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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

There is no problem in business more demoralizing than to experience a layoff. At the same time, any delay in making such a decision, could jeopardize the future of our Company. It is now our responsibility to do everything possible to build our Company to an even higher level than before.

They say some good comes from all adversity. In this case, several events renewed my faith in people, and particularly, in Statitrol people.

Several persons from the Second Shift, with tears in their eyes, were apologizing that they could not arrange their personal schedules to allow them to transfer to day work. They were apologizing for having to leave the Company! There were many individual cases where people, knowing of their termination, insisted on staying until they had finished their tasks before leaving! And then, there were those being terminated from the 902 line who insisted on making the day's quota before leaving! Indeed, we have lost some mighty fine people. And, as one lady was quick to point out, we also have some mighty fine people remaining.

Throughout the Company, I can feel an intense desire on the part of everyone, to do whatever is necessary to prove to our competition that we started this industry, and we intend to recapture our share of the market. I know we can do it!

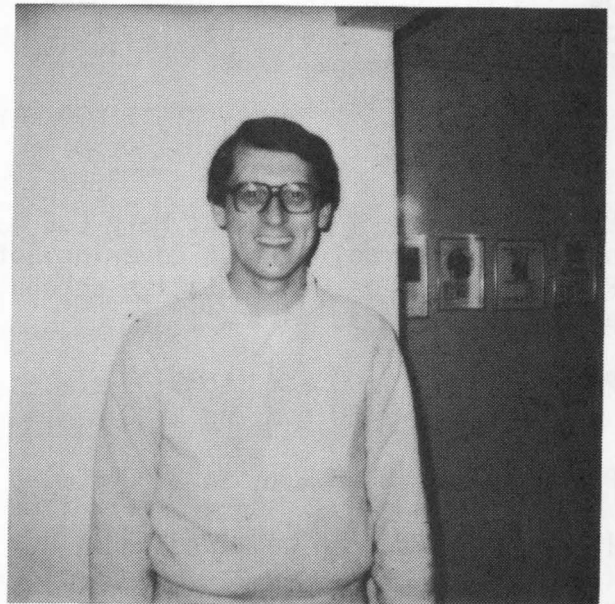
From all this, we can grow stronger than ever. I want each of you to know how much I appreciate your concern and your desire to make our Company the success it has always been, and will again be in the future.

- Duane D. Pearsall

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*A baby is born with a need to be loved,
and never outgrows it.*

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!!



MEET BOB CROSS...

new Controller of the Statitrol Division. Bob comes to us from Emerson Corporate in St. Louis, where he served as Assistant to President, Vince Gorguze, for two years.

Prior to that time, Bob worked in Planning and Finance, and has been with Emerson for six years.

Bob, his wife, Susan, and son, Bart, are living in Englewood...and are going to take advantage of their move to Colorado by taking to the slopes for the first time.

God skiing...and welcome to Statitrol!!!

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DID YOU KNOW...

that, despite medical advances, heart disease and strokes remain the leading cause of death in the United States. Medical authorities estimate that 24 million Americans have high blood pressure, and half of these are unaware of the fact. High blood pressure is a factor in 68% of all first heart attacks, and 75% of all first strokes.

Starting February 1, we will begin a routine blood pressure clinic on Mondays and Fridays. If you are on blood pressure medicine, it is advisable to have your blood pressure checked once a month. If you wonder what your blood pressure is - or suspect it might be high - please, have it checked. Use your employee health clinic - it's free of charge.

-Mary Lou Ray

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Effective January 23, 1978, Mary Lou Ray, our Company Nurse, will be covering both Plants I and II. Her tentative schedule at this time is as follows:

Plant I 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Plant II 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Please try to plan your accidents and illnesses to meet with the above schedule!!!)

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COMPANY COMMENTS...

Part-timers Nancy Stinson and Cheryl Tanagawa have left us once again to return to college...

