

DEPARTMENT NEWS

TWISTING

By: Richard Harrison

YEOW! Is Twisting on a roll? It certainly is good to see that Twisting is able to maintain production levels to keep Weaving in stock. Seriously, everyone is to be commended. This is a definite sign that we have made improvements.

Quality is the area that more improvements are needed in. All Twisting employees must take action for us to be successful. Short doffs, creel run outs, knotted yarn are the areas that need our attention.

What are our overhaulers doing? What is going to happen next? There are three major items they are currently concentrating on.

1. 2nd floor EE - new rings and central lubrication systems are being installed.
2. 2nd floor MM - new rings, rollers being installed on cable frames.
3. 4th floor EE - putting new spindles on the Alma frames with rings to be replaced in late November.

All of the above projects should improve our quality and productivity. Fifth floor should be close to operation by the end of the year. Next year we hope to purchase an additional 18 twisters and do extended overhauling of frames on the 4th WE and 5th WE.

Congratulations to all employees who were successful in the second month of the safety contest. Tee shirts are next.

Congratulations to all teams participating in the TQC contest and to the Mixed Yarn Task Force Team for their winning presentation.

My sincere thanks for the response to the United Way campaign - another record year. You know that records are made to be broken.

TREATING

By: Phil Huddleston

Efficiencies for August:

#8 Unit	80%	[Goal - 87%]
#3 Unit	82%	[Goal - 87%]

Thanks to the efforts of all Treating personnel, we have completed 60 incident free days. You have proven that working together with a safety minded attitude, we can reduce accidents on the job. Let us continue this trend.

Congratulations to our Process Improvement Team on their presentation during the TQC contest and to all Treating employees for being the Production Department of the Month in August.

QUALITY ASSURANCE/TECHNICAL

By: Dave Lewis

The "broken cord" bad guy for this past month has become air splices. We continue to do well on the sewn splices due to the improved methods. By far the vast majority of your air splices go through treating without failing, but a very small percentage can create a very large problem. In a 2000 yard roll of fabric, if we have 30 spliced spools, and each spool has a splice every 200 yards, we can have over 300 splices in a roll! If only 1 out of 300 fails, we send the roll to reroll for repair! That means we need to be near perfect.

We had a couple of examples of quality watchfulness this month and I want to thank them. JOANN CAPPS and MARY WATKINS were tying in beams on the 2nd floor when they detected that the beam label did not agree with the normal tint for that yarn. Great job, ladies!!

BARBARA BYRD was sewing splices on the 1st floor when she detected two spools of 840/2 cord in the box of 1260/2 spools. She alerted us and we were able to check the woven fabric to see if this mixed cord got into it - another superior effort by BARBARA. Thanks!

WEAVING

By: Walter Dodd

September started a new layout for Weaving. The past few months have been tough with mechanical breakdowns on our Sulzer double wide looms and their takeups. Quality has never been as expected with the Sulzer single wide looms either so the decision has been made due to lower pound requirements to stand the three double wide looms and start up the second set of Draper looms on the 2nd shift.

Such a move will also assist us in balancing our output of nylon and polyester styles so that we will not need to reschedule people for entire shifts from Sulzer to Draper to meet nylon requirements. Quite a few people are involved in these moves to improve our weaving operation and I would like to thank those that have changed jobs and/or shifts. The cooperation level has been exemplary. Our restructuring will enable our division to be more competitive in the marketplace. Teamwork of this magnitude is necessary in moving us one step closer to a world class operation.

===== VISITOR BADGE RULES

You have seen that we have posted signs at plant entrances and to the entrances of a few areas in the plant. These signs show what color visitor badge is required in that area. You should know what color or colors are permitted in your area. Here are the rules:

1. All badges "Visitor" or "Contractor" must be the right color for the area. If not, please, in a polite manner, tell the person he/she is not permitted in your area without the proper badge color. If they won't leave, call your supervisor at once. Don't do anything yourself to force them to leave.
2. If the badge is marked "Visitor", the person must be accompanied by an employee. If they are not with an employee, follow rule above.
3. If the badge is marked "Contractor", the person's badge color must match the area requirement but they do not have to be accompanied by an employee. Again, if the color is wrong, follow the rule to ask them politely to leave.
4. Finally, if the badge is marked "Employee", the person is an employee of Bridgestone/ Firestone and has free access to all areas. (This is always a yellow badge.)

So that's how it works. We are all expected to help enforce these badge rules. If you have any questions please see BILL PASSMORE or DAVE LEWIS.

===== TEAM AND CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to the 1990 Softball Team Awards winners: WAYNE McALLISTER - Most Improved Player, BUDDY RICHARDS - Sportsmanship Award, KEITH PETTIS - Highest Batting Average. All team members received participation trophies.

JERRY HALL was winner in our August Fish of the Month contest with a 1 pound 2 ounce white bass caught on Fishing Creek Lake.

Congratulations to LARRY SHUTE, BILL LINDQUIST and JAGGY ANAND for winning first place in the third round of the Firestone golf league.

