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Life Begins at Sixty

by Casey Bowes

In 1951, three men - Carl Hersey, Louis Hersey and Bob Way - formed a new company in Erie, Pennsylvania. They called the new company Finish Engineering, Inc. and set about designing and building selective painting equipment and tooling which did the final decorating or finishing of a part. Sixty years, two acquisitions and several strategic changes of course later, Finish Thompson exists as an innovative, thriving chemical pump manufacturer and solvent and coolant recovery systems manufacturer. I am proud to report that 2010, our 59th year in business was out best ever. More importantly, Finish Thompson still has a spring in its step as 2011 begins our golden sexagenarian decade.

New Hires

To keep pace with the 25% increase in business we experienced last year and to prepare for what's forecasted to be another banner year, Finish Thompson hired two new manufacturing support associates in January, 2011. Christy Steele has joined our Production/Inventory Control department as Production Planning Clerk in which capacity she'll assist and coordinate the flow of work and materials according to production schedules, review and distribute production, work and shipment schedules and compile reports on progress of work, inventory levels, costs and production problems. Christy is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania and has previous experience with inventory control at Yates Company and as a buyer at Bliley Technologies.



In Engineering, Finish Thompson has hired Matt Davis as a Product Quality Engineer. Matt moved to Erie from Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania and is a senior at Penn State's Behrend College campus where he's on track to graduate in May with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology, at which time he'll join Finish Thompson full time. Until then, Matt is working part-time engineering solutions to product quality problems, working on product redesigns and new product development, assisting with the administration of a product quality assurance program, overseeing purchased parts quality and inspection, assisting manufacturing with factory production problems, and updating engineering drawings and bills of material.

Promotions

Two FTI associates earned promotions in 2011 due to their consistent, quality work. Dennis Barnard has been promoted from Design Engineer to Senior Product Engineer. In his six years at Finish Thompson, Dennis has been instrumental in a variety of areas of our business: manufacturing and

production support, quality support and research and development of new products. As his department responsibilities grew, Dennis handled them efficiently and with a high level competency. Most notably in 2010, Dennis became a person others would look to for answers and leadership.

Judy Cline has been promoted from Order Entry/Customer Service to Order Entry & Logistics Coordinator. This has been a promotion a long time coming, because for years now Judy has been coordinating customer orders from the time they get entered until they are shipped. Smart distributors have learned that Judy is their ally inside the bunker at Finish Thompson. She is consistently one of our most dedicated and hard-working employees. Congratulations to both Judy and Dennis for their accomplishments.



News You Can Use

by Peter Scantlebury

New EFS Drum Pump Available 2-1-2011

Our popular EF Series line is growing with the release of the EFS. Manufactured from 316 stainless steel, EFS pumps are extremely rugged and provide outstanding durability. The sealless design offers improved reliability. Available in four tube lengths, the EFS can handle a variety of container types including buckets, drums and totes (IBC's). The EFS is designed for pumping non-corrosive to mildly corrosive liquids. In addition, when equipped with an S4 air motor and our Static Protection Kit, it is capable of pumping flammable liquids as well. Contact FTI sales for more information.



Changes to Electric Motors via EISA

Electric motors account for 23% of all electricity consumed in the United States and over 60% of the electricity consumed by the manufacturing sector. Congress signed into law in 2007 the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). This law mandated minimum efficiency standards for 1 to 500 horsepower, general purpose, three phase motors with 3-digit frame NEMA numbers (145TC for example) and IEC 90 frame and larger (excluding 100 frame). Motors manufactured after December 19, 2010 must meet the new standards.

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What does this mean to FTI customers? As soon as our stock and manufacturers' stocks of the effected motors are exhausted, they will automatically switch to the new higher efficiency motors. Our part numbers will not change; motors will simply be updated to the new EISA compliant ones. The good news is that when you combine the high efficiency of our latest DB and SP products with the new motors, users will be maximizing their electricity savings.

FTI Helps Haiti Control Cholera Outbreak

Working with an international aid organization that specializes in providing clean drinking water to Haitians, FTI donated an EFV drum pump and motor for pumping sodium hypochlorite (bleach). The pump is used to transfer 300-500 gallons per day. Previously they were using hand pumps but that was limiting their ability to respond to the cholera outbreak. The sodium hypochlorite is used to disinfect drinking water, killing disease-causing pathogens including cholera. The cholera outbreak in Haiti has killed over 2,500 and sickened tens of thousands more. Water treatment plants around the world rely on FTI pump products every day to help provide clean drinking water to millions of customers.

FTI Passes Stringent Lab Testing for Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF)

We submitted samples of our materials of construction to an independent, ASTM laboratory for rigorous testing to verify that they do not contaminate diesel exhaust fluid (also know as DEF or AdBlue). Diesel exhaust fluid is a high purity mixture of urea and deionized water and due to its aggressive nature, can potentially extract undesirable contaminants from materials it contacts. Contaminants can affect the expensive components of the vehicles Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) system. Working together, the SCR and DEF reduce the level of nitrous oxides in the vehicle exhaust improving air quality. Our samples were immersed in DEF at 90°F (30°C) for 30, 60 and 90 days. The fluid was then tested for extractable contaminants and foreign particles. We passed with flying colors, definitively proving that FTI pump products are ideally suited for DEF applications.

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following FTI personnel who have had birthdays in the previous 3 months:

November

11/09 Jeff Lewandowski
11/13 Ron Fenell
11/13 Roger Fenell
11/14 Rosemarie Kidd
11/18 Sheryl Bannister
11/18 Chad Best
11/20 Larry Dougherty
11/23 Bill Szyplik



December

12/05 Ken Jeffreys
12/11 Chris Roll
12/14 Lou Nichilo
12/19 George Kurtich

January

01/02 Doug Cardo
01/22 Mike Marince
01/26 Christine Steele

Christmas Party

Finish Thompson's annual Christmas Party was held December 18 at the Marriott Wintergarden atrium.

To the delight (and surprise) of all, Elvis impersonator, Jim Moore, was on hand to put a little "shake, rattle and roll" into the holiday celebration.

Traditionally on this occasion, CEO Casey Bowes recognizes those employees reaching a tenure anniversary.

The following associates were recognized for their service to the company:

10 years - George Kurtich
15 years - Jim Janke
25 years - Bob Merritt, Doug Richards
30 years - Bryan Bannister, Karen Clement
35 years - Ken Jeffreys



Anniversaries rear row: L to R - Doug Richards, Ken Jeffreys, Bryan Bannister, Jim Janke
Front: George Kurtich, Karen Clement, Bob Merritt

2010 Buck Contest Winner

The 2010 Buck Contest came to a close with the following results.

Bryan Bannister is the winner this year. Bryan's 13 pointer edged out George Kurtich's 11 pointer (George was the 2009 winner). Both bucks are every hunter's dream.

Bryan's prize, sponsored by FTI, is 100 "Bucks".



L to R: George Kurtich, Bryan Bannister