

RETIREMENTS



Retirees: (L-R), Bill Lamere, Steve Foster, Dave Christensen, and Max Babbitt.

With the end of the year has come several retirements:

Max Babbitt has retired after nearly 44 years of service. He started at GTD in 1969 as part of the Co-op program. Upon graduating from Greenville High School in June of 1971, he became a full time GTD employee and apprentice tool & die maker. Max and his wife Jill have five children; Heather, Dan, Tara, Josh, and Nate. They also have 7 grandchildren. Max replied that he has really enjoyed both the work and his co-workers here at GTD.

After 31 years of service, Bill Lamere also retired. Born and raised in the small town of Champion in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, he graduated from Northern Michigan University's Machine Tool Program with high honors in 1983. He then joined GTD as an apprentice tool & die maker. Bill, as our ISO Director, has been very instrumental in the development of our Quality Control and

Inspection Department procedures and processes as well as our registered ISO-9001:2008 program. He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters; Andrea and Katie. Bill commented that he plans to stay busy with family, woodworking, fishing, photography, and travel.

Dave Christensen graduated from Belding High School in 1973 and shortly after entered the mold making and tool grinding business. In 1984 he began his career in tool & die making at the former Tomco Tool & Die Co. He joined GTD in 2003 when the company purchased Tomco Tool. Now with more than 30 years of service, Dave has retired. He and his wife, Diane, have two daughters; Leigha and Tracy and five grandchildren.

Steve Foster, long time HR Director and editor of the Tool Bits, has retired after more than 32 years of service. We will profile Steve in the February issue of the Tool Bits.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the following GTD employees a Happy Birthday on:

FEBRUARY 2015

- 2.....Matt Caverley
- 4.....Robbie Rahn
- 5.....Jeremy Hopkins
- 7.....Matt Dempsey
- 7.....Mike Geister
- 8.....Brian Brasington
- 10Mike Davis
- 10Bill Harry
- 10Austin Wardell
- 17Seth Heckman
- 22Mike Smith
- 27Rick Visch
- 28IV Mumby

SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Kerry Jahns
Brett Tomkinson

Bill Draper
Cory Selleck

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

MILL UPDATE



Installation of our new Okuma MCR-BII CNC bridge mill is almost complete. We are expecting the mill to be finished and in operation by the end of the month. This mill will greatly expand our capability to machine large steels and castings with an "X" travel of 196.9", "Y" travel of 145.7", and "Z" travel of 31.5".



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2014 ARCHERY DEER SEASON BUCK POOL WINNERS



Congratulations to our top archery successful hunters. At left Brad Throop, with his 8-pointer having a 18-1/2" outside spread, took first place. This buck was taken on property Brad had just aquired.

At right Jeremy Hopkins, with his 10-pointer having a 16" outside spread, finished in second place. Congratulations to Brad and Jeremy on these nice bucks.

Other successful entrants with nice bucks were; Jeff Waite, Chris Bannen, Bill Draper, and Ben Crawford.



GTD CHRISTMAS DINNER Thursday December 18th



NEW EMPLOYEES

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new employees: (Top Left) Jordan Melching; (Top Right) Terry Miller; and (Lower Left) Brett London (Student Learner). Best wishes to Jordan, Terry, and Brett.

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