



# The ReX Files

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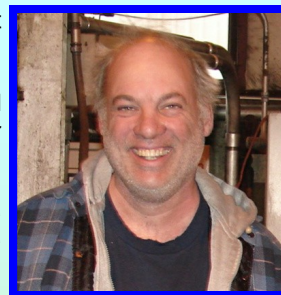
## Free Coffee Day!

To celebrate those employees with birthdays in May (see Birthdays on page 3), there will be free coffee from the vending machine starting early AM on Monday, May 21 through early AM Tuesday, May 22.

ENJOY!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

## Improvement Idea Winner By Scott Wagner, Plant Mgr.

Congratulations to **Jim Forbes**, Maintenance 'A' first shift, for being the Improvement Idea winner for April. There were four ideas submitted in April. Besides Jim's winning idea, **Andy Hiddemen**, **Trevor Levonski**, and **Ray Souder** submitted one idea each. Thank you all for letting us know your ideas for improvement here at Rex.



Jim's improvement idea is to add heavy screen to the supports where the catch can is held in place on the bottom of the 128 water quench tank. This screen would help prevent parts that may fall off the rack or tooling into the tank from missing the catch can. When parts miss the catch it requires draining the tank which shuts down or delays production.

The next Improvement Idea spin will be held on **Monday, May 21 at 3:10 pm** in the Vacuum Bay. Jim 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 MAY IMPROVEMENT IDEAS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 9 A.M.**

## Monthly Winners

By Scott Wagner, Plant Manager



Trevor Levonski, March Improvement Idea winner, is congratulated by Scott Wagner, Plant Manager.

Our Improvement Idea winner for March was **Trevor Levonski**, Inspector, second shift. Trevor won \$250 on his spin. There were four Improvement Ideas submitted in March. Besides Trevor's winning idea, **Chris Kent** submitted two ideas, and **James Stanton** submitted one idea. They all received a "Good Idea" pin and \$5 lottery ticket.



Chris Kent is congratulated by Scott Wagner for his March Improvement idea. James Stanton also submitted an idea but is not pictured.

The lucky winner of "Monthly Employee Appreciation" was **Sharley Dubisette**, who won a \$100 reward on his spin. Five names were drawn from a bucket that contained the names of all Rex employees.

**Fred Cherezov**, **Jim Forbes**, **Bernadette Hoffman**, **Kris Hunsicker**, and **Trevor Levonski** each received a \$5 instant lottery ticket. **Bernadette Hoffman** also won the Rex Riddle and received a second \$5 lottery ticket. Employees celebrating anniversaries in



Scott congratulates Sharley Dubisette for being this month's Employee Appreciation winner.



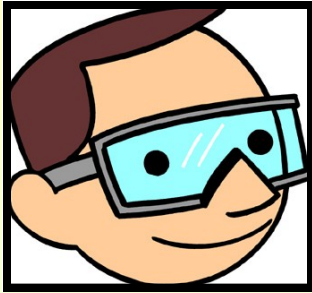
Scott presents anniversary gifts to: (top row l-r) Trevor Levonski (5 yrs), Brandon Reynolds (20 yrs). Bottom row: Greg Smith (11 yrs)

March received their anniversary gifts from Plant Manager Scott Wagner.

For refreshments, we all enjoyed fruit, cookies, and 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.



Scott presents lottery tickets to this month's winners: Fred Cherezov and Bernadette Hoffman. Other winners: Jim Forbes, Kris Hunsicker, and Trevor Levonski.



### ***SAFETY GLASSES: Workplace Necessity for Eye Protection***

Thanks to advanced technology and manufacturing in the last 20 years, there have been some major upgrades in the quality of protective eye wear. Comfortable, distortion free safety glasses in a wide range of styles and options replace the large, bulky, uncomfortable box-like lenses of the past.

Safety goggles and glasses are manufactured for practically any application imaginable. Protection from lasers, corrosive chemicals, and even gunfire are readily available from manufacturers who have spent thousands of hours performing research and testing to perfect their designs.

Most safety glasses are now made from high-impact polycarbonate materials that are lightweight and offer 99.99% protection from UVA and UVB rays. Advancements in lens technology has also helped to greatly reduce eye strain and fatigue, improve visibility, and offer a wider viewing range for enhanced safety.

