

The Turret Connection

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Wayne's World (Message from our President)

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Please don't forget to submit any news, announcements, or ideas that you would like to share for our next edition to Rhonda or Katy, our newsletter editors.

OK, so we're finally away on our long-awaited company cruise. All the flights arrived and everyone who is supposed to be on the ship has made it (just barely for some!). I am making my introductory remarks and there is so much to talk about: the new websites Wendell is working on, the new computer software we hope to have in place this year, our new full-time I.T. department, our newest warehouse (coming soon to Portland, Oregon), etc., etc. But the one big piece of news that I was not yet at liberty to talk about was our (hopefully) upcoming acquisition of Wilcox Steel in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Anyone who has been in this business a while is familiar with its predecessor company, Fort Howard Steel. I first learned of the availability of this company, believe it or not, through an ad in a trade journal. It said, simply, "steel bar company for sale". I requested and received information and studied the

history and financials. Fred and I made a trip to Wisconsin and saw the facility and met the people. This seemed like a very good fit for us! Because the company was in Receivership, the path to closing a deal was a complicated one. I had to negotiate a contract with the Receiver, which needed to then be approved by the bank. Then they had a month to try and find a higher bidder. This process included an auction (the day our cruise ended!), which had bidders who wanted to try and run the company as well as others who wanted to break it up and sell off the parts. The group that controlled Wilcox Steel also did not want to let it go. I began my bidding at the airport in Orlando and completed it at my desk in Charlotte!

In the end we prevailed and then had to close the deal within just a few days, as their bank would not continue to fund the company into the New Year. We were persistent

in our pursuit for a number of reasons, but mostly because I was so impressed with the people that I met on my visits. This is a great group of hard-working, dedicated, caring professionals and I am thrilled that they are now part of our corporate family. Please enjoy meeting them in the coming pages and join me in warmly welcoming them aboard.

As I type these words, we are nearing the end of January. It looks like Turret will have a strong month and Sunbelt-Turret may set yet another sales record. I thank you for all that you do that contributes to our mutual success. Let's keep it going!

Thanks,

Wayne

Welcome to the Family!



The acquisition of Wilcox Steel in December, 2010 gives us the opportunity to welcome a new addition into the Turret family. Located in Green Bay, WI, the 63,000 square foot facility was built in 1990. Wilcox Steel is known for their custom engineered cold finished bar products.

and in honor of the upcoming game...



Sorry guys, I couldn't resist. Welcome aboard!!!!

Meet the employees of Wilcox Steel



Fran Larson is the General Manager of Wilcox Steel. She has been married to Jeff for 30 years. They have 3 children, Rick who is a junior at UWGB, Kayla who just graduated from St. Norbert with a teaching degree and newly-wed Nicole. Fran was employed at Fort Howard Steel from 1977-2005 and with Wilcox Steel since 2005. In her spare time Fran enjoys reading, sports and spending time with her family.

Jane Bishop has been in the steel industry for over 30 years. She works in customer Service & Sales. She was born and raised in Green Bay, WI. Jane has been happily divorced since 1986. She has two wonderful daughters. In her spare time, Jane enjoys reading, cooking and gardening.



Mike Elliott is the newest member of the Wilcox sales team. He has been in the steel industry since August of 1995. He is married to Janet and they have two children. In his spare time he enjoys fishing for walleyes and trout as well as hunting for deer and bear.

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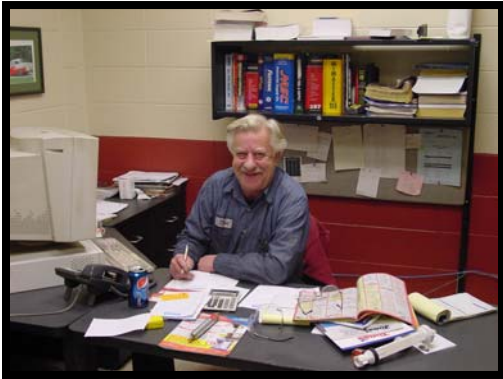
Gordy Clark is the Mill Supervisor at Wilcox Steel. He has 38 years of experience in the cold drawn bar industry; 23 years as a mill worker and 15 years as a supervisor. He and his wife, Ruth, have 3 sons, Aaron, Ben and Justin. His interests include cooking, riding his Harley, pheasant hunting in South Dakota and visiting his children in Milwaukee WI and San Antonio, TX.

Bob Haworth has been in the cold rolled bars industry since 1974. He enjoys weekends up north and “Happy Hours.”



Daniel Sacotte has been in the cold drawn bar industry for 26 years. He is married with two children. He is a proud grandparent to a baby girl. Daniel loves camping on the weekends or just relaxing around the pool. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

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Dan Daul started with the company in 1993 in maintenance. He loves anything to do with cars.

Dan Pamperin has been in the steel industry since 1974. In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends.



