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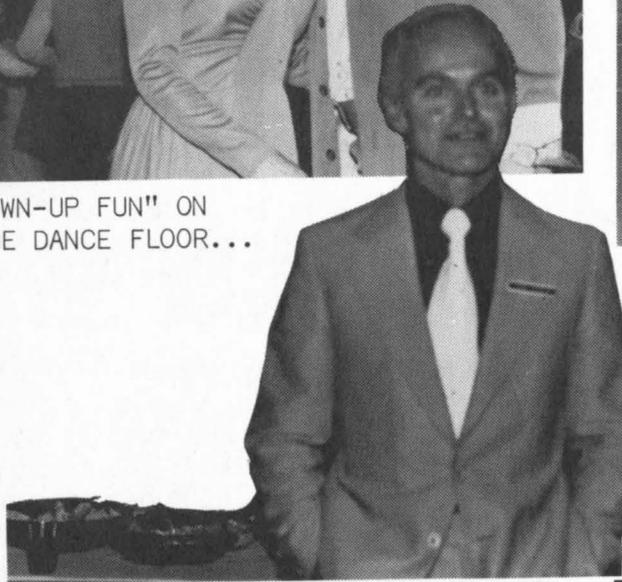
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"GROWN-UP FUN" ON
THE DANCE FLOOR...

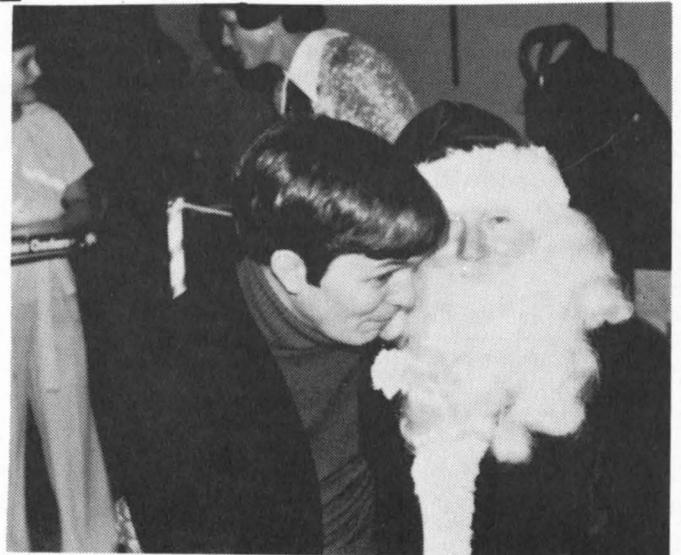


WITH OUR OWN "BIG BAND SOUND"...
AND THE BEAT WENT ON, AND ON, AND ON



WILL THE REAL SANTA PLEASE STAND UP?

(DUANE TURNS HIS BACK ON
ALL THOSE TASTY CALORIES!)



SANTA CLAUS LISTENED TO "LISTS" FROM ALL THE KIDS!
(WONDER WHAT RICK ASKED FOR????)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1976 promises to be our banner year!

This year, we will celebrate the 200th anniversary of our country and the 100th anniversary of our state. All indications are that 1976 will also be a year to be remembered in our future.

Introducing a totally new product line in 1975 was a critical test. From customer reactions to our new product, we have succeeded. Privately, we know we can build it better; however, when a prestigious organization like the National Bureau of Standards chooses our Model 800A for their own Employee Program, we have something to be proud of. We also have something to live up to.

The real measure of success of our Company is in terms of lives saved by our products. Already, the Model 800 is beginning to prove itself. Just before Christmas, Mr. Robert Ferro, one of our distributors in Boston, Massachusetts, reported that he had already received three important testimonials involving over 7 people. One of these occurred in the apartment of a lieutenant in the fire dept. His new "SmokeGard" smoke alarm, placed on a kitchen counter, yet to be installed, responded to smoke created from a fire in the apartment below! The early warning allowed him time to evacuate the building.

With the large volume of "SmokeGard" units we expect to ship during 1976, at least 200 more people will be saved from serious injury or death from fires in their homes! Can there be any greater incentive for each of us to want to build the best quality, most reliable device possible?

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Between all the new additions to the Model 800 production lines, Bob Baker and Joe Wey took the time to make the candy-striped stanchion guide ropes for our Christmas Party.

They did such a great job, rumors are circulating for bigger and better things next year!

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MERLE "DOC" BENDER

On December 31; "Doc" Bender, Model Shop Supervisor, left Statitrol after 4-1/2 years with our company.

"Doc" came to us on May 10, 1971, from Microtronics (after retiring from the U.S. Navy) to fill the position of Machine Shop Supervisor.

With the ensuing growth of Statitrol, "Doc" has been in charge of the Model Shop producing many special tools and parts for production and engineering. In addition to his Model Shop work, people have seen him installing air lines, repairing tools and equipment (and also mending, for many of us, broken eyeglasses, jewelry and shoe heels!).

The shop won't be the same without the man. A stickler for "everything in its place", "Doc" has been very adamant about returning equipment to its proper "slot" in no uncertain terms (as many of us know).

"Doc" plans to keep his hands busy with his own lathe, model railroad and model airplane collections.

Good luck, "Doc", from all of us at Statitrol! Come back and see us. We'll miss you.

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AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...

Looking at the front cover of this issue, it's hard to deny that the annual Statitrol Christmas Party was a roaring success!

Music, provided by Bob Sunshine and His Gamma Rays (honest!), brought everyone to the dance floor to "boogie"...even our President, who steadfastly maintains he has two left feet!

