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Solid Resins takes 'extra step' for safety

Most personnel at Solid Resins remember June 1978 as the time when preparations began for the start-up of Epon 6—one of the newest and most advanced units at the Complex.

But another important step—although it began with much less fanfare—was being initiated at Solid Resins at the same time. It was a monthly audit of safety conditions in the department, a program that has paid off.

Brent Bane, acting training coordinator, Solid Resins, said, "We're very definitely pleased with these audits because they've been fruitful. I think they've contributed to our safety record—nearly six years without a disabling injury. There are departments which have longer safety records. But nearly six years is still something to be very proud of."

Like all other Complex departments, Solid Resins is still under the watchful eye of Safety inspectors—who continue to conduct their own safety checks in the field. In addition, Solid Resins is subject to being audited by the Complex Health and Safety Committee.

But Bane pointed out the departmental audit—"an extra step in the direction of safety"—is planned and carried out totally by Solid Resins personnel.

Each audit is carried out by five team members—an operating supervisor, who acts as leader of the group; a maintenance foreman; an operator; a shift foreman and an engineer. Larry Stanford, process manager, Solid Resins said, "The team is composed so it can see different aspects of activities—and get the benefit of as many different viewpoints as possible."

Dick Dahm, an operations supervisor at Solid Resins, said, "Although other departments have periodic safety audits, nobody conducts theirs just like ours. We think ours is unique."

An audit begins with a team meeting to discuss previous audits and recent first aid statistics. Team members review conditions that preceded a first aid case to determine if revisions or



Jerry (Yo-Yo) Theiler, left, a Solid Resins operator No. 1; Woody Foerster, a Solid Resins hourly shift foreman; and Burns Clare, zone foreman, Maintenance South, inspect frames on molten resins hopper screens at Epon 6. As a result of a Solid Resins monthly safety audit, the frames (which are directly behind Theiler's shoulders) were recently lengthened to minimize the possibility of back strain for employees changing the screens.

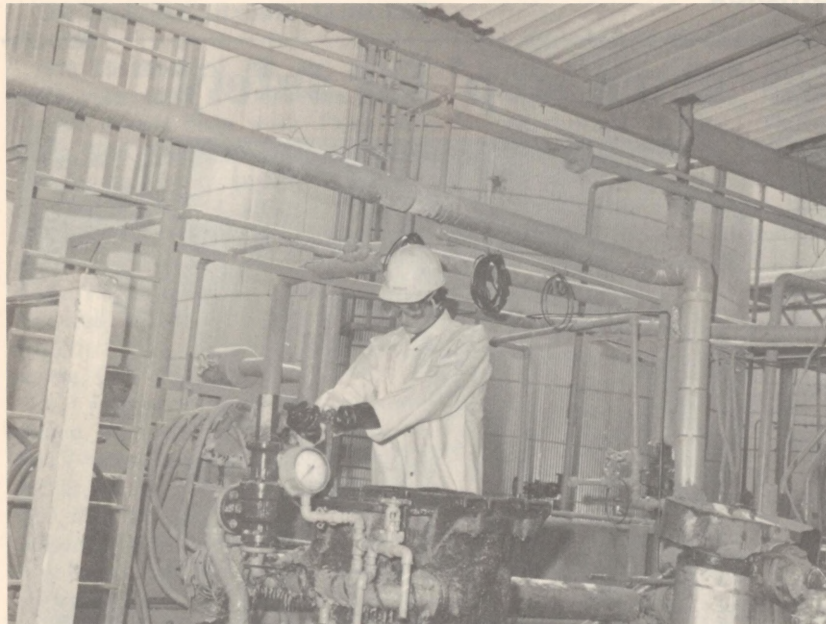


Showing off the Docks

Don Lanning, left foreground, process manager, Dispatching-Docks, explains operations at the docks to Rhonda Gaudin, a student at the University of Texas Petroleum Extension Service, School of Marine Measurement. Rhonda was one of about 35 students from the school who toured the docks last week.

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John Youngblood, an operator No. 1, Solid Resins, was one of the first Complex employees to work under a new metal roof at Epon 2-D. The roof which was installed as a result of a Solid Resins safety audit, is designed to ward off weather-related safety problems for personnel who are changing solution filters—like Youngblood is doing.

