

DEPARTMENT NEWS

TWISTING

By: Richard Harrison

Thanks to all Twisting employees for their response to MR. ONO'S recent visit. Housekeeping teams did an outstanding job! Also to FAYE LEWIS, JOE GILREATH, GLADYS LANCASTER, JOYCE BLACK, SARA CARPENTER and JOYCE HUMPHRIES, many thanks for the warm hospitality and reception given to our plant visitors.

Ply productivity for the month of July showed improvement over previous months. Assigned PPI goals have been achieved three of the past four weeks. Regular monitoring of our progress has begun. Results are now being posted in the departments.

Waste levels in Twisting surpassed 1% vs. an objective of .65% for the month of July. The Management Team here would like to become a part of improving twisting waste. Managers have agreed to look at different areas of twisting to give help in waste reduction. They need your help and suggestions to be successful.

Our sister plant people have been working with ERNEST MASON, J. C. MARTIN and MARSHALL BURCHFIELD on twister 4789. This machine is now ready for operation. Future plans are to expand this team to work with other overhaulers.

GRADY WYLIE has a new grandson, DOUGLAS RUSSELL WYLIE.

TREATING

By: Phil Huddleston

Congratulations Leader 1 from Treating for winning the plant wide TQC presentation competition. They have represented Firestone in a division wide competition in Akron. Lots of time and effort has been spent on their presentation. GREAT Job Leader 1 !!

COLIN QUINN and ROGER BAKER have been responsible for training our reroll operators on the new sewn splice that will be replacing the rubber splicer and how to use the meadboard strips on our splicers in the units. This will help keep the splices from narrowing in as it goes through the unit.

TREATING CONT'D

First shift won "Shift of the Month".

RICHARD HERSCHER has a new son, JONATHAN LEE HERSCHER. LARRY BAKER'S wife, JULIE and GARY REEVES' Mom, ILA have both been ill. Hopefully they will be better soon.

Efficiency-#8 - 74.75 Goal 87%

#3 - 68.85 Goal 87%

QUALITY ASSURANCE/TECHNICAL

By: Dave Lewis

Thanks MINNIE BULLIS! MINNIE is working in our Industrial Fabric area Weave Room on the 1st floor east end. She stopped us from getting splices in a splice free fabric. Great TQC, MINNIE! Okay, what did the rest of you do to personally make our products better?

We continue to get pressure from all our customers to improve our quality, and this is because their customers demand higher quality. We cannot continue to do what we did in the past and expect to sell our products in the future. There are people out there who are eager to take our customers (our jobs) on the basis of delivering better quality fabrics. If you know it's wrong, don't use it! If you made it wrong, tell someone; don't send it to the customer.

COLIN QUINN, first shift #3 unit operator, has written a super procedure to making sewn splices on a reroll table. Good job, COLIN! It takes good, clear procedures and specifications for us to do our jobs right. If you don't have these available for you, ask your supervisor for them.

WEAVING

By: Walter Dodd

Tire Cord Weaving averaged 128,803 pounds/day for the eleven days worked in July vs. a goal of 138,000/day. Tire cord waste for nylon was .41 vs. a year end goal of .37 and poly had a slight increase due to an increase of Greige reweaves from Sulzer showing .50 vs. a goal for year end of .429. Sulzer rerolls were the best for 1991 monthly average at 7.15% vs. a year end target of 8.00% Draper reweaves and rerolls were higher than year end goals.