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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

In addition to the periodic "Fireside Chats," I will attempt to use SMOKE SIGNALS to help keep you informed on matters of general corporate interest.

Mr. Robert Maybee, President, Rixson-Firemark, Inc., has resigned from our Board of Directors after serving approximately four years. In addition to being a fine gentleman, his depth of understanding of the manufacturing business and his excellent judgment have been a great asset and he will be badly missed.

In the history of our Company, never have I been as excited about our future, nor as frustrated with the many changes necessary to make new objectives. I know many of you feel the same kind of anxiety, what with major reorganizations, re-arranging production, new product developments, and the ever growing pressure of competition. The problems we are facing in each department are, for the most part, completely new. We must solve them as best we can, knowing that we will make certain mistakes. Through these mistakes, we will gain experience and through training, we will gain additional skills. Occasionally, however, it may be necessary to hire a person from outside our Company who can, through his experience and talents, help us to make our objectives.

The whole picture is called "growth." In the face of the weak economy, when some of our neighbors and relatives are jobless, we should be grateful that we can be concerned with growth problems rather than cut-backs. I am!

-Duane Pearsall

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In our recent "Fireside Chat," Stan Peterson honored Maureen Wilson with a special award of a \$100.00 bill for 100% attendance over the past 12 months. Maureen's attendance is particularly impressive since she commutes daily from Idaho Springs! Congratulations, Maureen!

MESSAGES FROM MARY TUCK...

On Saturday, November 22, an all-day First Aid Class will be held in the Plant Cafeteria beginning at 8 A.M. For those of you who are interested, (and this is a very worthwhile class to attend), please go to Mary's office and sign up personally.

The only requirements for this class are promptness and a sack lunch since this is a one-day, full-time project lasting until approximately 4 P.M., and time will not permit leaving the plant for a lunch break.

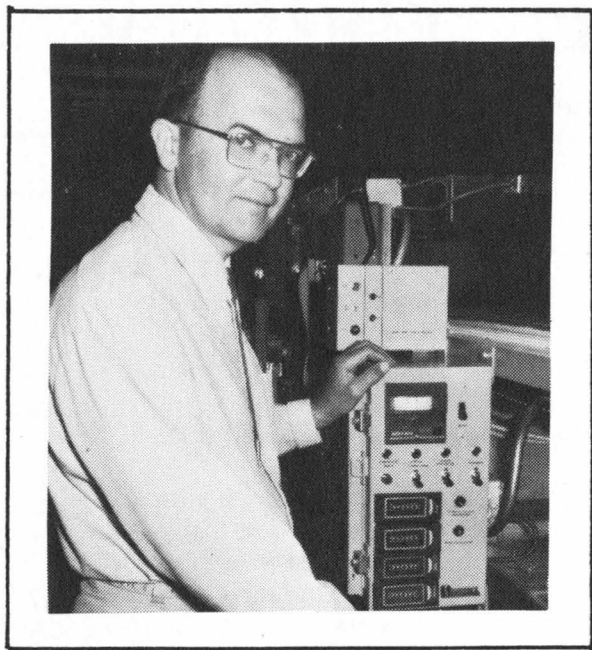
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With the Holiday Season (and all its "goodies") staring us straight in our faces (and other parts of our anatomies), we are initiating a weight reduction group, optimistically referred to as "DART!" (Drastic Anatomical Reduction Therapy!). This 3-month program is available to all Statitrol employees (male and female) interested in losing weight. A weekly "weigh-in" will be required and medically-approved diets will be made available to participants. Incentive prizes will be awarded for greatest (maintained) weight losses.

Details of "DART!" will be provided on Tuesday, November 11, at 7 A.M. in the Plant Cafeteria.

(Incidentally, this might be a good time to start shedding those "few extra pounds" that are preventing us from getting into those lovely dresses or sharp suits we plan to wear to the Statitrol Christmas Dinner Dance.)

MEET EDD CAMPBELL...
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING MANAGER



An ex-Navy Electronics Technician, Edd continued his electronics career as a Development Engineer with Norden Division of United Aircraft for 13 years. During his stint at Norden, Edd had one patent awarded on an electromechanical digital readout for aircraft and another applied for on a non-contacting tachometer for the Boeing 747. As liaison engineer for the Components Department, Edd traveled to Port Canaveral, NOTS, California and points between, installing various equipment designed and built for Norden. He also taught a 16-week course in Basic Electronics at Norden.

