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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Never in the history of our Company have there been more pressures to do more things in less time than there are right now. We are currently experiencing technical problems in the production of Model 800 that may seem almost insurmountable to the uninitiated. However, this model is our fourth generation of new detectors and, from painful experience, I can testify that we have experienced similar frustrations with the introduction of each new generation.

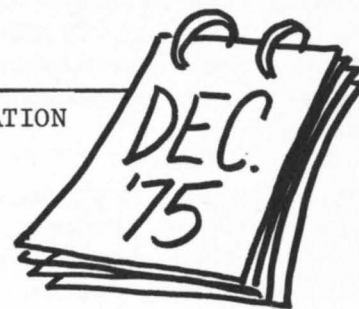
In the face of confusion and production pressures, let's take time to keep all this in a reasonable perspective.

This is the Holiday Season. Let's not forget that nothing is more important than the health and welfare of our friends and family. In this season of peace and good will, let's each enjoy it to the fullest. Our blessings are abundant, if only we take the time to see them through the eyes of someone less fortunate.

My sincere wish is that each of you enjoy a Happy Holiday Season!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

12/2 - Lee Wash, Peggy Pino
12/3 - Kathy Reffel, Maria Privratsky
12/4 - Richard Pickett
12/6 - Judy Archer, Donna Miller
12/7 - Eileen Sanchez
12/9 - Floy Hickey
12/13- Vel Bernard, Jeanne Phegley
12/16- Brenda Lopez
12/17- Carolyn Barcus, Richard Visher
12/19- Rose Campbell
12/20- Florence Shaner, Sherry Newsom,
Carol McNamara, Josephine Talmadge
12/22- Maria Macchio, Maurine Wilson, Ann
Greenfield, Karen Johnson
12/23- Frank Lineaweaaver



12/25- Flossie Denbow, Jane Sharp, Betty Allen
12/26- Diane Bell
12/28- Kent Wilson
12/30- Paul Weber, Linda Chaney

BLOOD BANK

As many of you know, Statitrol participates in a blood bank. The mobile facilities will be here for your "donations" Friday, December 19th. Come to the plant cafeteria and GIVE. This "account" is available to your families in case of need (whether or not you give) and yours could be the life that's saved! Check with Mary Tuck for further details.



ATTENTION! CHANGE IN CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS

As most of you know, we had made arrangements to use the Ballroom at the Regency Hotel for a Christmas Dinner/Dance on Fri., Dec. 12th. Last year's party at the Regency was a great success, as many of you will remember.

However, many have expressed concern for costs...not to the company, but to those who may feel they should buy a new dress, those who have baby-sitter costs, and those who may not have a spouse or a date.

After much consideration and many discussions, we have decided against the more formal Dinner/Dance and, instead, we will have a less formal, family-oriented Open House and Christmas Party at our plant.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE...in two stages... on Saturday evening, December 13 (note the change of date!)

6:30 to 8:00 P.M. - Open House with Santa Claus

Included will be a light buffet, refreshments and a gift for each youngster. It will be a time to "do your own thing"...from Santa Claus to socializing, from refreshments to your own plant tour.

8:00 to 11:00 P.M. - Adult Party (with "Baby Sitter" Service)

Starting at approximately 8:00 P.M., we'll open the doors "for adults only", with the arrival of the "punch bowls", generous hors d'oeuvres, the dance combo...and possibly some home-grown talent (volunteers welcome). Those of you who can't make other arrangements will be welcome to use our special "Sitter Service" at 11902 West Cedar during the "adults only" portion of the party.

Other plans are in the making. Please check the bulletin boards for future announcements and more details. Russ Dhooge, Rick Baldacci and Marlene McMenemy have a tough job ahead of them, making this party "Statitrol's best". I hope you will encourage them with your help and your ideas. They'll need plenty of both, as well as (with so many new employees on board) a lot of spirited "talk-it-up" from you old hands who remember our 1973 "blast", which set new records for participation, merriment and consumption.

Please plan to join with your friends and their families, on Saturday, December 13, in THE Christmas Party, for the whole Statitrol Family!