Highlights of the party were the raffle, which provided many of the employees and their dates with liquid refreshments to take home...the Waterpik commercials which were shown...and an outstanding "Swedish" Santa Claus, Ken Klapmeier, who provided children with gifts and grownups with his charm and personality! (Excellent job, Ken, you should make a yearly habit of it!)

Mary Jane Sharp received her award for 5 years with Statitrol. Congratulations.

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COMPANY COMMENTS...

On December 18, John and Midge Tipton became the parents of son, James Robert. Arlette Enderlein became "Grandma" to a grandson on December 12.

After leaving (another) devastating path through the Sales Dept., with a short stop-over in Shipping (latest victims, Nikki Hine, Carlotta Marsik and Kathy Souturas), Father Stork made his merry way to the "Ivory Tower", bestowing his blessings on Margie Storms, Engineering Secretary. Congratulations to all the expectant parents! Sympathies to the entire Engineering and Research Department to whom Margie has become a "third arm and extra legs". (Pam Johnson, has the new "baby pool" begun?)

Wedding bells in the offing for Wayne Hyatt (Alma's son)...Susan Steele...Mary Dillon... Patty Prickett of R.E.T... and Congratulations to newlywed Shirley Clark and Yolanda Meza... and Anniversary congratulations to Dee Cleveland on 17 years of wedded bliss.

Christmas holidays gave many of us the opportunity to visit with family and friends.

Marlene Achterman spent 3 weeks with her husband in Germany.

Lee Wash visited her daughter in Colorado Springs.

Olga Kater enjoyed a Phillipine Christmas party at Lowry Air Force Base.

For the first time in 15 years, Alma Hyatt celebrated the Christmas holiday with her family in Baltimore.

Betty Hand travelled to Cincinnati.

Marilyn Bilderbeck spent Christmas in Nebraska.

Betsy Woods' grandmother visited her from New Hampshire.

Cris McKnight's mother came from Saratoga, New York to spend time in Colorado.

Nancy Crase's parents visited her from Arkansas.

And anyone who missed Frank Ogawa can turn green with envy. Poor Frank spent the holidays in Hawaii!!!

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Congratulations in order to Sherry Brown who assumed Lead Operator responsibilities for rework operators on the Model 800 and WaterPik lines... and to Phyllis Nickell who also assumed Lead Operator responsibilities for Environmental Tests on the night shift.

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Overheard on the R.E.T. line: "Now I know how Santa's elves feel on Christmas morning. I'm bushed!" (That's the general consensus throughout the company with everyone working like the devil to get out product!)

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The Blood Bank, originally scheduled in December, will be held on Friday, January 16. Please plan to sign up with Mary Tuck. We do not have any credits due us and this program will again allow us credits for the employees and their families.

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PIED PIPER OF STATITROL...

Steve Weaver, "Rube Goldberg" of R&D, is such a humanitarian that, rather than kill rats invading his home, he traps them and sets them free!

He's rigged up a device which electronically springs an electric-eye type trap.

"Weaver" rats are not your everyday run-of-the-mill kind, however, They learned quickly to detect the "click" which triggered the trap and made a quick getaway!

Steve has since lengthened the passage of the trap preventing escape, and we understand the rodents are being distributed among some of our more deserving agencies.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH: KAHLUA

- 2 oz. bottle of Maxwell House or Taster's Choice Instant Coffee
- 6 cups sugar
- 2 oz. pure vanilla (not 25% extract) (obtainable from E.B. Millar Coffee Co.)
- 1 qt. 188-proof grain alcohol

Directions:

1. Boil 1 qt. water; add sugar; stir 'til dissolved. Set aside.
2. Add coffee to 2 cups of boiling water. Stir well 'til dissolved.
3. Stir coffee mixture into sugar water. Mix together and cool.
4. Add vanilla and alcohol.
5. Add enough water to make one gallon.

From the "bathtub" of Ken Klapmeier

(Ken's secretary, Vel Bernard, highly recommends this recipe for wine sundaes.)

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From one of our employees...

Suggested prayer for 1976:

*"God, give me patience - -
But please, hurry up!"*

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS...

- 1-1 Karen Headley
- 1-3 Binh Nguyen, James Payne
- 1-5 Norma Washburn
- 1-6 Karen Edwards, Josie Haakenson
- 1-8 Pete Smith
- 1-9 Esther Villaveva
- 1-10 Joyce Hayes
- 1-12 Barbara Streweler
- 1-13 Deborah Eke
- 1-14 Dokyung Chang
- 1-15 Larry Keating
- 1-16 Raynita York
- 1-17 Marie Sisneros
- 1-21 Pat Johnson
- 1-22 Kris Borne, Marlene Achterman
- 1-24 Susan Ellis, Dan Peterson
- 1-25 Shirley Steele
- 1-27 Barbara Cutler
- 1-29 Phil Harler, Ida Berthand, Karen Headley

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES...

- 7 years Paul Staby
- 4 years Alma Hyatt, Libby Shaner
- 3 years Ken Klapmeier, Jeff Titterington, Lloyd Iik, Dave McGannon, Darla Kane, Mary Morrison
- 2 years Janine Powers, Sandra Stephens, Dana Seavers
- 1 year Russ Hulings

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FOR SALE...1975 Honda 750 K5 - Honda Blue
\$60.00 Drag Pipes & Stock Pipes
Lowering Kit, Sissy Bar \$2,050.00
(See Mike - Test Equipment Group, or call 287-7098 after 6:00 PM)

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The Smoke Signals "staff" would like to extend a special thank you to all of the reporters and contributors to our paper in 1975.

A special thank you to Joe Christenson for providing us with our front page pictures.

To all of you, may God bless you with a happy and prosperous New Year.

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