

Sabin Nugget



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Sabin Metal History



This third segment is a brief timeline dedicated to the location. In the future issues we will be showing photos and articles from different eras surrounding the site

Our many thanks to Florence Field & Barb Chapman at Wheatland Historical Society for all their information and the time they shared with us. I would like to thank the Scottsville library for their contributions as well.

Ebsary Gypsum Co.

(above cir. 1947)

- **1920-1954 Ebsary Gypsum Co.** owned & operated by Frederick G. Ebsary produced gypsum block & board. In the late 1920's when demand for block dropped off the block plant was torn down along the creek.
- **1941** A premature dynamite explosion killed 2 drillers in mine. Chester Hardman & Orrin Nelan died on 2/20/1941.
- **1944 "Wheatland Cave Mushroom Co."** leased unused mine tunnels from the plaster company. They closed after 40 years of operation, making them the longest business to operate on the site, so far.
- **1954** The property was sold to "Ruberoid Co." Their main products were asphalt paints, Locquirs, insulating tapes and asphalt roofing. They continued to produce Gypsum board until 1970.

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- **1967 "Ruberoid Co."** merged into **General Aniline & Film Co. (GAF)** the company continued to operate under the new name until the spring of 1970 when they closed.
- **1971** Samuel Sabin purchased the property for recycling of precious metals, the start of Sabin Metal Corporation at this site. SMC has continued to expanded globally since.
- **1972** 5,000 **Boy Scouts** from the Otetiana Council spent from May 19 21 helping map out abandoned mine shaft openings and depressions surrounding the plant and the state park east of the plant. The scouts & county workers also filled depressions & shafts on the state park land.
- **1975** William McAlpine is hired as General Manager of the Scottsville plant, a position he would hold for 22 years. Bill started the tradition of giving out candy at Christmas, paying for it out of his own pocket. It was Bill's way of showing his appreciation for all the employees dedication & hard work! This Tradition continues today.





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Nuggets from the wild, wild West

Clayton 'Casey' Natwick (Security) retired in September after eight years of service to Sabin Metal West. Casey, best wishes for a long and rewarding retirement! Thanks for being here to keep us secure all those days (and nights)

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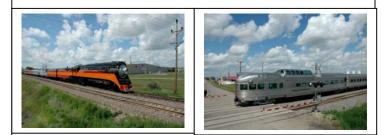


And guess who has yet another grandchild? Right you are- Bonnie Steen! This handsome young man, Justin Matthew Steen, was welcomed to the world on 10/15/2009. 'JM' is grandchild number 13 for Bonnie, who looks far too young to have so many...

Congratulations (again), Grandma Steen!

The 'back 40' of Sabin Metal West was home to a family of foxes in 2009. They were a pleasure to watch, but eventually became emboldened enough to attempt a breach on security! As a result, five pups were trapped and relocated to less populated locations by employees of the ND Fish and Game Department. Photo by Jerry Stordahl (Lab).





The "World's Most Famous Steam Locomotive", Southern Pacific No. 4449, also known as the "Daylight", passed by our plant this summer enroute from Portland, OR to TrainFestival 2009 in Owosso, MI.

The only remaining operable "streamlined" steam locomotive of the Art Deco era, the *Daylight* is perhaps best known as the locomotive portrayed in the animated movie "The Polar Express".

These great shots were captured by Tim Pederson (Lab), the Ansel Adams of Sabin Metal West.



And while it is extremely far from the ocean shore, North Dakota has a native pelican population! The beautiful and graceful American White Pelican has a nine-foot wingspan and is an awesome sight in flight. Photo by Mark Kelly (Lab). OK, lab people, enough picture-taking- let's get back to work!

Finally, while we have already endured one night of 24 below zero this December, all of us here on the Western Frontier of Sabin Metal want to extend warm Holiday wishes to all of you. May your lives be filled with love, peace, and friendship.



Employees News

On 8/13/09, Alvin Green (HPO) celebrated his retirement after 32 years of service. Good luck Alvin & enjoy.



Dave Norton (HPO) reached his 25-year point on 8/27/09. Dave (below left) celebrated it quietly with **Ray Roth** (below right) presenting him with his tie tack.



Jim Lewis (Engineering) Retired on 10/16/09 after 28 combined years of service. Jim is planning on getting caught up on home renovations. Best of luck Jim!

Gwendolyn Ann Metz (right) was born on 10/09/09 to **Mindy & Jason Metz** (Pollution Control). She weighed in at 108.5 T/O's. Grandpa **Charlie Metz** (Maintenance) is doing fine. In fact, exactly 2 months later a cousin was born on 12/09/09 to Charlie's other son & daughter in-law. **Dillon Charles Metz** (left with big sister Sidney) arrived to **Thomas & Rachel Metz.** Dillon weighed in at 94.8 T/O's. We are not sure, but we think Charlie is in competition with Bonnie Steen.











Our leader Andy Sabin (left) with his 22.5 pound Peacock Bass which was caught on the Rio Negro with a top lure. Jim Barrett (right) with a 24.5 pound Peacock Bass caught on a top water lure on the Rio Negro River also. In the 5 years that I been doing the Nugget, I have never seen one this large in this part of the river.



Sunset on Rio Negro River

Nitric Acid Group



This summer Sabin was awarded several equipment destructs from the nitric acid market. One of these projects required a team effort involving everyone at Scottsville and East Hampton. It was processed in a timely manner and the customer was very happy with the results. Thanks to everyone for their help on this and lets hope we see more of this business in 2010!

SMC - Canada

The SMC DIGGERS wishes every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We believe that the Bruins need some help.



Dan Cleroux

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} 538-2194 ext.267 or **martys@sabinmetal.com**

Scott Yarnes, (Scottsville Production Manager) would like to wish everyone in the Sabin Metal Companies a "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year".



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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 11, 2010