

NEW FACES AT GMC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Rick Stevens on the birth of his granddaughter.

FEEDBACK

Contact Rob Gold @ 314.645.0077 ext. 3034 or goldr@grossmechanical.com with feedback on this issue, and/or suggestions, news, updates, announcements for future issues.

Gross Mechanical wishes you a safe Spring.

Welcome to the 1st Gross Mechanical Contractors, Inc. update of 2008. GMC hopes that your 2008 is off to a great, safe start. GMC plans to increase the frequency of these updates in the coming months and years. And we welcome and appreciate your input and feedback.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

ST. LOUIS, MO – General Foreman John Quinn led the removal and replacement of 18-150 gal. hot water heaters at the Robert Young Federal Building in downtown St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, MO – MSD asked GMC to design and fabricate a spool piece that could be utilized by all MSD plants to bypass existing large-bore pumps while they were being serviced. All fabrication was completed in GMC’s UA-approved, 15,000 square-foot shop, under the direction of GF Clay Kirk.

GRANITE CITY, IL – GF Brent Stauffer and On-Site Project Engineer Steve Gregory supervised members of Local 439 through the installation of approx. 400 feet of schedule 40 carbon steel pipe, specially coated for underground installation at the Granite City Steel Mill. This work was done in advance of the new gas desulfurization plant that is currently being installed at the Mill. Helmkamp Construction acted as GMC’s excavation subcontractor on the project. GMC completed the work one-week ahead of schedule.

FENTON, MO – Under the supervision of GF John Quinn, GMC safely completed a number of projects for Chrysler, including: the third and final leg of Z-core drain piping installation at the South Plant; design, fabrication and installation of new manhole covers on a high-pressure dump system for the South Plant; conveyor work for KCI - Kansas City at both the North and South Assembly Plants; rehab of a paint booth – including the removal and reinstallation of booth paint lines and rerouting service lines - for Gallagher Kaiser at the North Plant; rework

of the South Plant transmission fluid line due to a potential fire hazard, and in turn, GF Tim Kelly led the re-routing of gas lines from the ceiling to prevent further fire hazards.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

ST. LOUIS, MO – Working as a subcontractor for KCI Construction - MO, GMC is removing and replacing lubrication lines, water lines, gears, rollers & drip pans at the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District’s Bissell Point Treatment Plant. GF Danny White is heading up the efforts.

ST. LOUIS, MO – At TYCO/Covidien, GMC is partnering with Rhodey & Son to remove three glass lined reactor vessels as a steel platform is removed and replaced. Two of the three vessels will be replaced, with one having the lower half rebuilt. In addition to the tank work, GMC retrofitted the hazard room with new process piping. The last portion of the project will involve running new process lines out to the slytherm skid ... a skid that GMC previously installed. Other projects for Rhodey/TYCO have ranged from fixing a broken water line to installing and servicing a temporary chiller. Thanks to the versatile, dependable work of GF Tim Kelly and his crew, Rhodey/TYCO frequently turn to GMC to support the efforts of their mechanical maintenance staff.

PEG 2 Column



VALLEY PARK, MO – GMC's Pat Murphy and John Quinn have completed/are heading up several projects for Reichhold. This includes: maintenance work for Tank T-7, which consisted of fixing baffles, re-supporting coils, cutting new manways, and the installation of an 8" vent line from the tank to a new scrubber; fabrication and installation of process piping to allow product to be transferred from one tank to another during cleaning efforts; the installation of a new air slug system to prevent the build up of product inside the process lines; tank repairs throughout the plant – e.g., nozzles, manways, baffles, etc.; installation of fabricated supports and modification of the roof structure to allow for the removal and replacement of the stripper column for further maintenance; and the upgrade and installation of a new nitrogen system that is integral to the product made at the plant. GMC is proud to have become a maintenance-contracting partner for the entire Reichhold plant.

SAUGET, IL – Led by GF Dana Clark and On-site Project Engineer Jon Rogers, GMC is installing: approx. 4000' of pipe; a thermal oxidizer that requires two cranes; burner tile in the burner assembly; a waste water stripper; carbon adsorbers for the nitrogen, hydrogen, and tank system; a tank head condenser; as well as disconnecting and relocating the ketone residue recycle pump. The purpose of the project is to collect the waste gases from the entire plant to then send to the scrubber to comply with EPA requirements. Manpower will peak at approx. 22 men, with an estimated completion date of March 2008.

