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### "A RACING BUG"

One of our distributors, Joe Sposato, Jr., of Fire End & Croker in Elmsford, N.Y. spends most of his non-working hours at the track. No, he's not playing the horses--he's a daredevil at the wheel, a race car driver! His car is the "SmokeGard March, 77B". March is the manufacturer, 77 designates the year, and B represents the formula series. We all know about SmokeGard!

For those of you who think this sounds like a "fun hobby", it may discourage you to find out it costs Joe approximately \$1,000 per race. He'll be participating in the Formula Atlantic 77 Schedule; around 20,000 people attend each race. He's aiming for the "Olympics of Road Racing" (for the top four finalists) to be held in Atlanta, October 24-30, 1977.



Good luck, Joe! We're honored that you chose to name your car for our product, and we're excited that all of those spectators will see you "carrying our banner". All of us at Statitrol will be cheering for you!!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

The end of March marks the end of our former fiscal, or financial period. What a year it was. By any yardstick, our performance was phenomenal!

It now seems a long time ago that we were terribly behind in production. Remember how we scrambled to start a new plant and managed to get it on line in about sixty days? Last week, Plant II celebrated it's first anniversary. In looking back, we shouldn't forget the fantastic job accomplished by many people in getting that facility into production.

It was necessary for the Personnel Department to hire large quantities of people almost overnight. Looking back, they did an excellent job.

In the face of product demand, there were unusual production problems which required an intensive effort between Engineering, a fledgling Quality Assurance Department, and Production. Again, they all did an outstanding job.

The bad news came with a serious shift in our market, forcing a cut back for the first time in our history. Things looked pretty black until about mid-December when, all of a sudden, our market opened up and we have been able to gradually build back our production in a more controlled manner. Due to the addition of key people and a program of an outside associate, McCabe and Associates, our production efficiency and organization has improved significantly.

Another crisis hit us in the Financial Department, when a complete audit was needed, as of January 1, 1977, in order to support our negotiations for a merger with Emerson Electric Co. Here's where our troupes really showed what they were made of. From the accounting function to material control, inventory and production, that audit was made in record time. At the same time, it was so complete that we discovered more materials than we had estimated and, as a result, improved our financial position.

As a result of all of these efforts on the part of so many people, we ended our March 31 (old) fiscal year with a growth in sales from ten and a half to twenty

one million dollars. Although our earnings faltered in spots, we ended the year with a creditable performance which will impact the Profit Sharing Plan by the decision of the original Board of Directors and the support of the new Board of Directors under our new Emerson personality.

Although late in this year, a very important step was completed, that of establishing a Statitrol Credit Union. Already the credit union has over 200 participants and I would urge everyone - for the benefit of all - to sign up and contribute to this savings program.

All things considered, it was, indeed "a very good year"!

- Duane Pearsall

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*But I didn't want my scope converted to a ping-pong game!*

## FROM THE NURSING DEPARTMENT...

Lutheran Medical Center, located at 8300 West 38th Ave., is offering several courses that are available to all community residents. These are programs of health care prevention and education.

Stop smoking, weight reduction and stroke education courses are being added to their community health education instruction. Also available at Lutheran are instructions in such areas as: diabetes education, pre-natal care, pulmonary rehabilitation, diet instruction and post-coronary care.

For further information about any of these programs, as to the fee charged and scheduling of the classes, please call Mrs. Adler, at 423-4200, ext. 328.

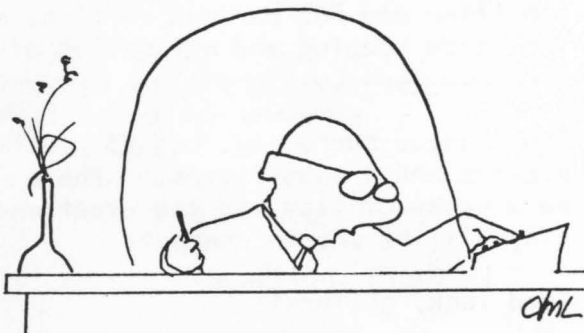
- Mary Lou Ray, R.N.  
- Ann Haseltine, R.N.

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## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES...