Robert Rabideau has been with Wilcox Steel since January 1998. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities.



Rick Longcore has lived in the Green Bay area for 33 years. He enjoys Harley's, fishing and time with his family. Rick has been in the cold drawn industry since 1984. Oh and GO PACKERS!!!



Welcome to our new Employees!

Michael Conroy joins the Sunbelt-Turret Steel sales team in South Windsor, Connecticut. He brings over 7 years experience in the tool steel industry. Michael has been married to Sarah for 8 years and they have two children, Mary Grace, 7 and Patrick, 5 as well as a big yellow lab, Sonny. He enjoys live music, landscaping and woodworking.



Curt Swartzwelder joins the Sunbelt-Turret Steel team as IT Director. He brings over 20 years experience in the IT field and 10+ years experience in distribution. Curt is married and his wife Marianne works for PNC Bank. Curt has an 18 year old daughter attending San Jose State in California.

Halloween Contest

The winner of the 1st Annual Halloween Costume contest was the Charlotte office with their impersonation of the Addams Family. Charlotte set the bar high! We are looking forward to the 2011 Contest!!



Addam's Family in Charlotte NC



Team Spirit in Chicago



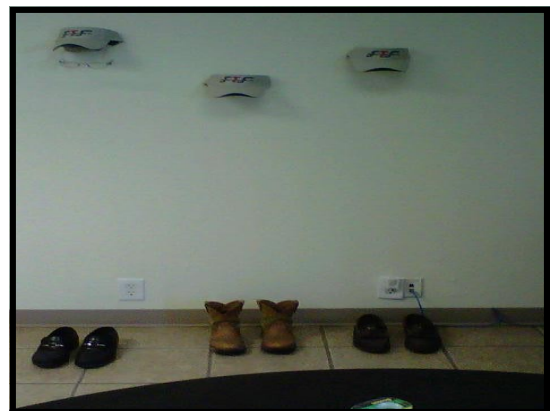
The Insane Asylum in Imperial PA



Rob Glazier aka Fred Flintstone

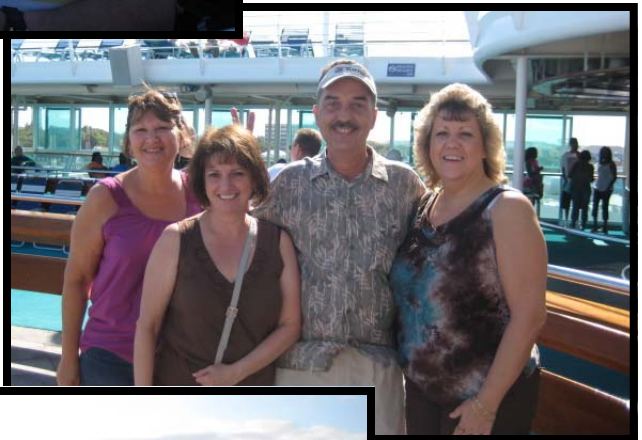


Scary Ghosts in Dos Palos CA



The invisible Workers in Cooper TX

Cruise 2010



A great
time had by ALL!!

Can you take the heat?

On a recent outing Karthik was goaded by Wendell Mac-

Donald, Tim Bonfanti, Dennis Gillin and the waitress Chrissy into taking the the "Triple Atomic Wing Challenge" at Quaker Steak and Lube in Robinson Twp. Pa. He had to sign a waiver in order to do the challenge and wear gloves in order to touch the wings he was about to eat. He managed to eat all 6 wings, earning a T-shirt along with bragging rights to eating the HOTTEST WINGS known to



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January	February	March
David Griffith 01	Richard Longcore 03	Brad Peterson 04
Dean Eriks 04	Ron Chase 05	William Langmaid 05
Bonnie Postapack 07	Clark Gordon 06	Brian Richardson 08
Terra Sweet 08	Darryl Canal 11	Pat Hazinakis 11
Michael Conroy 08	Tim Bonfanti 11	Steve Atkinson 27
Wayne Gould 12	Fred Olmsted 14	Daniel Pamperin 28
Randy LaJaunie 16	Don James 28	Cedric Bullock 31
Frank Cress 17		
Mike Elliott 22		
Stanislaw Leja 26		
Larry Weir 31		

CORPORATE ANNIVERSARIES

January	February	March
Robert Rabideau 13 yrs	Jake Klein 14 yrs	Daniel Sacotte 26 yrs
Hillary McCormick 4 yrs	Erin Coleman 13 yrs	Michael Norman 11 yrs
Gary Roggenbuck 3 yrs	Sue Hager 1 yr	Lisa Davis 4 yrs
Vincent Higlesias 2 yrs		Timothy Young 1 yr
Chuck Toles 2 yrs		Rogelio Robles 1 yr
Brad Peterson 2 yrs		
Thomas Winot 2 yrs		