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procedures need to be revised.

A key part of this initial team meeting is an in-depth discussion of some activity done routinely in a Solid Resins unit. This activity is broken down and reviewed step by step with regard to procedures, wearing protective equipment and using mechanical equipment. "This procedure has been very helpful in eliminating potential safety hazards from Solid Resins and is probably one of the most valuable portions of the monthly audit," Dahm said.

Following the meeting, team members head out to the field to take a look at safety conditions.

But Bane said the team usually pays a visit to different units than the last team did. "Sometimes we may focus on Epon 6 or Epon 2—and sometimes we look at utilities systems."

He explained, "During the audit, we look for unsafe conditions in equipment, the operating area and work practices. For example, the team looks for missing safety equipment such as pump coupling guards and potential hazards such as uncracked utility hoses

that could trip personnel. When the team finds a fault, they see to it that it's corrected—immediately."

Les Duke, also a Solid Resins operations supervisor, pointed out several potentially unsafe conditions at work sites have been corrected as a result of the audits.

For instance, frames on molten resins hopper screens at Epon 6 were lengthened to minimize the possibility of back strain for employees who change the screens. Extra lighting was added near the resins crusher at Epon 6 to provide a safer work area for personnel doing general maintenance work at the crusher. In addition, a metal roof was built at the resins solution section of Epon 2-D (which was formerly unenclosed) to ward off weather-related safety problems for employees changing solution filters.

Stanford said, "If our facilities aren't appropriate enough to meet safety requirements, we want to modify them. That is why I feel it is important for our team members to dissect operations procedures and equipment during each audit."



SHORT SUBJECTS

South fire crews win

The fire crews at Safety South have something to brag about.

One of their trucks recently received a second place award in competition for "the most outstanding fire truck with crew" at the annual Deer Park fire prevention parade.

Complex will participate in festival

Once again, the Complex is joining other area industries and organizations in sponsoring a booth in the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce's annual Fall Festival, which will be held today, Friday and Saturday at the chamber's new building at 500 West 13th.

The highlight of the Complex display—which stresses our involvement with the community of Deer Park—will be snappy photographs of employees on and off the job. Come on out and you'll probably see a picture of somebody you know—maybe even yourself.

The festival will be open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. the first two days and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. No admission will be charged.

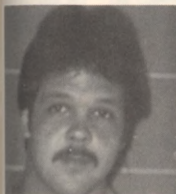
Carnival set for Saturday

Don't forget to bring your youngsters to the SCORA Halloween Carnival, which will be held at the Deer Park Community Center, 610 East San Augustine, on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Guaranteed to be a big hit with small fry, the day's fun will include game booths and refreshments.

Admission is free for SCORA members. But guests, who are welcome, will be charged 50 cents each to attend.

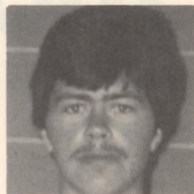
Welcome to the Deer Park Manufacturing Complex



Andy Bramlett
General Helper
Maint. North
Hired in June



Steve Emig
Engineer
Proc. Eng.
Hired in June



Joe Gilbert
Engineer
Plant Eng.
Hired in June



Mark Hammers
Electrician
Maint. North
Hired in May



M.J. Kelly
Typist
Utilities
Hired in June



Pete Krieger
Chemist
North Lab
Hired in June



Lola Lewis
Clerk
Services
Hired in June



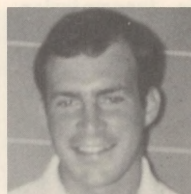
Becky Maxwell
Analyst
Emp. Rels.
Hired in June



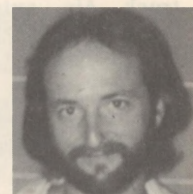
Cherie McKay
Engineer
Plant Eng.
Hired in June



J.W. Overman
Engineer
Plant. Eng.
Hired in June



Ken Roche
Engineer
Plant Eng.
Hired in June



M.A. Veazey
General Helper
Maint. North
Hired in June



Employee Relations safety party

Attending the Employee Relations safety party at Kaphan's, Ron Finnigan, Dan Armstrong and Joe Fallon (left photo) were all smiles. Putting on name tags at right are Theresa Sandles and Sharyon Forest.



