



# Sabin Nugget



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## ANNA 2017

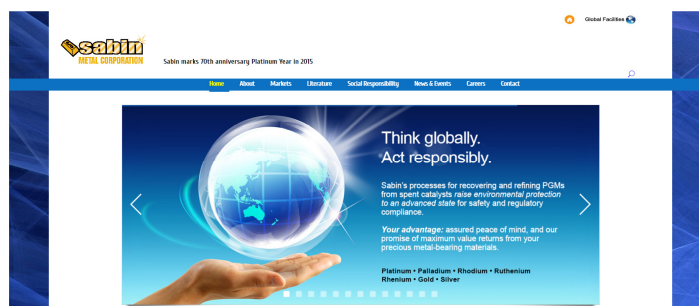
On October 1–6 this year I had the honor to accompany the Nitric Acid Group & Sales to the 2017 ANNA Convention in Austin, Texas. The Ammonium Nitrate Nitric Acid Group holds the convention every year at various locations globally. I personally met many interesting people from around the world along some excellent Texas cuisine. I was also given the opportunity to help **Betsy Gremer** (Global Business Development Mgr for Nitric Acid Group) with the ANNA Binder. She did a great job with it and got many compliments. Congratulation Betsy! I would like to say that Betsy (below) can really make things happen, and she knows how to grab the bull by the horns and run with it, as pictured below.



**ANNA Crew:** (Left to Right) Bodo Albrecht, Brad Cook, Betsy Gremer, Jonathan Sabin (President), Dan Fisher, Alan Heywood, Jim Barrett & Miguel Ruiz (Photo by: Marty Spoor)



## New Sabin Website



Santa just made an early Christmas gift delivery to Sabin: we are very happy to announce that the New Sabin Website was successfully launched on December 4, 2017. The site is freshly designed and user-friendly with many newly added features such as Vision/Mission/Core Values, Management Team profiles, Sabin Family Philanthropy, and a significant amount of information on Social Responsibility, Events and Careers.

Our goal in adding these new features and content was of course to upgrade the look and feel of the website, but also to more clearly explain who we are, what Sabin is all about, and how we run our company. We hope that the new website makes it possible for Sabin, our customers and the general public to communicate all of these things in the best way possible.

This will not be the final incarnation of the website, as other ideas and updates will be implemented over the next few months. Still in the works is an Employee Resource Center (ERC) which will allow us to streamline some internal information sharing and improve internal communication efficiency. We also consider your advice and suggestions very valuable, so please do send them in by email to Yanan Sui at [ysui@sabinmetal.com](mailto:ysui@sabinmetal.com) at any time. Also watch for the electronic link to the “Nugget” past & present editions.

**Best wishes for the Holidays...and a happy and prosperous 2018 to the “Sabin Family”!**

**Brad Cook** - Vice President Sales and Marketing



## *Prairie Nuggets*

*December 2017*

### *Booming Again in 2017*

It has been yet another record-shattering year at Sabin West. **Bonnie Steen** (Office Manager) reports that we will have received about 9 million pounds (net) or more of customer catalyst by the end of 2017! This matches or surpasses last year's record intake! So once again, thank you to all the employees that make us the very best at what we do.

### *Visitors*

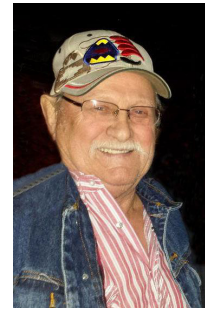
Included in this group of visitors to Sabin West are some familiar faces to all of you, I'm sure. One you may not recognize is **Livingston Taylor** (below 2nd from right back row), an accomplished musician, singer-songwriter, performer, author, and professor. Oh- and he is James Taylor's brother...how sweet it is, to be visited by you.



**Janusz Zygmuntowicz** (PKN Orlen) zigged and zagged around North Dakota courtesy of tour guide extraordinaire **Danni Thorpe** (Security).



## *Gone From Our Sight*



Clarence E. "Sonny" Raveling (**Security**) passed away Sunday evening, July 9, 2017 at Trinity Hospital in Minot, North Dakota, surrounded by his family.

Sonny was born on October 8, 1939 to Clarence and Doris (Mott) Raveling in Williston, North Dakota. He was raised and educated in the Wildrose and McGregor areas. In his younger years he worked on the family farm, rode bronc and loved horses. His last thirteen years were spent working with us at Sabin Metal where he made many good friends. I loved that Sonny always called me "Kelly", laughed at my witty comebacks, and gave me a Christmas card every year. Happy trails Sonny.

The end of year festivities are never the same, of course, when we have lost a loved one. They are indeed gone from our sight, but I believe ever with us in spirit. I hope you have the best holiday ever as you enjoy the love of friends and family at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

**And since I have many of the physical attributes of Santa...**

***Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!***



Contributed by: Mark Kelly  
- SMWC



## Scottsville News

### Employees News

#### Retired

On 12/18/17 **John Waldon** (Maint. Supervisor) celebrated his retirement after 37 years with Sabin.

