Chicago White Metal does it again! To add to the collection of die casting awards, CWM teamed up with dental products company and long-time customer, A-Dec, to create a product that involved two magnesium die castings and met the high standards of quality that A-Dec is known for.

These parts became an award-winning duo.

The International Magnesium Association (IMA) was founded in 1943 with a mission in mind — "promote the use of the metal magnesium in material selection and encourage innovative applications of the versatile metal."

CWM Addresses Critical Industry Issues to Congress

Chicago White Metal has always offered valuable, influential insight in addressing issues which affect U.S. manufacturing. Each year, CWM flies to Washington D.C. for a briefing on issues that challenge the manufacturing industry.

This year, the CWM team of Treiber and Assistant Director of Engineering, Rob Malarky, took full advantage of the opportunity to represent manufacturing and met with Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth and staff members from Senators Dick Durbin’s and Mark Kirk’s office. Although they were unable to connect with Congressman Peter Roskam while in D.C., Eric was able to secure a one-on-one session with him in July, prior to returning to D.C.

“Naturally, I jumped at the chance to meet with the Congressman outside of Washington,” Treiber stated, “as this may allow for some additional time to discuss pressing matters within the industry.”

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Stefany Currier, Human Resources Manager
Stefany joins our CWM family as a Human Resources Manager. Her duties will be to direct, coordinate, and implement policies, programs, and activities, as they pertain to HR. In her free time, she enjoys reading true crime stories, hanging out with her husband Dave, daughter Emma, and dog Weezie (and soon to be puppy named Stella!). Stefany moonlights for her church as their HR Ministry Director, and has a passion for singing and a dream to be on a Broadway stage one day. She is a Blackhawks, Bears, and Cubs fanatic!

Thomas Busse, Die Repair Person
Thomas joins our team as a die repair person. He will be troubleshooting and repairing die cast dies, trim dies, and other issues related to the cast/die trim tooling. He is finishing up his last class at University of Wisconsin - Platteville to obtain his B.S. in Industrial Technology Management. In his free time, he enjoys motorcycles (Honda cruisers) and fast cars. He is currently fixing up a 1980 Corvette, which he plans to cruise to work in when it is complete!

Paulo Villareal, Mechanical Inspector
Paulo joined the CWM team as a mechanical inspector for the QA department, which involves responsibility for product verification to the customer’s specifications and requirements, as it pertains to die cast parts. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies.

Mike Patel, Quality Engineer
Mike joined the CWM team as a quality engineer and is responsible for implementing and maintaining dimensional product appraisal activities for in-process and final inspection. He enjoys being with his family, especially his granddaughters, in his free time.

Alex Heying, Engineering Project Manager
Alex joined the team as a project manager for our engineering department to handle the increasing number of new projects. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Minor in Mathematics. His free time is spent with friends, staying physically active, and watching sports. He is a die-hard Iowa Hawkeye fan and he loves to play basketball.

Gustavo Gonzalez-Garcia, CNC Planner
Gustavo joined the CWM team in order to maintain the CNC production schedule and job records. He reviews, updates, and communicates the production schedule for the CNC department, creates and updates job records/reports, works with the production team to establish process rates, and maintains the downtime list. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his 9 year old son.

Cindy Miller, CNC QA Engineer
Cindy joins our team as a CNC QA Engineer, who is responsible for ensuring production is maintained at the required quality level by maintaining quality plans & policies, performing FAI’s and supervising in-process inspection, assisting with ECO evaluation and closure activities, and inspecting and approving new gages and fixtures. In her free time, she likes working with computers—she is currently working on building a database in Microsoft Access (from scratch) that will help streamline processes for herself and others.
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Melinda Gonzalez, Senior Client Support Representative

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CWM Takes On High Schooler for Summer Internship Program

Chicago White Metal offers a summer internship, which provides students that show a genuine interest in a career within the manufacturing industry the opportunity to obtain real-world job experience as they move through their studies. This summer, CWM has offered an internship to Diego Bonilla, a bright pre-engineering student attending Fenton High School in Bensenville.

Diego’s responsibilities included working for three different departments – the tooling department, engineering, and customer service. His duties included creating a broken core pin log; assisting Bill Erbacci, Customer Care / Fulfillment Manager, with various duties, and creating core pin drawings with picture and a lettering system, which will help the tool room identify where core pins are located in the molds.

His experience at Chicago White Metal gave him the opportunity to see two different perspectives – the designing of cores and how they work, and the production side of these molds. He also learned of the teamwork and cohesiveness of the CWM team, specifically between the Engineering and Tooling departments, and how it is a joint effort to improve and repair molds and trim dies. He reported directly to Miguel Garcia, Tooling Department Manager. “Diego is a quick learner with amazing technical and organizational skills,” Miguel says. “He has laser focus, and communicates professionally for his age.”

Diego is aspiring towards an engineering degree once he graduates high school and has already looked into schools, such as IIT. In his senior year, he already has plans to join extracurricular activities and focus on studies as he moves forward in his educational journey.

We wish you the best of luck, Diego!

CWM Addresses Critical Issues, cont. >>>

The overall discussion focused on the need for comprehensive tax reform, burdensome and costly OSHA and EPA regulations, and the need for improved education assistance for the manufacturing industry. CWM has a strong commitment to keep abreast of current issues facing the manufacturing industry, and to keep our political representatives focused on actions that will help make the industry stronger.

Die Casting Wordplay

Instructions: The word/phrase to be filled in is a term used in die casting. The description underneath the phrase is an alternate meaning for the term.

