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Smoke Signals

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Statitrol Corporation
Don came to us from American Optical Corporation in Southbridge, Massachusetts, where he was in the Marketing Services Department for five years. Before that, he was Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager for Electronic Futures, Inc., in North Haven, Connecticut. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1955, with a B.A. degree in Economics and received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Western New England College in 1970.

Don has found it easy to transplant his love of winter sports from snowy New England to the snowy Rocky Mountains. He particularly enjoys hunting and fishing, and has been an avid skier for more than twenty years.

Plans for developing an advertising program for Statitrol are still in the formative stage, but Don says we will be moving into more consumer advertising, through trade publications and news releases in the near future. He is also helping to design new audio-visual aids for our representatives around the country.

All of us are glad to welcome Don aboard, and your editor is especially pleased to note that not all advertising executives are addicted to Madison Avenue jargon--word-wise, that is.

EDITORIAL

Giving is a very important part of the holiday season, the part that seems the most important when we read the papers or watch TV. Most of us make elaborate lists of what to give whom and devote too much of our precious time to searching out each gift in the mayhem of Christmas shopping. It is important for us to remember that we will be happier if we give more than material presents to each other; we can give some attention to the way we treat each other. With our families, at our jobs, with total strangers, we all have opportunities to help each other by being cheerful, thoughtful, and by extending an occasional helping hand. At what is a happy time for us, we should remember that many people in Denver, the United States, and our world are not happy at this or any other time. The simple securities of good health, food, shelter, education, and employment are not available to everyone, as they are to us. Money, volunteer time, or just kind words and thoughts could make a difference to many people who are not as lucky as we are.

Perhaps if we make a conscious effort to be kinder and more understanding with each other through the holiday season, it could become a year-round habit that would make Statitrol, and the world, an even better place to be.
Pat Quint's husband, Ken, bagged a spectacular trophy on his last hunting expedition. He shot a fifteen-point elk, which the Fish and Game Department says is the largest kill reported so far this season. The ecologically minded Quints are making every possible use of their prize, which yielded 534 pounds of ground elk meat (Elk burgers are delicious!), a trophy head, and some lovely teeth (ivory), which Pat is having made into a necklace that will also incorporate the bullet that brought the beast down.

HOW TO SHRINK YOUR FOOD DOLLAR

My cookbook says, "Lobster meat may be substituted for turkey or chicken in your favorite poultry recipes." Oh goody!

NEW FACES

Many new employees have joined our family this month. Most visible of them is our new receptionist, Beverly Borski. New to the accounting department is Phyllis Goelz, now handling disbursements. Recent additions in the plant include Carol Maroney, Jennifer Johnson, and Connie Nordland, of Del Novak's line, Diane Bassen on the night shift, and Dom Frazier and Jim Loper in the stockroom.

Marlene McMenemy has returned to us, after recovering from surgery. We are very happy that she is back, and glad to note that she is looking and feeling just wonderful.

NEW USE FOUND FOR SMOKEGARD

The following letter comes to us from Sam Savajian's bottomless file of bizarre correspondence about SmokeGard:

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Ken Klapmeier
STATITROL
140 South Union Blvd.
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Dear Ken:

Do you know that the SmokeGard 700 is also a Burglar Alarm?

Our distributor in Portland tells about the Fire Chief who purchased a SmokeGard, took it home, and since he and his wife were going out for dinner that night, took it from the carton and set it on a table intending to mount it on the ceiling later.

While they were out, an intruder came in and started to burglarize their residence but apparently left without taking much. The intruder was apprehended later, and when questioned about why he had left some obvious items, he stated "The Damned Alarm went off." Instead of using a flashlight, he used a candle for light and had set the candle on the table near the SmokeGard. I think you know what happened. Yep, the SmokeGard went into Alarm, and out the door he went.

Best Regards,

PROTECTION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY DIVISION OF SEATRONICS, INC.