Then on 12/20/17 **Charlie Metz** (Assistant Maint. Supervisor) also retired after 40 years of service.

No photos were available at the time of publication, but watch for the next edition to see their smiling faces.

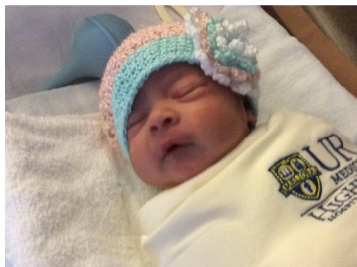
Best wishes Guys!

**Any other retirees drop us a note tell us what you're doing & we will share it with the poor schleps still working.**

#### Births



Lindsay



Hannah

On July 17, 2017 **Maria & Phil Cox (HPO)** Welcomed in their daily double. **Lindsay Maria** (above left) **93.3 T/O's** & **Hannah Lucia** (above right) **96.2 T/O's** were born in their respective order. It doesn't mean much now, but wait a few years. All are happy, healthy & sleep deprived. Congratulations and twice the happiness!

### Out and About



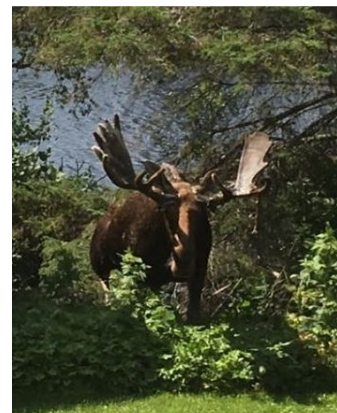
December 7, 2017; **Cathy Bundschuh** (HR) took her elves to the "Harris Beach" seminar. This seminar hosted by Harris Beach Attorneys at Law, regarding security issues in the workplace. These seminars are helpful in giving the company ideas to better our organization and make it a better place for all.

Pictured above left to right: **Mike Bennett & Shane Conley** (Security), **Ed Garbowski** (IT) & **Cathy Bundschuh** (HR)



On behalf of all of us here in Canada we wish you all the best in the coming year. This photo was taken by Joe Ann in October. He crossed the river at the lodge and dropped in for a visit, stayed around for a while and moved on.

Dan



## GM Corner

Bodo Albrecht:

After waiting for more than half a year, we finally received our knitting machine at Scottsville. Knitting? Here is why.

It's all about nitric acid, the most commonly used fertilizer in the world. Nitric acid is produced in large reactors. The gases used to produce it are being sent, under pressure, through a platinum catalyst, creating the product. In the process, particles of the platinum catalyst are carried from the catalyst into the plant's components that follow.

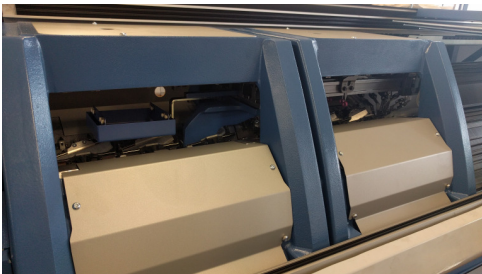
For a long time, Sabin has been in the business of recovering precious metals from these plant components after they are decommissioned. We then moved, as some of you will know, into "getter systems". A "getter" is made mostly of palladium and sits directly underneath the platinum catalyst. It captures platinum and prevents it from being flushed further downstream. And this is where the knitting comes in... purchasing the palladium getter system separately from the platinum catalyst is an inconvenience to customers, and it leaves them guessing whether the components will work together well. Therefore, it was a logical step for us to extend our business into this lucrative area.

The basic knitting machine isn't all that different from an industrial knitting machine used to make socks or pullovers, except that it is very wide, and modified by us to knit using a very hard wire instead of yarn. The wire is about as thick as a human hair. Its exact composition and other properties are developed within our group, and they are what makes us different from our competition.

Fingers crossed, please, as we roll out our new product to our first customers next year!



Pre-delivery  
Inspection



## Silent Auction

Sabin-Scottsville is holding a Silent Auction for the next 30 days to eliminate unused inventory that is no longer needed. If you wish to bid or view any of the items please feel free to contact **Hillary Shaffer** at extension #274.

**On a closing note, I would like to wish everybody a Happy & Safe Holidays.**

**James Barrett (Scottsville-GM)**



## Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

Again, 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} 538-2195 ext.267 or [martys@sabinmetal.com](mailto:martys@sabinmetal.com)

**Final note if you are not on the digital mailing list, please send me an email and I can add you! Remember previous editions are still available on the website. [Scottsville.sabinmetal.com](http://Scottsville.sabinmetal.com)**

**Submit news for any section of the Nugget to Marty Spoor in the Furnace Area (ext. 267)**

**Submissions for the June issue are due by Friday, June 15, 2018**