jeannie at the reception desk with any ideas or articles you would like to contribute.

"Smoke Signals" is happy to offer a public service section for employees. (A regular paper calls it the Classified Section). If you have any articles to sell, buy, trade, offer, or special needs, leave written word with Jeannie, who will publish them for all to see and hear.

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FOR SALE\*\*\*\*\*

1972 Pontiac LeMans, 3-speed on the floor. 26,000 actual miles. Good condition. Selling because want to buy a Jeep. \$3000. Contact Linda Benjamin.

Baby needs: Baby walker-----\$3.00  
Baby car seat----\$5.00  
Play pen-----\$8.00  
Stroller-----\$5.00

Contact Cheryl Heath, Stan Peterson's sec.

Complete setting for 8 of Noritake china. "Hermitage" pattern. Has most serving pieces also. Originally \$85.00, selling for \$55.00. See Jeannie Ramseier (reception).

FREEBIE!\*\*\*\*\*Kittens! 6 weeks old. Variations of black and white, male and female. Also, spayed mother cat, one year old, all black. See Betsy Wood, Joe's Line.

SERVICE\*\*\*\*\*

Will do babysitting my home, days. Vicinity off Sheridan Blvd. and Morrison Road. 936-8624. Ask Barbara Cutler for info.

P.S. ALL SELLING, BUYING, ETC. TO BE DONE DURING OFF-WORK TIME!!!!!!!!!!

You never know what is enough until you know what is too much.