SPRINGFIELD, IL – GMC is the General Contractor for the installation of the treatment plant facility at the Dallman Power Station in Springfield, Illinois. Under the direction of Project Manager Brad Gross and On-Site Construction Manager Bob Barthelmy, GMC is managing the installation of a lime feed system, clarifiers, a chemical feed system,

pumps, as well as tanks. The result will be a reduction in sulfuric emissions from the power plant. Subs include Aetna, RD Lawrence for concrete and excavation work, Egizii for electrical, Durkin for controls, Venovich for building construction, Illinois Pier for foundation work, and Sprinkman for insulation. This project is scheduled to start in late Feb./early March '08, with a completion date of December 2008.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – GMC GF Bob Beard is directing the removal and installation of a new chiller system at the Ike Skelton/Missouri National Guard Army Base. The project consists of removing the outdated chiller, and replacing it with a more cost & energy-efficient, two-stage chiller system. Work also includes the installation of new pumps, cooling towers, and HVAC controls. All new carbon-steel schedule 40 pipe will replace existing. GMC is the general contractor, with Rehagen Electric, C&C Controls, and McAfee Construction working as subcontractors. Project is expected to be completed by April 1, 2008.

ST. LOUIS, MO – St. Louis MSD hired GMC to install new secondary chiller piping for its Lemay Treatment Plant. The existing piping carried plant water used by the condensers to cool the chillers. Roughly 775' of 6" and 8" carbon steel pipe will be demoed and replaced with 6" and 8" sch 10 stainless pipe. GF Terry Murphy is leading the project.

ST. LOUIS, MO – Anheuser-Busch remains one of GMC's long-standing customers, and for good reason. GF Steve Porzelt is the go-to-guy for all AB engineers and plant personnel when they need a problem resolved. GMC is going on its 14th-consecutive year as the St. Louis brewery's maintenance contractor.

ST. LOUIS, MO – One of GMC's largest current projects is at yet another MSD site. GF Gary Rohlring is supervising the Missouri River Waste Water Treatment Plant project, which

primarily consists of the installation of an overflow basin to handle heavy rains. Roughly 10,000 linear feet of pipe, ranging from 1/2" stainless tubing to 72" pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe, is being installed. The project also includes the installation of a new aeration basin, grit chamber, influent chambers, pumps, odor control system, and HVAC. The project is approx. 45% complete, and has an expected completion date of mid-2009, if not before.

72" PFI Line



ST. LOUIS, MO – Last, but not least, GF Rod Kadera is heading up GMC's work at MSD's Grand Glaize Site. Work includes: the installation of approx. 15000' of pipe, ranging from 1" carbon steel to 60" ductile iron pipe; the installation of a new treatment train; as well as new clarifiers, scum concentrators, aeration basins, blower building and blowers, and a return sludge pump station. The project started in Jan. 2007, and has an estimated completion date of May/June 2008. Rod and his crew have completed 80% of the work – and are on track to complete the project 3-months ahead of schedule.

Aeration Basin



GMC FAMILY PICNIC

Employees, family, and friends gathered in October at Shaw Park for GMC's Family Picnic. BBQ (under the watchful eye of master chef Kevin Murphy), clowns, face-painting, and poorly played games of washers highlighted a fun fall afternoon in Clayton.

The Face Matches the Hat



"Chef" Takes a Break



Nice Form. Result, Not So Much.



SAFETY UPDATE

GMC would like to thank all employees who diligently plug away throughout the year at some very difficult tasks and complete the year without an incident. There was a 43% drop in reported incidents in 2007 compared to 2006. Congratulations to all the employees who helped make this happen. And, in 2008 we are off to another year of reducing our incidents. Let's all continue to strive for a safe workplace and zero incidents for the remainder of 2008.

GMC started the 2008 safety lunch program with the first one being held on-site at Solutia. During the safety lunch the weekly Tool-Box meeting was conducted, food from Bandana's was provided, and drawings for give-aways in appreciation for performing in a safe and professional manner took place. Look for more of these lunches in the coming months.

Lastly, we want to thank Safety Director Paul Bohler for all of his efforts while at GMC. Paul will be leaving GMC March 6th and we wish him well in his future endeavors. While the hiring of a new Safety Director is being finalized, please direct all safety-related matters to Kevin Murphy at 314.645.0077 ext. 3041 or murphyk@grossmechanical.com.

A NOTE FROM KEVIN

I hope you had a great time at the company picnic, and I look forward to seeing more of you and your families at this year's event.

As always, a big thank you to the manpower who I know I can depend on to work the extra hours when needed, and always step up and get the job done. I want to also welcome the new employees into the Gross office and let you know that your support of the field personnel is appreciated.

My personal thanks to all of you for being as safe as possible at all times. I will continue to stress the importance of safety and craftsmanship in the months and years ahead. It looks like business will only get busier, so now, more than ever, let's make sure we focus on doing the job safely, on time, and on budget. It's up to all of us ... General Foremen, Foremen, Journeymen, Apprentices, and pre-Apprentices ... to demonstrate that Union labor does the job right.

As a reminder to all Apprentices ... remember to get your slips when you're at school and turn them in to your foremen the next day, or, per the agreement between Local 562 and the contractors, you will not get paid.

On a final note, although we can't always make everyone happy, what we can do is work together, within crews and between crafts, to make sure that the customer is satisfied. The workplace is no place for confrontations, rumors, etc. Communicate in a professional, craftsman-like manner with each other and the jobsite & the work will benefit all of us.

Once again thank you, and be safe,

Kevin