After coming to Colorado and spending 3 years at Colorado Instruments, Edd came to Statitrol heading up the Manufacturing Engineering Dept. which handles the specification, requisitioning and installation (or construction) of production and factory equipment. Falling in this category are such items as environmental and line conveyors and machines, and heating and air conditioning systems. (Edd is also popular with some of our "colder" secretaries for being a supplier of heaters...and fans to some who can't seem to cool off!)

The Machine Shop facilities and personnel are the operating arm of Manufacturing Engineering, and help perform routine production work as well as not-so-routine new tool and fixture design. New office construction in Accounting, Personnel, Engineering and Sales has just been completed by this department.

Edd's outside interests include designing and building home additions (working on his 4th home in 15 years!), maintaining several cars and SQUARE DANCING! Music is also one of Edd's hobbies, both in building and playing electronic organs. One organ was built from a "kit" and the other (in Edd's words) was a "basket case" from a fire. It required a year to gather the necessary parts as far away as South Carolina to make it fully operational.

One of his most "mind-bending" endeavors involved raising an entire house 3-1/2 feet, filling and reflooring the basement and framing in the gap between the foundation and the raised house! This eliminated the need for a sump pump during Connecticut's heavy spring rains.

Edd's latest efforts are now being expended on enclosing an outdoor pool and experimenting with heating it by solar heating. The system is now partly operational.

We didn't have the nerve to ask what Edd does in his spare time, but we are certain he finds some "unusual" and challenging hobbies to fill that time!

Needless to say, Statitrol is most fortunate to have in its employ such a talented, versatile and informative person. And besides that, he's a pretty nice guy on top of everything else!!!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWSFRONT...

Orders are increasing...Japan, Scandinavia, Ireland, Belgium, Spain and Iceland. Tempus, our Stocking Representative for Scandinavia, held a most successful "SmokeGard" sales meeting in Stockholm, the week of September 29. Tony Maskens, our European Marketing Manager, attended. Woods Agencies, our Stocking Representative in Ireland, is conducting a T.V. ad campaign for "SmokeGard", which is getting excellent results. Chief Fire Officers in major cities around the world have received complimentary "SmokeGard" detectors for their life safety education programs. Frank Lineweaver, our International Marketing Manager, is off again on another trip to Europe this month, to stimulate even more sales.

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COMPANY COMMENTS...

Ken Klapmeier, National Sales Manager, has announced the appointment of Cal Judson as Assistant Manager, Residential Sales. Cal comes to us from Illinois and will be moving his family into the Lakewood area before very long.

Another new face in the Administrative area is Russ Dhooge, our new Personnel Manager. Russ is also from Illinois and will be bringing his family to our area very soon.

A Statitrol welcome to both Cal and Russ. We are glad you joined the "family".

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Summer may have come to an end, but vacations and travelling are still going strong.

Lou Marquardt flew to Wisconsin for a wedding and family visit...

Janet Gray joined her husband in Albuquerque for the Arabian Nationals...

Joe Christiansen vacationed in Missouri, and also visited former employee Rose Bechtol (who sends best wishes to everyone)...

Lorraine Baxter vacationed in Hawaii for two weeks (how lucky can you get?)...

Sharon Bartling spent two weeks camping in Wyoming...

Gary Van Aken vacationed in Michigan and brought back some beautiful slides which he graciously shared with some of his fellow employees.

The Research Department (Frank Ogawa, Jim Grater and Steve Weaver) is now part of Product Planning.

The R.E.T. line claimed "temporary insanity" on the 24th when the new test chamber was installed, but are back to normal now. Normal for R.E.T. is Terry Sunagel talking into her toolbox!

Warren Sheridan, (Erna's better half) has been promoted to Flight Engineer for Ports of Call.

The Accounting Department honored Al Munk with a farewell luncheon on October 28. Incidentally, Al has asked "Smoke Signals" to extend his warmest thank-you to all of the many representatives and friends who thoughtfully wrote to him or called, with their good wishes for his retirement.

Suddenly, it's Spring???

Wedding bells are in the offing for Pam Freeman, Sharon Bartling, Emma Sneider, Shirley Crawley and Phyllis Nickell.

