



# ROSITE<sup>®</sup> INSIGHT

The Rostone Newsletter

## Matt Room Upgrade



L to R, Mel Elliott, Ray Daniels, Bill Moore, Jim Wayne, George Clark, Gary Anderson, Jim Gilbert, Tom Barrett, and John Key

**P**ictured above are most of the people responsible for the installation of the new mass flow meters in the Matt Room.

The installation started the end of summer with Gary Anderson, Sr. Plant Engineer, working with the Maintenance Department (Mel Elliott, Ray Daniels, Jim Gilbert, and Jim Wayne), George Clark, Mix Supervisor, and the Matt Operators (Tom Barrett and John Key) trying to

determine the location of the meters and other associated equipment. This new system required that all of the plumbing be changed, as well as all of the programs in the PLC (programmable logic controller). This installation has been completed and the only thing remaining is to fine tune the process to be sure we are using all of its capabilities.

The meters insure that proper ratios of the A side (paste) to the B side

(thickener) as well as the C side (pigment) are maintained throughout the production run.

These new process changes will triple our SMC capacity. By using the third stream to pigment, all the holding tanks can be used for storage of unpigmented paste. This amounts to about 40,000 pounds of paste. We will be able to run as much as 50,000 pounds of SMC in one production run. With this added capacity, we can now be competitive in the selling of matt. We have had several inquiries in the past, but chose not to go after the business because of our process. We do have one matt customer, but their requirements are very low and the product is used up quickly.

In the coming weeks, we should start to see a dramatic improvement in our SMC products as Research & Development fine tunes the formulations and the operators become more acquainted with the equipment. *Thanks to all who were involved in the installation of this equipment and helped to make the transition to this new process a success.*

Bill Moore  
Superintendent  
Specialty Press/Mix

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## January Anniversaries

### 35 or more

Dave Butz - 36 yrs - 1/8

### 25 or more

Ed Smith 27 yrs 1/20  
Bill McIver - 26 yrs - 1/13

### 20 or more

Wayne Cory - 22 yrs - 1/7

### 15 or more

Dale Myers - 19 yrs - 1/3

### 10 or more

Ricky Littleton - 12 yrs - 1/4  
Michael Mull - 12 yrs - 1/9  
Mary J. Gibson - 12 yrs - 1/9  
Kathleen Weida - 12 yrs - 1/10  
Jerry Allen - 12 yrs - 1/11  
Karen Knight - 12 yrs - 1/11  
Jefty Hampton - 12 yrs - 1/23

### 5 or more

Mike Ewing - 8 yrs - 1/18

## New Employee

We welcome Lynette Carpenter,  
our new Cost Accountant.

## Speechcrafters



Mike Kinsinger and Don Buchman listen carefully as Mike Ewing gives his speech.

Gary Anderson, Mike Ewing, Nettie Haab, Greg Hilbert, Jackie Jessee, Bill Morris, and Mike Parnell recently participated in a Speechcrafters Communication Series. Don Buchman, and Mike Kinsinger, who are both active in Toastmasters, set up these meetings at Rostone to help our employees as they communicate and speak in public. Each participant gave three to five speeches. They then received feedback on the good parts of their speeches and also what they needed to work on to be better communicators. A new word was introduced at each meeting and the speakers were then challenged to incorporate this word into their speeches. Everyone was able to pick up many good points in the art of public speaking.



*We Wish Everyone  
A Safe and Enjoyable  
Holiday Season!!*

## Labor-Saving Idea Helps Improve our Process



Denny Gallivan and Kevin Williams

**D**enny Gallivan came up with a great suggestion on how to get rid of all the dust in the Injection area back by the Krauss-Maffei presses, and save the operators a lot of time and effort in

the process.

The operators used to have to carry a 5-gallon bucket of powder up a ladder and dump it into the press hopper every 10-15 minutes. The powder is

very fine and the dust blew everywhere. It got into the computer and all the controls at the press. Shipping was not happy because the dust even came over to their department and settled on all the parts that were ready to be shipped.

Denny remembered how they used gib hoists in Commercial, before they went to augers, to get the powder up above the presses. He suggested they use this system in Injection since they now had extra hoists. It worked great! Now the operator uses this system to hoist 200-pound barrels up over the press hopper and the powder feeds down through a funnel. This powder will last 2½ to 3 hours leaving the operator with more time for other jobs. Dust is just about completely eliminated, and everyone now appreciates the much cleaner environment.

Denny has been at Rostone for 20 years. He has worked in Commercial Press, Commercial Finishing, the Mix Room and the Matt Room, and is currently an Injection press helper.

Thanks, Denny, for the great idea!

## A Christmas Story

**Carol (Shoemaker) Koons, Specialty Finishing,** has three brothers and three sisters. They are now all married and have 26 children among them. These 26 children have 46 children, and there are even three in the next generation. Carol's parents, Harry and Dorothy Shoemaker, are no longer living. Family has always been very important to them, but their Christmas get togethers were getting shorter and shorter. People came, ate, and left. Some of the cousins hardly even knew each other.

In 1981 they started having a White Elephant Sale. Everyone brought a gift and wrapped it up real pretty. They then auctioned the gifts off. No one was quite sure what they were bidding on, but that didn't stop them. This sale has continued every year and all the money they collect is given to the Heart Fund in memory of their parents. They collected their highest amount ever this year - \$741.

The Shoemaker family now really looks forward to their Christmas party, and stay a lot longer. They have all

gotten to know each other better. The younger kids learn about their grandparents, their heritage, and also about charity.

They meet at the Conservation Club and Santa Claus always pays a visit to the delight of the children. This year there were 68 in attendance with the oldest being 71 years old and the youngest four months. They came from as far away as Texas. Christmas now has a new meaning for the Shoemaker family, and it gets them all in the true spirit of the season.

## Rostone Recreational Association Christmas Party



Brad and Roann Riggins-Keller watch as Breanna visits with Santa.



April watches as Taylor Mull receives a gift from Santa. Taylor is the granddaughter of Linda Mull.



Kelsey Marie, 7-day old daughter of Jeff McCall, was the youngest and probably most disinterested child at the party.



Sarah Koger, daughter of Sandy, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.



All the kids were good and waited patiently in the long line because Santa might be watching.



Dale Reiss, Windford Walker, and Tom Lester check out the door prizes.



Santa listens real closely to his granddaughter Britny's requests.

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