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Free Coffee Day!

To celebrate those employees with birthdays in June (see Birthdays on page 3), there will be free coffee from the vending machine starting early AM on Monday, June 19 through early AM Tuesday, June 20.

ENJOY!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

Improvement Idea Winner By Scott Wagner, Plant Mgr.

Congratulations to Ray Souder, Material Handler, mid-shift, for being the Improvement Idea winner for May. There were seven ideas submitted this month. Ray submitted six of those ideas and Chris Hainey submitted one idea. Thank you both for letting us know your ideas for improvement here at Rex.



Ray's idea is to make it easier to pick up furnace lids on the 100 line. By installing or modifying the lids and putting an indent under the furnace lid loop, the crane hook could slip under the loop and hook into it as well as unhook from it hands free. This would save time from trying to hook the loop using one hand to control the crane and one to hold a bar which is used to guide the hook to the loop.

The next Improvement Idea spin will be held on Monday, June 19, at 3:10 pm in the Induction area. Ray will be drawing the name of one employee for the "Monthly Employee Appreciation" spin. Come to the spin to see if your name is chosen. Then you will be the lucky person taking a spin on the Rex Wheel of Chance.

Can you think of an idea for an improvement here at Rex? Just write it down on a piece of paper and drop it into the box outside the Production office door. You could be the next winner taking a spin on the Rex Wheel of Chance.

DEADLINE FOR JUNE IMPROVEMENT IDEAS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 9 A.M.

Monthly Winners

By Scott Wagner, Plant Manager



Bob Feldman, Improvement Idea winner for April, is congratulated by Plant Manager Scott Wagner.

Our Improvement Idea winner for April was **Bob Feldman**, Electrician, third shift. Bob won \$250 on his spin. There were 13 Improvement Ideas submitted in April. Besides Bob's winning idea, **Chris Hainey** submitted six ideas, **Ray Souder** submitted four ideas, **Yao Kangni Soukpe** and **Mike Townsend** submitted one idea each. They all received a "Good Idea" pin and \$5 lottery ticket.



Ray Souder submitted four Improvement ideas in April. He gets a "thank you" handshake from Scott Wagner. Chris Hainey, Yao Kangni Soukpe and Mike Townsend also submitted ideas but are not pictured.

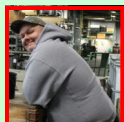


Sandy Zigon, Monthly Employee Appreciation winner, is congratulated by Scott Wagner.

The lucky winner of "Monthly Employee Appreciation" was **Sandy Zigon** who won a \$50 reward on her spin. Five names were drawn from a bucket that contained the names of all Rex employees. **Rich Harris**, **Derek McAlarney**, **Ryan O'Donnell**, **Brandon Reynolds**, and **Alex Rutkowski** each received a \$5 instant lottery ticket. **Ryan O'Donnell** was also the Rex Riddle winner and he received another \$5 lottery ticket. Employees celebrating anniversaries received their anniversary gifts from Plant Manager Scott Wagner.



Ryan O'Donnell receives a lottery ticket from Scott Wagner for being the Rex Riddle winner this month.



Scott Wagner congratulates lottery ticket winners from left: Derek McAlarney, Ryan O'Donnell, and Brandon Reynolds. Rich Harris and Alex Rutkowski also won but are not pictured.

For refreshments, we all enjoyed fruit and cookies along with free coffee. Please come to next month's spin to see if your name is the one picked to be the Monthly Employee Appreciation winner. Then you will have an opportunity to take a spin on the Rex Wheel of Chance.

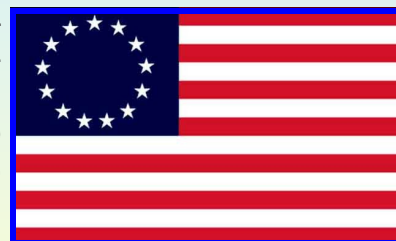
FLAG DAY OBSERVANCE



If you look close enough at most paper calendars, you will see that June 14 is marked as Flag Day here in the U.S. This is not a “get off from work” national holiday but rather a special day that pays homage to the American flag, symbol of our country’s freedom.

Many people honor this day by displaying the American flag at their homes and on all government and public buildings. Other popular ways of observance include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services, and parades.

June 14, 1777, is considered the birthday of the American flag when the Continental Congress replaced the British Grand Union flag with a newly designed American flag that featured 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, representing the original 13 colonies that became the first states in the Union.



The first version of the flag featured a blue rectangle in the upper left corner of the flag that contained a circle of 13 five-pointed white stars representing each state. Today’s flag contains 50 stars in rows representing the current number of states in the Union. Speculation has it that our flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day. It did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation proclaiming June 14 as Flag Day.