- 8 yrs. - Ben Orr
- 6 yrs. - Pete Smith, Sam Savajian
- 5 yrs. - Art Mooney
- 4 yrs. - Betsy Scown, Edd Campbell
- 3 yrs. - James Shanahan, Hans Rugullies, Gary Van Aken, Dave Oliphant, Norma Gale, Rita Warning, Betty Maybury, Sally Cook
- 2 yrs. - Kris Borne, Miyoko Price, Lee Roussel, Jackie Thomason
- 1 yr. - Joan Blevins, Margie Hatchell, Jack Wilson, Dessa Brown, Bev Coverdale, Mary Quintana, Dick Hillbrand, Lottie Redfern, Jane Tuma, Darlene Young, Irene Brown, Rosemary Lauer, Marion Wirtz, Patrick McCullough, Linda Frank, Carolyn Worden, Sharon Harwood, Maria Pacheco, Ruth Prohaska, Pat Reed, Marlene Lee, Dellina DeLemma, Lucille Honahni, Elizabeth Lee, Marilyn Johnston, Yeong Lee, Wayne Strelow, Elsie Barringer, Bonnie Borowski, Sherri Miller, Dara Klusmeyer, Deborah Williams, Geraldine Elrod, Ron Franklin, Waylund Kroeger, Pat Reilly, So Hyon Pae, Chong Pae, Karen Mitchell, Glenda Reed, Trieu Phan, Ninh Tran, Diane Christian, Lucy Estrada, Mary Jones, Earlene Smarr, Juanita Schaffer, Pat Martin, Gloria Dretos, Dave Marriott, Barbra Thompson, Sharilyn Kemp, Geneva Mondragon, Judy Kater, Carole Matthews, Charles Smith.

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Ten four, Miss Nelson.

## SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH...

### LLOYD ILK



Lloyd Ilk came to Statitrol in January, 1973 and was a supervisor on the first night shift at Plant I.

Lloyd is a Colorado native, born in Fruita, Colorado. He attended college at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and the University of Colorado at Boulder, majoring in Electronics. He also served in the Navy for four years.

He and his wife, Helen, currently reside in Littleton and have four children.

Lloyd's hobbies include photography, auto mechanics and woodworking.

Prior to coming to Statitrol, Lloyd was with Honeywell, Inc. for over ten years. Lloyd was instrumental in the start-up of Plant II, being one of the first supervisors at that location and currently supervises the 800 Line - Module Section. He also helped with the start-up of the night shift at Plant II.

Lloyd's dedication and tremendous effort make him an integral part of our team of Line Supervisors.

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Myrna Steeves, our Credit Union Office Manager.

STATITROL CREDIT UNION is now going strong!!!! We now have a membership of over 230 and hope to continue our good progress with everyone's support.

Loan applications are now being accepted and the following limits have been established:

Maximum unsecured--\$200.00--1 year max.  
Maximum secured--\$2500.00--3 year max.

As the credit union grows, these limits will be raised. Now--if you need more than our limits allow, please contact Myrna and she will be able to refer you to the Colorado Central Credit Union, which has an APR (annual percentage rate) of 12% (1% per month on the unpaid balance); our APR at Statitrol Credit Union is the same. The Credit Committee will be meeting every Wednesday to go over loan applications.

Myrna, our Credit Union Manager, will be going to Plant II on a regular basis. Starting May 2, she will be at Plant II every other Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The credit union is here to serve all of its members so, if you have not already joined---HURRY and do so.

Any employee of Statitrol and members of their immediate family are eligible to join.

We do need full support so we can do the most for our members. YOUR credit union is people helping people.

#### CREDIT UNION OFFICE HOURS

Plant I - located adjacent to nursing office - 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Plant II - cafeteria, every other Monday starting May 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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OBSERVATION: By the time you can afford to lose a dozen golf balls on the course, you're too old to hit them far enough.

#### RECENT COMPANY PROMOTIONS...

We wish to extend our congratulations to the following employees for their recent promotions within the company:

Jim Souturas was promoted from Stockroom Supervisor to Inventory Control Supervisor.

Raynita Stovall was selected to be Personnel Assistant, replacing Nancy Crase who is moving out of state. Raynita has been with Statitrol since June, 1974.

Steve Sutton was promoted from Stockroom Lead to Stockroom Supervisor.

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#### STATITROL GOLF LEAGUE...

The Statitrol Golf League will begin play on May 3rd at Willow Springs Golf Course at 18000 W. Bellview Ave. The time will be at 4:45 p.m. each Tuesday.

Bob Marsik is the chairman of the golf committee and Bob Hartman will be doing the score keeping and estimation of handicaps.

The league currently has 23 full time players and 4 substitutes. There will be 9 weeks of play and the last week of play will be the tournament.

Good luck, golfers!!

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Plant II Production and Q.A. settle their differences!!!

