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## VALCO CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL 2015 1<sup>ST</sup> QTR.



On April 14th we had a plant wide Appreciation and **Thank You** celebration for having a successful first quarter in 2015. A tasty, delicious hot breakfast was served to all Valco Associates as a recognition of our appreciation for everyone working together to make good things happen. A special Thank You goes to **Lonnie Cook** who not only organized the breakfast, but also personally cooked the pancakes and waffles to go along with the other breakfast items provided. It was a great way to start the day while also being able to say Thank You. Another great example of **By Working Together the Best Is Yet To Come!**

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## IN THE VALCO SPOTLIGHT: Chris Shaffner

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on **Chris Shaffner** who has been with us since December 1, 2014. Chris is currently part of our first shift welding department where he has been doing a fantastic job since day one.



Chris was born and raised in Tipp City where he graduated from Tipp City High School (Go Red Devils) in 2005. During high school Chris played basketball and was also a member of the varsity tennis team.



Since he was 12 years old Chris had worked in his family business, Vandalia Dairy Queen. His family has owned the business since 1976 when his grandfather started it and it is now operated by his father. He worked there for some 12 years and it is the only dairy queen he has been in. Since the price has always been right, he has never found a need to go anywhere else.

Chris was asked by a friend to help him build some equipment which required welding. He soon became intrigued with the welding experience and decided to enroll in the Hobart Welding School where he spent the next nine months learning to weld. He spent a lot of time welding pipe and structure steel. While at Hobart

he was recruited by Salt Creek Welding out of Wyoming to weld petroleum tanks. He spent two years welding pipe lines, oil rigs, and welding in mines in Wyoming and the Dakotas. Part of the experience was welding in the blistering sun during the summer as well as welding in 30 degrees below 0 during the winter

months. He returned to Tipp City to be closer to family when there were some family health issues.

His first job when he returned was with

Faeurcia Steel in Troy, Ohio, welding exhaust systems for General Motors. Shortly after that he joined Valco, which has worked out great for the both of us. Chris is a lover of reptiles and has a "pet" Columbia Red Tail Boa Constrictor. During his non-Valco hours, he enjoys doing carpentry work and welded art work. He is expecting his first child in October. Chris says he has really enjoyed working at Valco, enjoys the people he is working with, believes there are good opportunities for him here, and feels he continually gets better and better with his welding skills and knowledge of welding. It is great to have Chris as part of our team and we appreciate his drive and energy in excelling at what he does.

## Welcome to VALCO INDUSTRIES, INC.



Chris Zimmers started with us on April 14th as a production helper on first shift.



Josh Wilson started with us on March 30th as a production helper on first shift.

It is great to have both Josh and Chris as part of our winning Team. We look forward to working with them over the upcoming months and years. Best of luck in your new positions.



## Announcements



Jerry Reed ..... May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Gary Lehning ..... May 18<sup>th</sup>

Even though it does not look like May is a very popular birthday month at Valco, we still want to wish both of you the very best on your special day as well as a year of good health, lots of laughs, and much personal and professional success. Enjoy your special time of year!

### Years of Service

Jamie Callan ..... May 2 ..... 4 Yrs.  
Herman Banks .... May 6 ..... 2 Yrs.  
Jerry Reed ..... May 18... 16 Yrs.!!  
Shawn Ayers ..... May 24 ..... 5 Yrs.

Thanks to each of you for your many contributions to Valco's success and growth. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for Valco and our many customers. You make it happen each and every day. Thanks!

### Welcome Back...

Dave Koeppe has returned from his recent surgery. It is great having him back with us and even happier to know all went well.

### Get Well Wishes

We wish **Micah Hanks** a quick and complete recovery from his recent surgery.

We are also looking forward to having **Jerry Stultz** return as he continues to recover from a leg injury suffered during a fall on some ice.

We hope to have Micah and Jerry rejoin the Valco Team as soon as possible as we miss both of them and wish each of them a quick recovery.



## VALCO PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

The photo (left) is an engine base (EBB) we fabricate for one of our customers who is in the fire protection business. These bases are used to mount their engines to while they move them around in their assembly and paint processes. This weldment consists of mainly 1/4" material with the exception of the pads on the top which are 1" thick 4140 CF steel. When the bases are completed they weigh approximately 800 pounds. It takes two people to form the 1/4" upper and lower plates. The formed plates are then moved around Valco by crane for the final assembly and weld operations.



Another positive sign that summer is on the way is the fact that the Springfield Arts Council has announced their schedule for the **49th Summer Arts Festival**.

The six week all FREE entertainment series starts on Wednesday, June 10th, with the return of **Phil Dirt and the Dozers** and ends on Saturday, July 18th, with **Jefferson Starship**. For more information on the festival and a complete schedule of events you can go to [www.springfieldartscouncil.org](http://www.springfieldartscouncil.org). Take advantage of one of Springfield's best community wide events. There may not be such a thing as a free lunch, but there really is such a thing as a free six week arts festival.

## Holiday Reminders

The first summer holiday of 2015 is quickly approaching as we will be celebrating **Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th**. This is of course a paid holiday for all full time associates who have been with us for at least 90 days. Hopefully after the brutal winter we have had the weather will co-operate so that we have a long, sunny and warm holiday weekend.



**Independence Day (July 4th) this year falls on a Saturday** so we will be taking Friday, July 3rd off as the paid day for the July 4th holiday. More information to follow as we get closer to the holiday.

## Great Quotes

"The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see." —Alexandra Trenfor

"The most successful people are those who are good at Plan B." —James Yorke

"It's little good you'll do a-watering last year's crop." —George Eliot

"Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects." — Will Rogers

"Even with a round table, some people always seem able to sit at the head of it." —Ashleigh Brilliant