

Did you miss me? I am well overdue for a Technician Note and it has been a very busy time until recently. We are now (once again) experiencing something of a summer slowdown but it is not the same magnitude as last year. There are several large international jobs ongoing and we have a couple of substantial domestic projects where we are waiting for some word on the order. Any U.S. based guys who have a desire to do some of the international work should make their interest known to Jason/Gary.

I really appreciate it when I get some shots from jobsites. Here's a recent one from a successful drain in Mexico.



It seems like a long time since we finished up in Guatemala. I also feel like I already shared some of these photos but it may have been on the website. Anyway, thanks to this crew who stuck out a long project in less than ideal circumstances.



It looks like I haven't shared any of the photos yet from Hotbels. It was once again a very successful conference for our glass clients.



In addition to those work photos, we also always enjoy some personal ones. Here's Sandy with his new chopper. We need to speak about his PPE.



And, apparently there is some truth to the rumor that Kari does eat worms.



We're glad to have Kyle Hurlbut and Stephen Dillard back to work after extended health issues. Best wishes to Chuck Calvert who has been off following shoulder surgery. Welcome back to Graham Hall who has rejoined Hotwork after a short hiatus. Our condolences to Eduardo Quintana and his family since Eduardo's father recently passed away.



Here is one additional reminder regarding Facebook and other social media. Please refrain from posting any specific work related info. Nothing good can happen as a result of these posts and often something bad can happen. We are frequently bound by secrecy agreements and can not violate them by publically posting photos. We are in a very competitive market and even the simplest information can be used by competitors to our disadvantage. We'd rather they just don't know what we're up to. Here's a recent post by others that explains why we didn't get a call back from a client in Italy – a competitor has been onsite for some time.



The safety shutoff QD's have been implemented in Lexington and we will be moving on to CA and TX soon. Once done domestically, we'll be taking it to the international equipment. It is important that we maintain the safety shutoff function on the supply side of the box. Nobody should be defeating it by switching fittings. If you have a problem, talk to Larry before swapping fittings around.

I'm sure that everyone is providing their support for the George/Ryan transition. George has been a fixture at Hotwork since the 1960's and we will miss him. I'm wishing him the best in his well deserved retirement.

Tom

Two additional items that I failed to note:

- 1.) Larry Drake is working to assemble a new hire class of Technicians. If you are aware of any potential candidates, please let Larry know.
- 2.) Condolences also to Gary Moore who lost his father a couple of weeks ago. Wishing Gary and his family the best during this tough time.

Tom