

## Alan E. Heywood Nitric Acid Group



On December 24, 2020 Alan passed away after a long fight with cancer. Alan was the Director of PGM Recovery Systems for the Nitric Acid Group. He started with Sabin in 2004 serving in many different duties. Among Alan's accomplishments were several patents for various PGM processes. He also got our getter and gauze programs rolling. In 2014 Alan started training me in the construction of the getters. Through the years we had many conversations about cars, guns, and American politics. Each meeting ending with a good laugh. In 2017 I accompanied the Nitric Acid Group to Austin, Texas (below) for the ANNA Conference. Sabin Metal has lost a mentor and a friend. We at Sabin want to thank Alan's Family for sharing him with us, and offer our condolences. Happy Trails Mate.



Photo by: Marty Spoor

Alan's final ride!



## GM Corner

On June 24, 2021 **James Barrett** (GM) and his wife Patti have become grandparents again. **Brooks Michael Tuchrello** (below) was born to Jim & Patti's daughter Fallon & her husband Garrett Tuchrello. He was 21.25 inches long and weighed in at **123.0 T/O's**





# *Nuggets*

*from the High Plains*  
**June 2021**

- Tim Pederson / SMC

## **Williston News**

As the summer temperatures rise, so do employees at Sabin Metal West to meet the challenge of growth at the plant. We are packed to the roof with product from companies around the world continue to pour into Williston, North Dakota.

SMW set a record year in 2019 for catalyst handled at SMW, came close in 2020 and is on a path to be near record or over again this year.

The kilns and sampling push hard to feed the furnaces. Sampling has split and extended its days to get customers their results and the kilns are running constantly to supply the samplers.

A third rotary kiln went online earlier this year to take some of the pressure off time constraints when waiting for catalyst to be cleaned up. The kiln has been running nearly constant since the operator turned the switch on, as are the other two kilns.

Both large electric arc furnaces just received their annual rebuild as workers got them ready for the 11 ½ months of task of 24/7 melting.

SMW is preparing for its second addition to the storage building. A 80' X150' cement slab will be poured soon to attach another area for storage. Completion of the building will depend on construction costs.

SMW first added a 80' X100' storage building in 2012 to house empty SA-Bins. It soon was repurposed to house customer catalyst bins and plans for an addition were made with an 80' X 200' addition, being completed in 2019.

Last but definitely not least, the employees. SMW is employing about 135 people now, compared to 75 a decade ago. The economy in an oil boom town like Williston sometimes makes difficult to find workers, but SMW has managed to hire and keep some quality workers.



## SMC (Canada) Ltd. News

As of June 01, 2021, Dan Cleroux, Vice-President and Manager has retired after 27 + years with the Sabin Corporation. A retirement luncheon is planned in the next week, so pictures will follow in the next Nugget. The Employee's of SMC (Canada) Ltd. all wish Dan a healthy & lengthy retirement with many years to enjoy his gardening and other hobbies. We hope he continues to drop by to share the fruits of his labor from his gardens.

Derek Croxall has been appointed Manager of SMC (Canada) Ltd. Derek has been with SMC since 1999 and looks forward to many years with the Sabin Corporation. Congratulations to both Dan & Derek.

## Employees News



**Steve Cooke** (Lab) retired on January 7, 2021. Steve had 24 years of service at Sabin. Due to Covid there was no formal ceremony.



**Rick Dolby** (Dept. 47) retired on 03/30/21 after 41 years of service.



**Marty Howard** (Mat'l Handling Supervisor) also retired on 03/30/21 after 40 years. Due to Covid no official ceremonies were held. Best wishes to all.

## Births



On January 15, 2021 **Ella Grace Jaenike** (above) was born to **Peter Jaenike** (Lab) and his wife Jamie. She weighed in at **114.4 T/O's**. Best wishes to all.



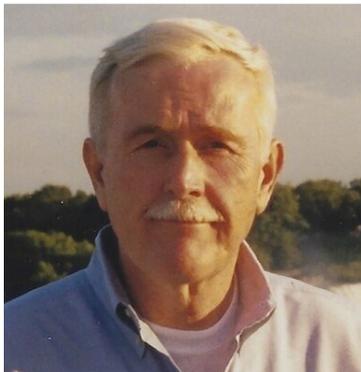
**William Falcheck IV** (above) was born on June 13, 2021 to **William Falcheck** (Project Mgr.) his wife Lea and their daughter Ellie. William was 20.5 inches long and weighed in at **114.8 T/O's**.



On January 31, 2021 **Don Cobin** (Maint.-Rtr) passed away peacefully. Don worked at Sabin for 32 years before retiring in 2019. Don was 63 at the time of his passing. He will be missed and our condolences go out to his family.



**Ralph (Doug) Meyers** (HGP-Rtr) left us on February 3, 2021. Ralph was 66 years old. He retired in 2013 after 31 years of service. Our condolences go out to his family for their loss.



On March 20, 2021 **Steve Cooke** (Lab-Rtr) passed away. Steve was 74 and had just recently retired from Sabin after 24 years of service. Condolences go out to his family.



**Doris Rothrock** (Dept. 47- Rtr) age 87 passed away April 11, 2021 after a long battle with COPD. Doris worked at Sabin for 11-years from 1992 until 2003 when she retired. Our condolences go out to her family on their loss.



A mass for **Linda Anchor** will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. Colomba's in Caledonia. There will be a luncheon following at the LeRoy Country Club. If you have any questions please contact Betsy Gremer (x297) .

### Thank You

Ok Great, I would like to thank everyone who helped with this edition of the Nugget. If anyone would like to share Sabin related news, from any of our locations, please contact me, Marty Spoor at the Scottsville Plant {585} 538-2194 ext.267 or [martys@sabinmetal.com](mailto:martys@sabinmetal.com) .

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