

# **Sabin Nugget**

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#### **New Sabin President**



Jonathan Sabin (above left) has been named president at the Sabin Metal Group of Companies. Sabin is the largest independently owned, secondary precious metal refining organization in North America. Jonathan takes over from his father, Andrew Sabin, now the company's chairman, and represents the fourth generation of the family owned business which began with his great grandfather (Abraham Seratoff). Jonathan has been overseeing precious metals recovery/refining, managing sampling & assaving processing, and serving in numerous administrative capacities for the past 15 years. He was graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.G.S. degree specializing in business and languages, and is also a board member at the South Fork Natural History Museum and the Andrew Sabin Foundation. Before joining the company, Sabin traded currencies at the Union Bank of Switzerland in New York. He is an aviation enthusiast, having obtained his private pilot's license at the age of 17, and is married and the father of four children.

## **JUNE 2015**



# **Dr. Bob Retired?**

Our own **Dr. Bob Jacobsen** (Vice President), stationed at the Scottsville plant, but traveling to all of them, we believe has retired. Dr. Bob (above right) pictured with his wife Elaine plans on taking it easy with family & doing some relaxing traveling. Dr. Bob said he will be doing some special projects in the future, but on <u>his</u> schedule. I did speak with Dr. Bob the week after his retirement party. He had been in every day including Saturday & Sunday following the party. He was quoted as saying "You wouldn't believe the amount of crap you accumulate in 35 years!" Turn to page 4 to read the poetic tribute to Dr. Bob from another retiree **Scott Moser** (Engineer). Enjoy your fun time Dr. Bob, see you next week!

### **From Sales**

"BP Audit Success" SMW successfully completed the recent BP Quality and Technical audits, and the SMC Lab did the same for their BP Technical audit. Congratulations to both locations, and thank you to all who worked hard to make the grade.

Brad Cook - Vice President

Sales and Marketing

# **GM** Corner

I got a call in to the guy!



Nuggets from the High Plains June 2015

- Mark Kelly / SMC West

# End of an Era



Of course the blockbuster Nugget News of 2015 for me is the retirement of **Dr. Robert T. Jacobsen**, (above center) shown here at Sabin West on his Farewell Tour. We all know how important 'Dr. Bob' has been to the legacy of Sabin Metal (I can hardly imagine it without him), but he was also instrumental in many of our careers. For example- mine.

I started at SMC in 1979, working in the 'Gold Room' under a man named **Simmie Reager**, and Bob came to Sabin not long after that. One day I happened to see an ad **Syed Hussain** (SMC lab manager at the time) had placed in the Rochester newspaper looking for a lab technician.

I went to the Man Who Roamed the Plant with a Black Hard Hat (Bob) and asked him about transferring to the lab- his immediate response (as I recall) was, "I think that would be good".

Many long, strange years later, on a spring day in 2003, he asked me what I thought about trucking to Williston, ND to set up and run an XRF laboratory. So there I am in 2015, eating RTJ's cake...

Thank you for everything, Bob- I sincerely appreciate it.

And from all of us at Sabin West, "Happy trails to you, until we meet again".

- Mark Kelly, Sabin Metal West

# Promotion

Former laboratory X-ray technician **Tim Pederson** (below) was promoted to **Assistant Office Manager** in May. It was a big loss for the lab, but we wish Tim all the best in his new position.

Bonnie Steen (**Office Manager**) can now rest assured the office is in good hands and contemplate retiring in 20 years or so...



# Visitors

Visitors to the Williston plant in 2015 included:

A representative for AXENS (below), shown with the stellar sampling system crew led by **Scott Lawrence** 



Two representatives from PKN Orlen, shown below with tour guide **Dan Thorpe** (Security).



#### **Employees News**

Kristin Marchese (East Hampton) & her husband Aaron celebrated the arrival of their little blizzard baby on January 26, 2015. Cortland John Marchese (below) weighed in at 122.1 Troy oz. All are doing fine and would like to thank everyone for their well wishes.



**Jan Korbijn** (Sales - Europe) & his wife Amani welcomed their daughter **Malayka Korbijn** (below left) on February 3, 2015 at 2:31 pm in MedCare Dubai.





**Joan Carr** (Gov't Liaison) is a proud first time grandma. Joan's grandson, **Gavin Patrick Carr** (Above right w/Joan) was born on April 14, 2015 @ 1:41 am to Joan's son Patrick & his wife Briana Carr. Gavin was 20.5 inches long & weighed **119.3 Troy oz.**  Hillary Schaffer (Furnace) & her husband Chad Schaffer (Mechanic) were blessed with Gwendolyn Gale Schaffer on May 18, 2015. Gwendolyn (below) was 21.5 inches long and weighed in at 138.5 Troy oz. Everyone is doing fine except for sleep.



Scott Yarnes (Operations Mgr) & Joanne Yarnes (Prod/ Office Mgr) are announcing a new addition to their line-up. A third grandson, Jonah Wilcox White (below left with big brother Blake) was born on May 28, 2015 @ 5:35 am to parents Richard & Liz White and one great big brother Blake! Jonah was 21 inches long and weigh in at 133.1 Troy oz. Love, Grandma & Poppa Yarnes



Leanne Chen, (above right) granddaughter of Charlie Metz (Maint. Supervisor) will be attending West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in July of this year to become a doctor. Best of luck.

#### **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.

Submit news for any section of the Nugget to Marty Spoor in the Furnace Area (ext. 267) Submissions for the December issue are due by Friday, December 18, 2015

# The Wizard

The Project appeared in the usual way; An arc smelting plant for ceramics, they say. Direction had come right straight from the top, So it clearly required "organizational hop".

But who could head-up so bold an endeavor? What noble exec has the skills to forever Impact the company's future and fame? A search was begun to determine a name.

Such a leader of disciplines, widely diverse, Perhaps not at hand in our universe. He'd best be respected for years of success, And able to juggle his balls in duress.

A stout-hearted leader was found on the staff, With an elegant flair and a magical laugh, Who'd guide us quite clearly in spite of the blizzard. He accepted The Project, we named him The Wizard.

He gathered his resources, formed-up a team, With disparate strengths, and egos, and dreams. And molded and coaxed them to form a machine, Then leapt at The Project, no rest in-between.

He would motivate, captivate, cudgel and lead, Communicate, stimulate, appreciate; indeed He'd derive a compatible plan, after pains, From engineers', accountants', and a few lawyers' brains.

Submitted By: Scott Moser

The Wizard distilled the most complex of topics, Into issues that by-passed engineering myopics. He prodded and challenged, made decisions as needed, After diligent thought, their input he heeded.

The environment, insurance, and sampling statistics, Chemistry, costs, and even logistics. The Wizard could orchestrate plans with them all, Keeping track with a schedule we kept on the wall.

When meetings were held, he'd lead like a genie, And, for emphasis, waved a Beefeater martini. But keen to learn of new zigs and new zags He recognized vugs, and ionic slags.

Now The Project is over and business is booming, Expansion's proceeding, yet the Wizard is grooming Others to do what he'd done in the past, To continue the magic, make sure that it lasts.

So, who was that master of corporate tactics? The Wizard, with talents so intergalactic? Who wrapped-up with ease so daunting a job? No surprise, we all know it's our own **Doctor Bob** 

Many Thanks! From your colleagues, but please do remember Don't skip morning coffee, it mellows your timbre. Continue to challenge us, and to stir up the pot, But retire in the knowledge, you'll not be forgot