### LIMERICK CONTEST WINNERS!!!

Our little limerick contest in the last issue of SMOKE SIGNALS brought a large and entertaining input of entries. The three top winners and their entries are presented below for your identification and amusement:

#### FIRST PRIZE - \$15.00

An obnoxious young lady named Till,  
 Complained of the SmokeGard's loud  
 shrill,  
 Forgetting her fears,  
 She plugged up her ears;  
 Today they'll be reading Till's will.  
 - Sam Savajian  
 Advertising and  
 International Department

#### SECOND PRIZE - \$10.00

Our smoke detectors are life savers,  
 They work as smooth as silk,  
 If Chicago had had one before the  
 great fire,  
 Mrs. O'Leary's cow might still be  
 giving milk.  
 - Annita White  
 Production, Plant I

#### THIRD PRIZE - \$5.00

There once was a man named Hector  
 Who purchased our detector  
 His house caught on fire  
 From a faulty wire  
 The SmokeGard was the protector.  
 - Carol Mileski  
 Production, Plant II

### MAY BIRTHDAY LIST...

- 5/1 - Jennifer Wilmoth, Susan Stewart
- 5/3 - Diann Vecchiarelli
- 5/4 - Wayne Strelow, Virginia Gonzales
- 5/6 - Alan Smith
- 5/7 - Karen Wilcox, Chuck Snyder
- 5/8 - Dannea Raff, Priscilla Wiederhold
- 5/9 - Jean Sonsthagen, Lauren Kennedy,  
 Jacqueline Novak
- 5/10 - Joe Pfannenstiel, Earl Riley,  
 Eleanor Dominguez, Wanda  
 Appleton, Sharilyn Kemp
- 5/12 - Joan Phipps
- 5/13 - Elsie Barringer, Paul Staby, Jeri  
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- 5/14 - Dolores Worrell, Carole Driscoll
- 5/15 - Vera Baumfalk
- 5/16 - Carolyn Worden, Frank Ogawa
- 5/17 - Sharon Grogan, Lyn Mahan
- 5/18 - Russ Auble
- 5/19 - Barbara Gates, Sandy Pulver
- 5/20 - Randy Phillips, Edgar Barnette
- 5/22 - Sam Savajian, Steve Wamboldt, Tom  
 Brosenne, Rick Hilker, Josephine  
 Carmosino, Dorothy DiGuglielmo
- 5/24 - Art Mooney, Jane Clouser
- 5/25 - Chris McKnight, Greta Land
- 5/26 - Jim Grater, Betty Maybury
- 5/27 - Marlene Garcia
- 5/28 - Patrick McCullough
- 5/30 - Joanne Maestas, Suzette Barros
- 5/31 - Angela Harris

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Thanks to all entrants for your interest  
 (and compliments).

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COMPANY COMMENTS...

Dannea Raff and husband, Tom, had a surprise from the Easter Bunny--an 8 pound, 12 ounce baby girl, Melissa Dawn.

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We "heard through the grapevine" that a certain fellow in the Sales Department asks for a "clergyman's rate" when he rents a car. Is it true, Rev??

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Congratulations to Shirley Self, who became a grandmother for the first time on January 2, 1977.

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Jim Shanahan's son, Jim, was awarded his "wings" in Corpus Christi recently. He will now go into Anti-Submarine Warfare training.

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Andrea Scherer and Tim Quinn are planning an August 13th wedding.

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Beth Barrett, Manufacturing Secretary at Plant II, was surprised with a wedding shower from the plant. Beth and Joe Pfannenstiel were married April 30th. Best of luck to both of you!!!

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The stork has still not left Plant II--- new expectant moms are: Terry Johnson, Mary Jones and Joanne Maestas.

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Tudy Thompson became a PROUD grandma for the first time on March 11. Erikka Kristine weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Congrats, Tudy!

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Elsie Barringer vacationed in Seattle for a week and was the "Talk of the Plant" because of the "Pop Rocks" she brought back.

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Dot Mansion left for a vacation in England April 20th, where she will visit her family, then off to Scotland to see her in-laws. Hope you have a ball, Dot.

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Irene Brown recently returned from a 2 week vacation visiting the Washington, D.C. area and Virginia.

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Nina Garcia got sort of a surprise, when she was cutting her sponge cake, only to find that it was really made of sponge!!

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It was noticed recently that the last place bowling team did very well without either of its male members. The three ladies, Bernice Bellows, Kathi Becker, and Judy Walton won three out of four games for the night. The missing men, who shall remain nameless, were not available for comment.

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Lottie Redfern flew to Seattle for week to visit relatives.

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A comment from John Stewart, who was pictured in last month's SMOKE SIGNALS while knitting---"It's a sweater, now finished except for sewing the seams. A woman's size 14, "V" neck pullover, made from Acrilon knitting worsted."

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Congratulations to Ken Klapmeier, our National Sales Manager for winning the "Distinguished Sales Award". The award was presented at the 27th Annual Awards Banquet, April 16th, in Denver.