VCM safety party

Going to the VCM safety party at the Happy Buddha were (left photo) Jack McNabb and Bill and Joyce Gailey and (right) Dan and Kathy Daniels.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1980 Celica GT. Low mileage. Call 358-2581.

1979 Formula. Air, power windows and lock, AM-FM eight-track, SS Crager mags, clean. 13,000 miles. Call 476-1538.

1975 Datsun B-210. Very clean, high mileage per gallon. \$2,000. Call 470-1425 after 5 p.m.

1977 Chevy half-ton long wheel base truck. Air, automatic transmission, stereo, mags. Ziebarted, no rust, no dents. 46,000 miles. Call 649-6029.

1976 Cadillac DeVille Coupe. Air, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, headlight and cruise control, AM-FM with eight-track and much more. 73,000 miles. \$3,500 or best offer. Call 488-7370.

1974 Toyota Celica ST. Four-speed. Uses regular gas. \$1,600 or best offer. Call 453-4419 after 5 p.m.

Camper shell for foreign pickup. Needs window. \$35. Theater-type seats. With arm rests, cushion bottoms, wooden backs. Suitable for home, church or business. Good buy at \$3 each. Call 452-0768.

Built-in ice box, sink, pump and faucet. \$75. Large roof luggage rack. \$50. Call 479-1772.

1977 Honda 750 Super Sport. 6,000 miles, clean. \$1,300. Call 328-3715.

Condominium for sale or lease. Westwood Mall area (Southwest). Two bedrooms and baths, washer-dryer, microwave, frost-free refrigerator, cathedral ceiling, wood-burning fireplace, tennis courts. If you buy, you assume a nine and seven-eighths percent loan. Call 778-0764 after 5 p.m.

Golf course lot. Hilltop Lakes Resort

City near clubhouse. Bargain buy. Six lots. Forest Park East. Priced well below current market, moving, must sell. Call 472-4141 during the day or 472-8927 at night.

Two wooded lots on Lake Houston. Call 458-0457.

Eight-tenths of an acre. 150-foot waterfront on Lake Sam Rayburn with 3-1½-1 house. Includes workshop, carport and all appliances. Porch overlooks lake. Call 1-713-872-3702.

3-2-2 home in Deer Park. With pool and formal areas. Call 479-1891.

3-2-2 home. Wood Meadow Subdivision. Fenced-in back yard, corner lot, fireplace, large family room. \$59,500. Call 481-8868.

60-inch coffee table with matching octagonal end table. Smoked glass tops. \$75. Full-sized bed and mirrored double dresser. \$25. Call 479-0794.

French Provincial canopy bed. White, single. \$25. Single mattress and box springs. Simmons, extra-firm, very good condition. \$75. French Provincial headboard. Pecan wood with cane inserts. \$25. Call 479-2580 after 5 p.m.

DAK 40-Channel CB base. 150-watt linear. Power mike, base antenna with telescoping pole. \$400 or best offer. Call 1-713-948-2647.

Garage Sale. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10003 Stonemont, Fairmont Park West, La Porte. Call 471-6824 after 5 p.m.

One 6'8" x 8' double sliding glass door. Opens from either side. \$100. Call 333-2188.

FOR RENT

3-2-2 brick home. One-year-old, built-ins, drapes fireplace, excellent neighborhood. Webster area. \$500 per month. Call 334-2878.

FREE

Two kittens. Seven-weeks-old. They need a good home. Call 458-3311.

WANTED

Carpool rider. Needed for existing three-person carpool in Southwest area. Working straight days. Call 778-0603.

Pilots. Want to maintain your IFR currency. I supply Cessna 182, full USA and Mexico JEPS and watch pilot. Fly anywhere, \$40 an hour. Call 470-1425 after 5 p.m.

WANT TO BUY

Roof-mounted air conditioner for recreational vehicle. Call 479-1772.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Don't forget the Refinery's Ten-and-Over Party Saturday and the Chemical Plant's on Oct. 25. Both will be at Sylvan Beach Pavilion in La Porte from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Hallonquist retires

Henry A. Hallonquist, 58, an operator No. 1 at Solid Resins, retired Oct. 1 after 30 years of company service.

He and his wife, Willie, live at 2022 Allen Genoa Road, Houston.

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