Peter Mitchell
Residential Manager

The new building is nearing completion. Moving in has already begun for most production workers and should be complete by Monday. All of us should keep in mind that the move will cause some disruption of our normal schedules, and we will be more comfortable if we are understanding, patient, and help with each other during the confusion.
A TIMELY SUGGESTION

I u are wondering how you can fight the energy shortage, save yourself some money, increase your chances of finding a parking place, and have a good time, give some serious thought to organizing a car pool. Several car pools are operating successfully at Statitrol now, and participants seem to agree that riding to work together pays financial and social dividends.

Rick Baldacci, Carol Shayler, Toni Bowers, and Bev Borski rotate driving chores in one car pool, each driving for one week at a time. When questioned about how well the system works, the group is universally enthusiastic. Comments range from the straightforward ("It's nice to have to drive only once every four weeks.") to the surprising ("In a storm it's good to have ten people walk to the gas station with you, instead of having to go by yourself."); from the frivolous ("You get a chance to flap your mouth") to the pragmatic ("Driving only once a month saves money, wear on your car, and wear on yourself.").

O 00lution to an often-encountered problem, fear of trusting your precious body to the manic driving of another person, is offered by Al (Parnelli) Munk. He is buying an auxiliary brake pedal for his driving companion, Jean Sonsthagen, whose nerves may heal over when their pool expands next week to include Bob Marsik, Pete Smith, and Kathy Asher.

If you are interested in participating in a car pool, we would like to help you get started. Give your name, address, and phone number to Rick Baldacci, and he will see if he can find other Statitrol employees in your area who would enjoy riding to work together. Incidentally, your editor wants to hear of any fellow-employees living in the Evergreen-Bear Creek Canyon area.

ODDS AND ENDS

Wedding anniversaries are being celebrated by many Statitrol employees this month. Vivian and Leonard Seymour observed 24 years of marriage (to each other!) November 28; Vina and Joe Gutierrez will have been married 25 years on December 24; Pat and Ken Quint celebrated six years together on November 18.

A. C. H. of the 040 line says, "Just when I think I am making ends meet, someone moves the ends." Sad, but true.

Tom Collinsworth is sad to note that many of his old bowling buddies are no longer around. (Is this a hint?)

Happy Birthday to Carolyn Barcus, Dolores Ruybal, Del Novak, Nancy Crase, Pat Quint, Kathie Reffel, Peg Collinsworth, and Robert Seymour!

An unimpeachable source informs us that Joe Christensen's desk was completely cleaned off not long ago. You can believe it or not, depending on your faith in unimpeachable sources.

Del Novak's birthday was observed with a party and the presentation of a cigarette lighter to him by his crew on the 700 line. Why wasn't he able to blow out his candles?

Debbie Mow is leaving us on December 14 to await the arrival of her first baby. She and her husband plan to move into a new home in anticipation of the happy event.

It is reported that Larry Sandy is traveling to Konosha, Florida, to visit Sigmund Freud.

Dolores Ruybal and her husband are happily established in their new home in Woodmar.

Watch for a super decorating job from the night shift.

The 040 line is glad to welcome Sylvia Crandall back. She is the lady responsible for the beautiful napkins and tablecloths which graced our Thanksgiving dinner.

Andy Anderson's wife, Shirley, underwent surgery November 27. She is recuperating nicely in Lutheran Hospital.
FURTHER PECULIAR ITEMS IN THE SALES DEPARTMENT FILES

Perhaps we should submit our SmokeGard to the Federal Food and Drug Administration to determine whether it meets standards of minimum daily nutritive value for large dogs. Sam Savajian has received a damaged unit from a customer who says his Weimaraner ate the top of the unit and two springs. The dog suffered no ill effects.

Another customer returned his badly scorched SmokeGard, complaining that he built a fire under it to see if it worked, and the alarm didn't go off. Investigation revealed that the man had failed to put the batteries in!