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Joanne Widner has one of her watercolor paintings on exhibit at the 30th Annual Blossom Festival Art Exhibit in Canon City, Colo., which runs from April 23 May 14 at the gallery of the Fine Arts Center.

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## A "THANK YOU" FROM OUR NURSES...

We would like to thank everyone that signed up to give blood. The people that were here from Belle Bonfils Blood Bank were very pleased with the response. They also want to add their thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful people here at Statitrol. We heartily agree!!

- Mary Lou Ray and  
Ann Haseltine

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## A PERSONAL NOTE...



I would like to take the time to thank everyone for my wonderful picture.

For all who took the time to be friendly and give me a helping hand when I needed it.

I will miss my sister, all my friends I have made and my wonderful girls. Though I will be far away, I will not forget the wonderful people I learned to love. Most of all, I will miss being a part of Statitrol. For here I helped to save lives all over the world.

These are things wherever I am, I will take with me.

- Betty Hand

(Editor's Note) Betty has been a dedicated employee of Statitrol since March, 1974. Her husband is being transferred to the Chicago area, so Betty is leaving us the end of April--we will really miss her!

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## STATITROL BOWLING LEAGUE ENDS SEASON...

Tuesday, April 26th, marked the end of a great season for the Statitrol Bowling League. The standings for the league are as follows:

### FIRST PLACE - THE PINSPILLERS

Pat Bondie  
Bud Bondie  
Rose Campbell  
Dewey Campbell  
Arnie Vahling

### SECOND PLACE - LEFT OVERS

Sally Cook  
Judy Kater  
Olga Kater  
Mike Mancinelli  
Lucy Vargas

### HIGH SCRATCH SERIES WINNERS

Doug Birlauf - 613  
Bev Edwards - 600

### HIGH SCRATCH GAME WINNERS

Teri Becker - 226  
Bud Bondie - 236

### MOST IMPROVED BOWLERS

Mike Mancinelli - +17  
Kathi Becker - +23

### LAST PLACE "BOOBIE PRIZE" TEAM

Ken Thompson  
Judy Walton  
Chuck Bland  
Bernice Bellows  
Kathi Becker

The Bowling Banquet will be held May 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Palace, where trophies and prizes will be awarded.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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COMING SOON...

"THE GREAT T-SHIRT CAPER"

(Watch for further news in SMOKE SIGNALS and bulletin boards)

## FROM OUR SAFETY DEPARTMENT...

### "Freak Squeaks"

By Tom Dodds (condensed from Spring, 1977 Family Safety magazine)

It was a people year. People magazine burgeoned into a smashing success in 1976.

There were names who made the news, but who would know them now? The world little notes nor long remembers anyone for being involved in an accident. Here's how some people made news during the past year.

When a wave capsized Mrs. Youngston of Ventura, California, she was not in a boat, but in bed---a waterbed, to be exact. Somehow the water shifted, creating a wave effect that bounced her onto the floor, where she was pinned under the 1,700 pound water-filled mattress. Firemen came to the rescue when her husband couldn't free her.

What's in a name? Or two names? Henry Speed, who wasn't speeding, got hit by a Fine. Harold Fine faced a fine for speeding through a stop sign. It's really not as confusing as it sounds. You see, Fine's car struck Speed's car at an intersection near Kankakee, Illinois.

Some famous names were also involved in freakish squeakers.

Fred Astaire, a symbol of whirling, leaping grace for five decades, fell off a skateboard and broke his wrist.

When actress Katherine Hepburn fell and fractured an ankle, several performances of the play she was appearing in had to be cancelled. The name of the show -- "A Matter of Gravity".

More people and accidents tangled in strange and intriguing ways.

While working in her garden, Mrs. Hilda Taylor broke a bone in her foot. Hopping around the house two days later she fell and broke the other foot. Then while her husband, Eric, was making her breakfast, he fell over the family dog and broke a bone in his foot. The next night he fell again. You guessed it! He matched Mrs. Taylor by breaking the other foot. Quite a feat!!

Firemen raced to a fire in Columbus, Ohio, and found firemen already there. In fact, the on-the-scene firemen had been there before the fire even started! The burning structure was Fire Engine House No. 10.

Some unusual going-ons involved animals.

It happened when a man parked his car and left the motor running while he went into a store. His dog, left in the car, jumped behind the steering wheel, nudged the gear lever into "drive" and rammed another car. For the dog owner it was not the "paws" that refreshed.

Do you have big plans for this year? Will it be YOUR year? If you do make a name for yourself in 1977, at least don't do it by accident.

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