Dory Nelson spent a week in Mazatlan during January...

Toni Conway spent a week vacationing in Vail...

Jeanette McPeak, Jeanne Phegley, and Janet Morgan, all vacationed during the holidays (not together)...

Debbie McClimans was recently involved in an automobile accident, forcing her to wear a neck brace for several days. But, she's better now, we're happy to say.

We've often heard tell that "absent-mindedness is a sign of genius", so, our "Genius-of-the-Month Award" to Harrison Spain - if you really want to know how he earned it, ask him about his ski-boot shopping trip...

Condolences to Lottie Redfern who, after driving two months with an expired inspection sticker, took her car to the inspection station...and was red-tagged...

Thank-you's to be passed on to Duane for the three turkeys (?) he contributed to the Bowling League...

A potluck was held on Jan. 6 for Lorraine Baxter, who decided to retire with her husband...

Repair Dept.'s Pat Reilly has asked for a birthday present we hope she gets...a ride in a hot air balloon!!!

Also, the ladies in Returned Goods and Repair are happily making welcome their new Supervisor, Ben Gonzales, and new technician, Dave Marriott...

With so much material to publish in last month's newsletter, we pulled a real boo-boo!!! So...many, many thanks to Dee Benson, Sally Cook, Penny Coleman, Charlene Lampe, Mary Ann Wilson, Joyce Duran, Joy Sylvest, Debbie Rivera, and Carol Baber, all from Plant I, who did a tremendous job of decorating the Plant Cafeteria for the Christmas holidays. The decorations were beautiful, and added a very festive atmosphere to our party...

A short note to those of you who haven't heard...our "first retiree", Al Munk, who's been coming back to Statitrol for occasional visits, and has been helping Myrna with the Credit Union paperwork, has been ill, and, at the date of this printing, is in St. Luke's Hospital. I'm sure he would enjoy your get-well wishes...

It must be contagious...Hans Rugullies, went skating, fell, and broke his wrist...

Bill Reitz was walking through the Plant II parking lot, slipped on the ice, fell, and broke his wrist...

and, Bob Baker sliced through a board, and continued clear up his arm... it was just one of those weeks!!!



SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW...

Meet Debbie Eke, Advance Replacement Clerk, Customer Service Dept.

Debbie's been with Statitrol for two years, and is presently handling all customer inquiries, via phone and correspondence, concerning detector operation in the field, and initiates orders for replacement, if necessary. Prior to serving in this capacity, she was Customer Service Receiving Processer.

Debbie is married, has two sons, and resides in Green Mountain.

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For those employees who don't often get around to reading the bulletin boards, we thought you would enjoy reading a reprint of the letter received by Statitrol from Bronco Coach, Red Miller:

"Dear Fans: On behalf of myself and all the coaching staff, I would like to take this time to thank you so much for the "SmokeGard" home smoke detectors that you presented to us before we left for the Super Bowl. It was certainly most thoughtful of you and we all appreciated the gifts so much.

Again, many thanks, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a most happy new year.

Sincerely,

*Robert "Red" Miller
Head Coach, Denver Broncos"*

As an avid Bronco fan, I can only repeat what the rest of us think - NEXT YEAR!!!

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OFFICIAL NOTICE...

The Statitrol Credit Union will hold its First Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 11, 1978, at The Rock Rest, 16005 Mt. Vernon Road, in Golden.

The Program:

5:31 p.m. - Attitude Adjustment Hour (cash bar)

6:32 p.m. - Dinner will be served

The Menu: Hot Buffet

Cost to members: \$5.75 per member
\$7.75 per non-member

The Credit Union will pay the balance.

8:02 p.m. - Annual Membership Meeting

The agenda will be followed according to the Credit Union By-laws, and is expected to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Dancing and socializing will follow the formal meeting.

If you haven't already made your reservations, see Myrna Steeves for tickets.

(Each member account is insured to \$40,000 by Administrator, National Credit Union Administration.)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS...