THE FIRST FLYING SAUCER REPORT

(Compliments of Neatorama website)

On June 24th, 1947, Army Air Corps pilot Kenneth Arnold reported an unusual sighting while returning from a mission to find a reported downed plane. Out of the incident was born a new term: flying saucer.



As Arnold recalled, the afternoon was crystal clear, and he was cruising at an altitude of 9,200 feet. A minute or two after noting a DC-4 about 15 miles behind and to the left of him, he was startled by something bright reflecting off his plane. At first he thought he had nearly hit another aircraft but as he looked off in the direction the light had come from, he saw nine “peculiar-looking” aircraft flying rapidly in formation toward Mount Rainier.

As these strange, tailless craft flew between his plane and Mount Rainier and then off toward distant Mount Adams, Arnold noted their remarkable speed. He later calculated that they were moving at around 1,700 mph and said he got a pretty good look at their black silhouettes outlined against Rainier’s snowy peak. He later described them as saucer-like disks ... something the gentlemen of the press caught on to very quickly.

At the time, Arnold said, the appearance of these flying saucers didn’t particularly alarm him, because he assumed they were some kind of experimental military aircraft. If they were, nobody in the War Department (soon to be merged into the Department of Defense) was saying.

The official position of the Army Air Corps was that Arnold saw a mirage or was hallucinating. The term “flying saucer” received lots of publicity and many other reports rolled in shortly afterward. The incident marked the beginning of the UFO craze.



Employees celebrating a birthday in June are listed below. Let's wish them a happy day.

- 1 Kris Hunsicker
- 4 Nancy Viola
- 7 Brian Wingate
- 8 John Sherman
- 18 Don Wiggins
- 24 Terry Copenhaver

REX RIDDLE #71

FIRST YOU SEE ME IN THE GRASS
DRESSED IN YELLOW.
NEXT I AM DAINTY WHITE.
THEN I FLY AWAY.
What am I?



To submit your guess for The Rex Riddle, take a slip out of the folder in the rack in the Production Office, fill it out, and drop it in the box outside of the Production Office door. Guesses will be taken until the morning of the monthly spin. One name will be drawn from all the correct answers to receive a \$5 instant lottery ticket.

Answer to last month's riddle:

What do dogs and trees have in common?

Answer: Their bark

Yearly Work Anniversaries

There are no employees celebrating Work anniversaries in June:

1 to 5 Years

Lots of folks

6-10 Years

celebrating in July

Over 10 Years

— stay tuned

It's
SUMMER
Time

I am vacationing at the beach and having a great time. I hope you are being good. I will see you in December!

PostCard



Car Fascination and Facts



Most of us are totally dependent on our cars to get to work, to the supermarket, to the train station, to the in-laws....really just about anywhere. In today's world, owning a car is a necessity rather than a luxury. The majority of us don't really know or want to know a lot about our cars -- as long as they start when we turn the key and get us to where we need to go - we're happy. Thanks to Car Facts, here are some interesting tidbits about our cars that might be interesting to know.

- Having no recollection of your drive to work or school (autopilot) is called "Highway Hypnosis."
- It costs on average \$8,876 per year to own and maintain a car in the U.S.
- The average car has 30,000 parts.
- Up to 80% of an average car is recyclable.
- 95% of a car's lifetime is spent parked.
- The average American spends about 38 hours a year stuck in traffic.
- There are currently one billion cars in use on earth.
- Texting while driving increases the chance of a crash by 23 times.
- The average American eats one in five meals in the car.
- Americans wasted \$2 billion in 2015 putting premium gasoline into cars that don't need it.
- The inventor of cruise control was blind.
- Sweden's Volvo made the three-point seatbelt design patent open and available to other car manufacturers for free in the interest of safety. Seatbelts save one life every six minutes.
- The inventor of the intermittent windshield wiper tried to sell his idea to the auto industry and was turned away. When intermittent wipers began showing up on new cars, he sued and won.
- Recent studies estimate that mass-adoption of self-driving cars could cut traffic accidents by 90%.

CARS IN HISTORY

- The first car accident occurred in 1891 in Ohio.
- The top speed at the world's first auto race in 1895 was 15 mph.
- The world's first traffic ticket was issued to a motorist in 1896. The speed limit at the time was 2 mph and he was going 8 mph.
- In early years of the 20th century, horses caused so much pollution with their poop, that cars were considered the "green" alternative.
- In 1900, 40% of American cars were powered with steam, 38% electricity, and 22% gasoline.
- Louis Chevrolet, founder of Chevrolet, died bankrupt and poor working as a mechanic for the company he started.
- The first armoured presidential car was a Cadillac that had previously been owned by gangster Al Capone.