YOUR CAR COULD BE A LIFESAVER!

Have you ever thought of your car as a lifesaver? During emergencies, it contains many means to help you survive.

Your horn can alert rescuers as far as a mile downwind. The flat, round top of the air cleaner can be used for digging.

There is a reservoir of oil under the hood. A quart burned in a hubcap spews a miniature cloud that's visible for miles in the still air of sunrise. A burning tire can provide heat from a fire that won't go out for three to four hours, on the average.

Every hose converts to a siphon for getting at gasoline. The windshield wiper tubing becomes an effective tourniquet.



The dip stick is a skewer for hot dogs or toast. The hood can usually be removed and used as a heat reflector behind your fire.

Your car itself serves as a bunkhouse, of course. Convex gauge lenses or the dome light's glass can be a sun-focusing fire starter if you don't have matches or a lighter.

For night signalling, remove a headlamp from its housing and direct its beam upward in wide, sweeping arcs.

--excerpted from Exxon's
Happy Motoring News.

STATITROL "COOKS", LEND US YOUR RECIPES

We didn't get enough response to put together a cookbook, but if you want to share your special recipes with your friends, we'll print a Recipe of the Month in Smoke Signals, so turn in your favorites now to Sam.

Here are three holiday desserts to start the ball rolling:

Rhubarb Raisin Pie

3½ c. rhubarb, cut in ½" pieces
½ c. seedless raisins
One nine-inch unbaked pie shell
1 egg (unbeaten)
1 c. dairy sour cream
1 c. sugar
3 T. quick-cooking tapioca
(optional: additional sour cream)

Mix rhubarb and raisins, and put into pie shell. Mix next four ingredients, and spread over fruit. Bake in 425° oven for 10 minutes; then reduce heat to 350° and bake 30-35 min. longer. Serve warm (with sour cream topping if desired).

--Laura Lee Pollock

Applesauce Brownies

Melt ½ c. shortening and 2 squares unsweetened chocolate. Blend 1 c. sugar, 2 eggs (well beaten), ½ c. applesauce and 1 t. vanilla. Sift together and stir in 1 c. sifted flour, ½ t. baking powder, ¼ t. soda and ¼ t. salt. Fold in ½ c. chopped nuts. Spread in square pan, and bake 35-40 min. at 350°.

--Sharon Robitaille

Apple Cake

Cream well ½ c. butter or margarine and 1 c. sugar. Add 1 egg and 1 t. soda. Mix in 1½ c. flour, ½ c. warm coffee and 1 t. cinnamon. Stir in 2 c. diced apples and ½ c. raisins. Mix and pour in a 9x13" pan.

Topping:

Mix ½ c. brown sugar, ½ c. coconut, 2 T. melted butter, ½ c. chopped nuts and ½ t. cinnamon, and sprinkle on top of cake batter. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. May be served with whipped cream.

--Freida Suko

YUMMY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS!



NEWS "TIDBITS":

Best wishes go to Do Kyung Chang on the arrival of her daughter from Korea!

The 800 Aquatec Line welcomes new faces Pam Freeman, Sandy West, Betsy Woods, Margie Calkins, Mary Spankowski, Chris McKnight, Steve Ricketts, Mary Ann Wilson, Ida Bertrand, Yolanda Meza and Kathy Nestle....and a special welcome to the new supervisor, "Andy" Anderson.

Congratulations to Maria Macchio, who's smiling over the purchase of a new car!

It's been rumored that one girl on the 800 Aquatec Line received a most unusual gift from some of her co-workers. How about it, M.M.?

Gene Dack has been very upset lately...everyone's still calling her by name. She thought that after a week's participation in D.A.R.T. the change should be so drastic no one would recognize her! Keep it up, Gene, and someday maybe....

Deepest sympathy to Flossie Denbow on the recent loss of her nephew.

Five newcomers on the Residential Environmental Test Line: welcome to "new kids on the block" Patty Prickett, Nhon Van Le, Carol McNamara, Pam Higgins and Karen Johnson. Linda Benjamin, new lead, is already learning the ropes and adept at fielding all those questions!