2-1 Ken Klapmeier, Karen Wishon, Kou Her
2-3 Theresa Abeyta
2-4 Bill Thayer
2-5 Russ Hulings, Jean Wise
2-6 Ann Marie Gedon, Carolyn Mills
2-7 Dick Moore, Tonya Sorenson
2-9 Carole Matthews, Khiem Tran, Ruth Buchwald
2-10 Myung Choon Pak, Tom Graham, Rich Cowgill
2-12 Sharon Miller
2-14 Norma Gale, Doug Black
2-16 Pat Bondie
2-19 Betty Birlauf, Delphine Thompson
2-20 Margaret Enax
2-21 Joyce Innes
2-22 Mary Bajer, Jim Vogt
2-23 Bao Tran
2-24 Moises Rodriguez
2-25 Greta Land, Mary Ann Wilson
2-26 Carol Solberg
2-27 Al Garber

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES...

7 yrs. - Pete Erickson
6 yrs. - Tom Bellinghausen
5 yrs. - Lu Ann Link, Janet Dorschner
2 yrs. - Tom Brosenne, Bill Reitz, Dan Cary, Judy Walton, Blanche Ferace, Judy Taylor, Madonna Forney, Joyce Duran, Tam Van Vo, Norma Sipes, Valarie Salazar, Sandra Spurgin, Wanda Lampe, Carol Ball, John Milton, Choo Cha Lee, Sharon Duran, Gay McClure, Gayle Lehto, Marian Martinson, Jeanie Wicks, Jackie Foskett, Nina Ellington, Nguyen Foskett, Jung Hee Kim, Laura Dittbrenner, Betty Birlauf, Yoo Seop Kim, Harriet Fehringer, So Yop Baker, Magdalena Garcia, Song Hun Yu, Mi Cha Yu
1 yr. - Linda Mitchell, Yong Bessey

Happy birthdays...and happy anniversaries to all of you from all of us!

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It's a strange thing how unimportant your job is when you're asking for a raise... and how important it can be when you want to take a day off...

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A survival course for winter driving

Wintertime means snow-topped pines, warm fires, and skiing fun, but it also means treacherous driving conditions that increase the risk of traffic accidents. Do your employees a favor and pass along to them these driving tips from the National Safety Council:

- Get your car ready with a tune-up, oil change, and antifreeze check. See that your battery is fully charged and that your exhaust system doesn't leak.
- Carry emergency safety gear: glass scraperbrush, booster cables, flares, shovel, sand or rock salt, tow strap or cable, and extra windshield fluid.
- Keep your car windows and lights clean for better visibility. Run your defroster and heater a few minutes before you start out to prevent windshield fogging.
- Drive slowly; allow extra room for braking in slippery conditions; slow down before entering intersections or expressway exits, which can be extra slippery.
- Remember that warming weather is a mixed blessing. Ice is twice as slippery at 30° F as it is at 0° F. If you hit an icy patch such as an area shaded by woods, deep highway cuts, or underpasses, steer steady and roll through. Slamming on the brakes will cause you to spin.
- If you do start to skid, don't panic. Take your foot off the gas and turn your wheels in the direction in which the rear of the car is sliding. Straighten out when you sense the skid is corrected.
- If you get stuck in snow, first turn your wheels from side to side to get the snow away from the front tires. Then, in high gear, ease forward. A rocking motion, produced by shifting from forward to reverse, may help get you unstuck.
- Be aware that snow tires improve starting and pulling ability by 28 percent on glare ice and 51 percent on loosely packed snow as compared to regular tires, but are slightly inferior to regular tires in stopping ability on ice. Radial and bias-belted tires offer no advantage over regular tires when driving on ice.
- Reducing tire pressure won't increase traction, only tire wear. Use sand or carpeting to increase traction.



"I was right, chief. The noise in a house with two teenagers was 14 dB more than here at the plant."