Give Jean Sonsthagen a pat on the head the next time you see her. Preparation for Christmas and the Open House is no joke in Purchasing. (Have you ever tried to find 14 dozen satin balls and a Santa Claus suit?)

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE

While the rest of us were shivering in Denver's customary Thanksgiving cold, Steve Weaver of Engineering was basking in the sun of Catalina. He made a scuba-diving tour with a group organized by Colorado Divers' World, including side trips to Marineland, the Queen Mary, and Jacques Cousteau's living sea exhibit. Steve says he searched diligently for that mythical sea beast, the abalile (a cross between the abalone and the crocodile), but found only a crocabalone. Poor Steve says he may be forced to make a trip to Baja California for more diving in January or February.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

December 14 - 12:00-3:00 p.m. Employees' Christmas luncheon to be held in the new cafeteria. It is to be a completely catered affair, including punch bowls (both kinds), general seasonal foolishness, and carrying-on.

December 14 - 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tenth Anniversary Open House, complete with Santa and gifts for employees' children.

December 14 - 7:30-10:00 p.m. Continued frolicking at the Open House (Babysitting will be provided in the old lunch room.), including a bar, dance combo, and important visitors, who will be guided through our facilities by volunteers from the office and the plant.

December 22 to 26 - Christmas holidays.

January 1 - New Years' day holiday.

ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating one-year anniversaries with Statitrol in December are Vivian Seymour, Myrna Hickman, Ann Mora, Kay Gillespie, and Jean Sonsthagen.

TURKEY DAY

As all who attended know, the Thanksgiving feast in the new cafeteria was an amazing gastronomic experience! Our thanks for the superb organization of the affair go to Faye Jones and Jean Dack, ably assisted by Laura Lee Pollack, and Sharon Samuelson. The incredible variety of tasting experiences provided for us would have done credit to Julia Child, but credit really goes to the many, many plant and office employees who so generously demonstrated their culinary skill to produce an astonishing array of vegetable dishes, salads, and desserts. Many of us (Pete Smith being, very likely, a notable exception) were so hampered by our excesses on Tuesday, that we had trouble facing our traditional family Thanksgivings at home Thursday. Congratulations to all those responsible for an unqualified success!

Bernice Bellows and Sharon Samuelson when they aren't cooking turkeys.
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(Don't blame Pete for the poor quality of some of the pictures. We've put this issue out on short notice and didn't have time to have it printed.)

I would like to thank the door closer and duct housing line for submitting a short story, "Terror at Statitrol," by Darryl Tansey (age 12), for publication in this issue of the paper. Because the story is so long, I didn't have room to include it here. Look forward, however, to a serial bulletin in December, which will include this story and some poems we were unable to include in this issue.

STATITROL IN THE NEWS

Monday night, November 26, ABC-TV's news department aired a documentary program on the problem of fire in this country. The show advocated the use of early-warning smoke detectors, and featured pictures on only one product, SmokeGard. The response from viewers was so great, that ABC called us to find out where people can buy SmokeGards. Our own switchboard has been jammed with calls from people who saw the show and are interested in knowing more; our representatives across the country report that they have also had a large number of calls. Unfortunately, KBTV, Channel 9 in Denver, has no plans right now to run the show again for those of us who missed it.

WANT ADS

For Sale: Electric fireplace. $50.00. Two-button control, flat black. Call 237-2489.

Ironing done in my home. Reasonable rates, fast service. Tanya Gray, 238-5125.

For Sale: Men's Resvi ski boots, size 11½. Worn only three times. Contact Jim Storms, stockroom.

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Al Munk, our Credit Manager, had a disturbing experience Thursday night, when he returned to Denver's Stapleton Airport after a business trip to Cleveland. As he unlocked his car, which he had left in an outlying parking lot, a man threatened him with a gun, and escaped with Al's cash (not much, fortunately) and his car keys. Al was unharmed, thank goodness, and has returned to work as ornery as ever.

Happy Holidays!