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the majority of workplace eye injuries are caused by small particles or objects (such as metal slivers, wood chips or dust) striking or scratching the eye. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) found that 70 percent of eye injuries studied resulted from flying or falling objects or sparks striking the eye. Injured workers reported that most of the objects were smaller than a pinhead.

Nearly three out of five injured workers were not wearing eye protection at the time of the accident or were wearing the wrong kind of eye protection for the job. Eye injuries alone cost more than \$300 million per year in lost production time, medical expenses and worker compensation.

With such compelling statistics, it makes both common and economic sense for workers to protect their eyes by wearing safety glasses on the job.

#### **PROPER EYE WEAR PROTECTION**

- **Select the right eye protection for the work site.**
- **Make sure safety eyewear is in good condition.**
- **Make sure safety eyewear fits right and stays in place.**

### ***Celebrate Mother's Day — May 13, 2018***



*"There is no perfect way to be a good mother. Each situation is unique. Each mother has different challenges, different skills and abilities, and certainly different children. The choice is different and unique for each mother and each family."*

**M. Russell Ballard**





**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Employees celebrating May birthdays are listed below. Let's wish them a happy day.

**9 Mike Evans**  
**18 Sid Heflin**  
**20 Fred Cherezov**

## REX RIDDLE #82

Two sisters are we, one black and one white. In twin towers dwelling, we're quite the pair. One from the land and one from the sea. Tell us truly, who are we?

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 can be seen in the middle of the months March and April that cannot be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

**ANSWER: The letter "R"**

## Yearly Work Anniversaries

The following employees are celebrating their Work anniversaries in **May**:

### 1 to 5 Years

Linda Palmarozza (2 yrs)

### 6-10 Years

### Over 10 Years

Ron Makos (14 yrs)  
Tim Plaucher (28 yrs)

*You will receive your annual gift at the monthly spin.*

## Baseball Word Scramble

Unscramble the words, then use the highlighted letters to form the phrase below. Watch out: the phrase is scrambled too!

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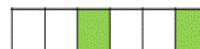
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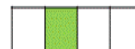
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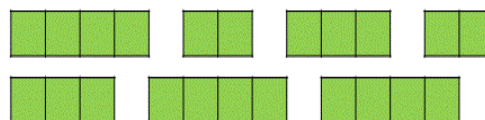
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(Sung during the seventh inning.)



## Medal of Honor Grove



Medal of Honor Grove, Freedoms Foundation campus,  
Valley Forge, PA

Memorial Day pays tribute to all the people who died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. It's a Federal holiday observed every year on the last Monday of May. This year it's Monday, May 28.

A nice way to celebrate Memorial Day would be to visit the Medal of Honor Grove located at Freedoms Foundation headquarters in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. This beautiful 52 acre natural woodland is a living memorial to honor the 3447 recipients of the Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest military distinction for valor in action against an enemy force. The Grove is the oldest living memorial honoring Medal of Honor recipients

The Grove is designed so that approximately one acre of land is designated for each of the 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Each state acre contains seven foot high obelisks with plaques that identify the names of the recipients of the Medal of Honor from that state.

The Medal of Honor Grove also contain the general Henry Knox building which houses the citation and personal history of each recipient and various displays of medals and artifacts. Just outside the Grove, visitors will find the George Washington At Prayer statue and the Patriots Path that shows various medals for service and heroism for each of the Armed Services.

The model of the Medal of Honor Grove was conceived by Kenneth Wells, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, E.F. Hutton, General Omar Bradley, and others at the Freedoms Foundation. The acreage for the Grove was dedicated in 1964.



George Washington Praying  
statue, just outside the Medal of  
Honor Grove.



Three Medal of Honor metals from left:  
Army, Navy, Airforce.

The history of the Medal of Honor dates back to the Civil War when President Abraham Lincoln approved legislation on Dec 21, 1861, on behalf of the Navy. Legislation for the Army medal was approved on July 12, 1862.

The Grove is open to the public at no charge. At the Gatehouse or Foot Entrance to the Medal of Honor Grove there is a large map with copies to help you locate a particular state acre or monument you are interested in seeing. Dogs are allowed on the site but must be leashed at all times.