Q & A Employee Spotlight



Nheui Van Nguyen

<u>Position:</u>	Saw Operator – Charlotte NC
<u>How long @ STS:</u>	19 years
<u>Birthplace:</u>	Ving Long Vietnam
<u>Favorite Hobby:</u>	Gardening
<u>A favorite vacation:</u>	Family trip to Myrtle Beach. Lots of good quality time – walking on the beach, swim ming, eating seafood
<u>Little Unknown Fact:</u>	Licensed barber
<u>Family:</u>	Married for 28 years One daughter – graduated from Wingate College and working on her RN @ Carolina’s Medical Center Mom will be 102 years old on April 24 th

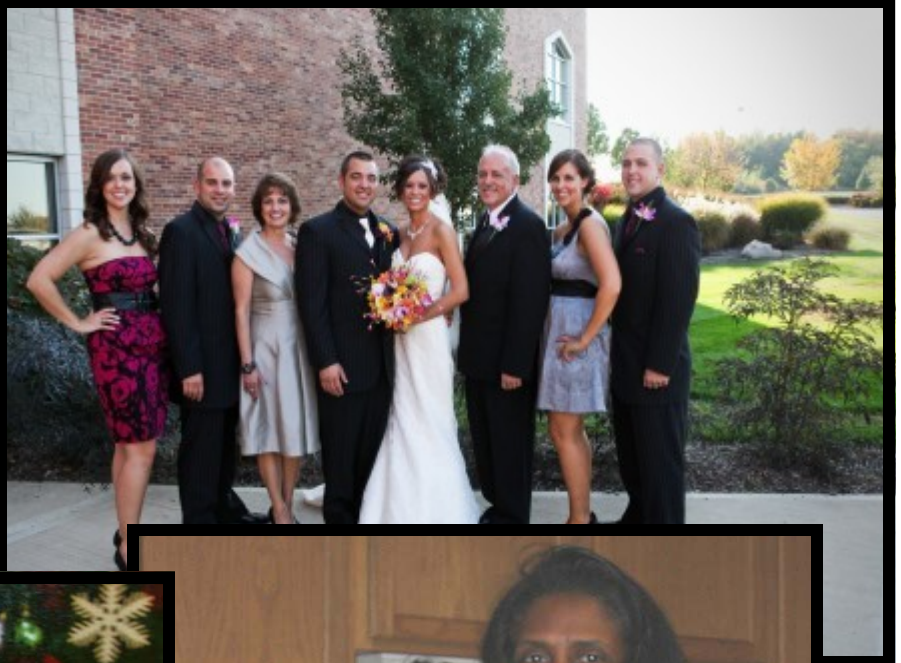
Thanks Nheui for participating!! It's great to get to know each other better!!

The Brag Board

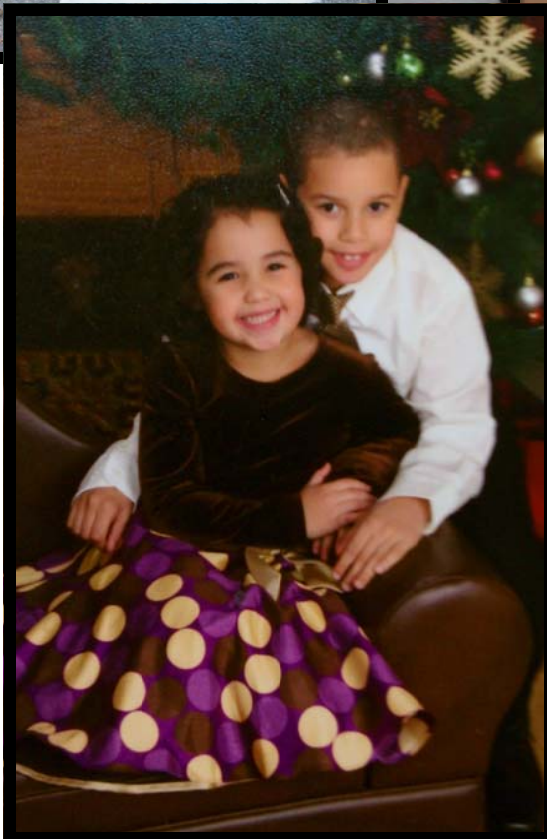
Featured this month:
Chicago office



Debbie Besch's son Matthew got married in October this past year



Terra Sweets' beautiful grand-children



Rhonda Williams and her gorgeous grandbaby

Other News

Seth Heustess (Charlotte office) announces the birth of his daughter Adalee Clare born on 12/29/10 weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Congratulations to the Heustess Family.



2011 Holiday Schedule

New Years Day	Friday, December 31, 2010
Good Friday	Friday, April 22, 2011
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2011
Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2011
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2011
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, 2011
Christmas	Monday, December 26, 2011