



# Sabin Nugget

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## Precious Metals in Cigarettes?

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Sabin Metal Scottsville recently received approximately 13 tractor-trailer loads of cigarettes (over 100,000,000 cigarettes) from a tobacco company. Sabin is destroying the cigarettes for that company and the ATF and recovering palladium, which is contained in the tobacco. Some of these cigarettes were out of date, incorrectly packaged, and some just remained unsold. The destruction of the cigarettes will be one stage in the refining process for palladium. The burning process will take place at "Mother" furnace and the ash will then be melted in the main furnace area. ♣

## Sabin Metal West Wins Safety Awards!

Ron Rolle, ES&H Manager for Sabin West recently attended the North Dakota Safety Council's annual safety conference to receive two safety awards on behalf of the Sabin West employees. Sabin West achieved a zero incident rate for 2002 and has now worked over 1000 days without a lost time accident. Awards received were the Occupational Safety Merit Award and the President's Letter of Achievement. Congratulations to the Sabin West employees and keep up the good work!\*

## Do you have a plan?

The recent nightclub tragedies and ongoing terrorist threat have served as a reminder to all of us of the importance of being aware of our surroundings. Are you aware of the people around you? When you enter a building, do you look for another exit? Most people exit a building the same way they entered, but what if fire, debris or other people blocked that entrance? How would you escape? Do you know all of the exits

in your building at Sabin, the Movie Theater, the grocery store or your child's school? Do you routinely discuss with your family where to meet in case you are separated at an event? In these difficult times, it is advisable to have not only water, duct tape, plastic sheeting, and food on hand in case of an emergency; you should also have a plan for exiting a building in an emergency and connecting with loved ones afterward. Be Aware, Be Safe (*Note: If you unsure about what to do in the event of an emergency at Sabin please contact your supervisor.*) ☺

## Worker Memorial Day

The fifteenth annual Worker Memorial Day will be held on April 28. This day was so designated to direct attention to workers who have been killed or injured on the job. This day was chosen because it is the anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). As we remember those who have been injured, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the need to rededicate ourselves to improving health and safety in the workplace.

For this reason, the day has special significance to those who are responsible for or engaged in addressing occupational health and safety issues. Despite the difficulties and challenges we face in achieving the goal of reducing and eliminating workplace hazards, we must remain vigilant.

There are signs that we are making progress in achieving this goal. According to the National Council and Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job fatality rate has been cut by 62 percent since 1970. More than 254,270 lives have been saved since the passage of OSHA.

(*Note: In 2001 Sabin Metal Scottsville had 21 recordable workplace injuries; in 2002, that figure dropped to 17. Sabin's Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses Report is posted on Company bulletin boards until the end of April. Remember Safety on the Job is everyone's responsibility.*) ♦

## Employee News

**Aaron Grisewood** (Maint-PC) and his wife, Jolie, welcomed their first child, a boy, *Ryan Scott Grisewood*, on January 20, 2003. Ryan weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 ounces and was 21 ½ " long. ♂

**Melissa & Aaron Gibson** (HPO & HGP respectively) welcomed their first child, a son, *Jacob Lee Gibson*, on January 21, 2003. Jacob weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 ounces. (*Proud Grandpa – Dave Bennett*) ♂

**Bob Jacobsen** has a new grandchild. Granddaughter *Julia* arrived on January 24. Julia's parents are Bob's daughter, Cheryl and her husband David Ozolins. Julia was welcomed home by her big sister, Sophie. ♀

**Charlie Flickner** (Furnace) and his wife Cheryl added 3-year old son, *Jared Ryan Flickner*, to the family on February 21, 2003. ♂



Congratulations to Robert "Tick" Burns (Furnace) who celebrated 25 years of service with Sabin Metal on January 16, 2003. To commemorate the occasion, Scott Yarnes presented Tick (left) with a Sabin-gold tie tack (above). If you see David Fisher on April 19, congratulate him on 25 years of service. ♦

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Vicki Appleby** (accounting) and Shawn Strong. Shawn popped the question on April 4 (the anniversary of their first date). Best wishes to Vicki and Shawn.

## Greetings from SMC West!

Former Sabin Scottsville employee, Mike James, is shown here in the furnace control room at Sabin Metal West. He transferred to SMC West in 2001, and sends his greetings to everyone at the Scottsville Plant. ●



## Retiree News

Elmira and **Harold Alexander** are in the news again as the 2003 recipients of the *Drum Major for Justice Award* in recognition of their tireless efforts in making the food pantry a viable resource to the community and to area families.



(Elmira and Harold at home)

They received their award at the First Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community-wide Interfaith Worship Celebration held January 18 at the Eastman Theatre. Dr. Charles A. Thurman, pastor of the Second Baptist Church which houses the Cal-Mum Council of Churches Food Relief Coalition, nominated Harold and Elmira for his honor. ■

## 2003 SMC Picnic at Six Flags Darien Lake

The 2003 picnic will be held at Six Flags Darien Lake on Saturday, August 9. The park is open that day from 10:30 am to 10:00 p.m., so come early and ride often. The picnic committee is in the process of selecting the menu for the day and setting service hours. Remember that the picnic is open to employees and retirees and their immediate family members (spouse or significant other and children living in your home). Sign-up sheets will be posted in June for those interested in attending. More details to follow. Hope to see you there! ●

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*All submissions for the next newsletter are due by June 27, 2003.*