Speaking of weddings, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Staby (Cindy Bennetti) were united in the "bonds" on October 26th. Paul's Dad, Reverend Andrew Staby, performed the ceremony.

On behalf of Ginger Ellis' sister Kathy, we would like to convey her gratitude to the people who responded to our October article about Kathy's fire, with donations of clothing, etc.

Our deepest sympathy to Vina Gutierrez on the loss of her brother.

Hugh Doolittle, Supervisor of Material Control, is presently (and thankfully) recuperating from major ulcer surgery and a mild heart attack. Take it easy, Hugh. We look forward to seeing you soon.

For all of our many employees who have been ill (in the past month), whether in the hospital or at home; to those who have suffered major or minor accidents either at work or at home, our best wishes for speedy recoveries. Our list reads like the admission register of "General Hospital", so we are extending blanket coverage of "Get Well Wishes To All Of You".

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To all employees who have joined Statitrol this past month, and to those of you who have transferred to different lines, different departments and different positions, we welcome you...congratulate you...and wish you good luck.

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An early reminder to everyone that the Statitrol Christmas Dinner-Dance will be held on Friday, December 12 at the Regency. There will be a Cocktail Hour, Dinner, Entertainment and Dancing. (More details in the December issue of "Smoke Signals".)

Employee loyalty has long been appreciated and recognized within the Statitrol organization, but this month, we would like to stand up and "tip our hats" to Bill Hyatt, Alma's husband, who has left Martin-Marietta after 26 years, and donned the cloak of a "SmokeGard" salesman. Good luck, Bill, and much prosperity. How can you lose with such a "winning" product???

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SKI CLUB...

Anyone wishing to join the Ski Club, please contact Margie Storms (Engineering, ex. 21). Details: \$5.00 membership fee which includes a \$5.00 Lift Ticket Discount; subscription to SKIING Newspaper; sampler discount coupon program.

For an additional \$10, you receive a "Ski Sampler" which includes bonus two-for-one lift tickets, ski rentals, lessons, lodgings and meals.

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TWO MORE FAMILIES ALERTED IN TIME...THANKS TO THEIR "SMOKEGARD" DETECTORS!

Two more letters from our "collection" tell the story of grateful near-victims of fire.

In the Tiner home (Aurora, Colorado), a fire originated in the garage, where a drop-cord trouble light hung inside a box...to keep the family dog warm (Dec. 23, 1974). It spread to the workbench, then through a loft area into the house. Mrs. Tiner awoke about 4 A.M., smelling smoke. Mr. Tiner, investigating, found his "SmokeGard" detector alarming... on the workbench, where it sat awaiting mounting! A second "SmokeGard" outside the master bedroom also alarmed. There was still no visible smoke in the hallway. The Tiner family got out in time, and called the fire department.

In May, 1975, the Reisenfelds (Cincinnati, Ohio) had a kitchen fire, while Mrs. Reisenfeld was in the basement. She heard the alarm from her "SmokeGard" in time to run upstairs and get the children out safely. The Reisenfelds now have two detectors...and say that most of their neighbors now own "SmokeGard" detectors, too!

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES...

7 years - Linda Roberts

4 years - Jim Grater

3 years - Lou Fearing, Del Novak, Joe Christiansen, Nancy Crase, Joyce Innes, Flossie Denbow, Mona Spinden, Jan Rood, Janie Widenfeller

2 years - Dianne Bassen, Sherry Burroughs

1 year - Patti Candelaria, Paul Weber, Nora Whaley, Stan Nafziger, Lee Wash, Vicky Acree.


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MONTHLY MOVIE...

On November 20, at 11:30 A.M. and 12:10 P.M., the film "BECAUSE, THAT'S WHY", will be shown in the Plant Cafeteria.

Rick Baldacci will not divulge any information on this film other than that "it's a spoof on management".

Make plans to attend.



A girl knocked at the pearly gate
Her face was scarred and old.
She stood before that man of fate
For admission to the fold.

"What have you done," the angel asked
"To gain admission here?"
"I've been a hard-working secretary
For many and many a year!"

The pearly gates swung open wide
The angel touched the bell.
"Come in and choose your harp," he said
"You've had your share of hell!"