New 800 final testers Betty Hitchcock and Sharon Robitaille are really appreciated!

Pete Erickson's wife has just returned from a visit to England...we understand getting all those dirty dishes washed before she got back was a lengthy chore!

Congratulations to Miyoko Price, who passed her state board test in Beauty School.

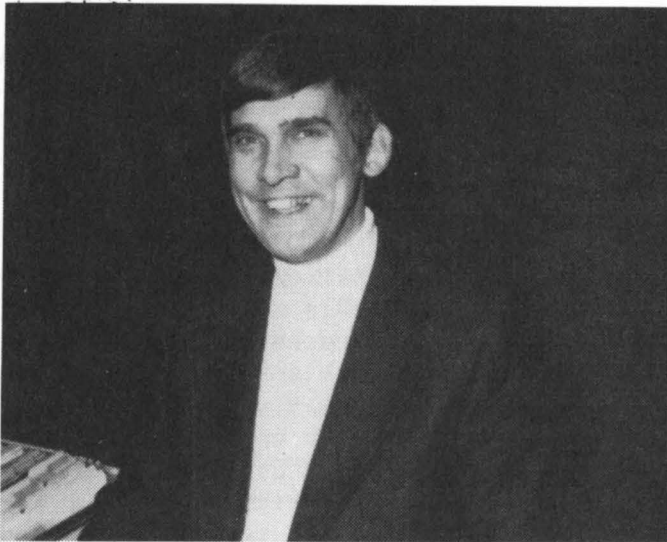
Welcome back, Dolly Miskowic, after a long absence for surgery.

Congratulations to Carmen Cribari on receiving a new Grade 3 position on Wayne's line.

Gwen Hackbirth had to leave the 040 line, as her little girl will have surgery in December. Good luck, Gwen!

Environmental and Q.A. welcomes Virginia Brock.

Linda Benjamin has been transferred from Q.A. to Barb Cuttler's line as lead gal. Congratulations! Q.A. misses you.



Cal Judson

This smiling face belongs to the newest member of the Sales Department. Cal is our new Assistant Manager of Residential Sales. Actually, it's not a very good picture... he has taken on an appearance very similar to Ken Klapmeier, and is usually seen with the phone glued to one ear! Welcome, Cal!

DON'T FEEL LEFT OUT, NEWCOMERS!

Due to our early closing deadline, many of our reporters were caught with their news a bit short...and with the heavy influx of newcomers right now, we hope we haven't left you out. If we have, please be sure it's not intentional. Welcome, "group", to the best company you could find to go to work for!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES WITH STATITROL:

Jean Sonsthagen	3 years
Judith Giron	3 years
Vivian Seymour	3 years
Ann Mora	3 years
Priscilla Wiederhold	2 years
Delphine Thompson	2 years
Delores Cleveland	2 years

WEIGHT-LOSS GROUP:

The weight loss group is meeting during Tuesday lunch breaks in the large conference room near the front lobby. Bring your lunch, and coffee will be furnished.

Those who feel they need to have Monday as a weigh-in day may do so, if you keep that day regularly. Please bring your food records with you on the day you weigh in...not on Tuesdays!

EXERCISE CLASSES:

Dory has begun exercise classes for all who are interested. Classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday at about 4:15 P.M., in the lunchroom, and last about a half hour. Be sure to wear loose-fitting clothing (or leotards), so you can move! Jeans won't do it!

ART SHOW:

Paintings currently on display in the lunchroom are the work of Joanne Widner, our Manager of Marketing Services. They include watercolors and acrylics, and sale prices are marked on them. (Prices on framed works include the frame.)

A down payment will hold your choice, and you may make payments each payday if you can't pay it all at one time. Bring any you want saved to Joanne (or Sam) on your break, or during lunchtime.

TURN IN YOUR NEWS ITEMS EARLY!

This issue went to press early because of the Thanksgiving holiday, and this month Christmas again speeds up our normal Smoke Signals schedule; so that we can get them printed in time to distribute the first Friday in January, please turn in your news items not later than Monday, Dec. 22, by noon.