EXAMPLE: “__A_______L”

Hint: A type of rock music.
Answer: HEAVY METAL

Can you guess what the word/phrase is?

“__R_______E”

Hint: An actor’s last words when exiting a scene.
CWM and A-Dec Flash Their Pearly White Castings for the IMA Award (cont.)

This Award of Excellence is an annual award that is given to the company demonstrating an outstanding example of the use of magnesium.

The two castings – rear housing and driver housing – were A-dec’s first ever use of magnesium. The parts are used in A-Dec’s LED Operatory Dental Light, where magnesium’s lightweight and heat dissipation properties help make this a very successful product.

Congratulations to CWM and to A-Dec for amazing teamwork on these magnesium die cast driver housing and rear housing parts!

CWM Wants Your News!

Did you have an interesting vacation? Did you finish a marathon? Do you have an interesting hobby, talent, or pastime? Do you volunteer? Do you have an intriguing story about your journey to CWM?

If you have something to brag about or story to share…

Contact Roseann at ext 333 or e-mail rrimocal@cwmtl.com!

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Write this number down and save it in your wallet and/or purse.
A Legacy of Change: A CWM Employee Has Done

CWM Furnace Tender Team Leader, Michael Stevens, remembers growing up in a home with his family and his grandmother, and seeing a constant influx of people coming and going but never really understanding the events that were taking place. It was only after Michael’s niece uncovered much of the historical information that the events began to make sense.

When Michael’s niece was working on a family tree assignment, she discovered a couple interesting relatives who affected American history in subtle (and not so subtle), yet profound ways. Michael, who is a pastor within his community, shared a piece of his history in significant detail.

Michael’s grandmother, Grace Lee Stevens, was a co-founder of the Woodlawn African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Chicago, starting the church with a bishop in 1920. The events that were taking place in Michael’s childhood home were the beginnings of the Woodlawn AME!

Grace was considered one of the most prominent citizens in the community, active in national, regional, and local women’s organizations such as serving as president for the Illinois Association of Women’s Clubs, West Woodlawn Women’s Organization, an organizer of 10 different clubs of the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs in Chicago, and an advisor of the Grace Lee Stevens Civic and Charity Club (which was organized in her honor).

Grace’s grandfather, who is Michael Stevens’ great-great-grandfather, is a true contributor to the history of civil rights—Henry Brown. He, too, had studied to become an AME Church preacher and attempted to start a traveling ministry until settling down in Illinois. He lived in Galena, Quincy, and then finally Springfield.

While in Quincy and Springfield, Brown played a vital role in assisting runaway slaves through the Underground Railroad to the north, serving as the “conductor” at these stations. He even gave his own coat and vest to a man who emerged from the renowned passageway.

Brown was also the bodyguard, confidante, and coachman to Abraham Lincoln, serving him for many years. Upon Lincoln’s death, he was invited to the funeral to lead Lincoln’s old family horse, “Bob,” in the funeral procession.

It is with this history that Michael Stevens was able to fully understand why he felt compelled to follow a higher calling as a pastor at Walk By Faith To Freedom Ministry, a faith-based organization founded to provide programs and services for ex-offenders, their children, and any other individuals that require assistance to live a life free of criminal behavior.

“I could have fallen into the same patterns as a lot of my friends in the area,” Stevens says. “But I knew there was
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CWM Artifacts: Candy Dish

Over the years, Chicago White Metal has offered various “limited time” memorabilia commemorating significant milestones celebrating the continued success of the company. These branded pieces served as giveaways at important events. We recently received an e-mail from an individual inquiring about the origins of this particular item (pictured to the right), which challenged our team to explain the history behind the piece.

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Stanislaw “Stanley” Myrdacz, Trim Press Operator, retired on April 17th, 2015. Stanislaw had been with Chicago White Metal for just over 27 years. According to his manager, “Stanley” was always very dependable and had a good attitude during his long tenure at CWM. Stanley’s retirement involved moving to Wisconsin to take up hunting and fishing—two activities which he loves doing.

Good luck Stanley, and thank you for all your years of service!

Jan Ptasznik, Secondary Set-Up Person, retired from CWM on April 10th, 2015. Jan came to the United States from Poland in the early 1980’s. His first job in the U.S. was being a part of the Chicago White Metal team, which became his career for over 34 years! Jan first started as a Secondary machine set-up trainee, quickly learning the job and shortly after, becoming the primary set-up person for the CWM Machining Department.

According to his manager, Jan was a dependable individual who came to work every day and on time, never skipping a beat.

Enjoy your retirement, Jan. We wish you the best!

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Chicago White Metal keeps up to date with the latest technological advancements in order to explore more efficient means to boost productivity and improve internal communication methods. As a result, CWM made a small, but impactful investment that offers numerous benefits to our team — the purchase of a GoPro video camera.

A GoPro is a portable, high quality video camera typically reserved for extreme sports and underwater adventures. However, the features and rugged exterior of this camera offer a unique opportunity to create a series of videos shot from the perspective of the operator.

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In a few short weeks, Vice President of Manufacturing Bill Baraglia will celebrate 46 years as an employee of Chicago White Metal. That makes him the second longest-tenured employee of CWM, with only Chairman Walter Treiber having a longer tenure. It may come as a surprise, but initially, Bill did not intend to stay so long at Chicago White Metal because he wanted to pursue a music career... but the longer he stayed, the more he liked Chicago White Metal and the more it grew to be a part of his story.

“I was 17 years old and in my last year of high school, and was looking for a job to support myself. A good friend of mine referred me to CWM, so I applied and got my first job working nights. For a few years, I was packing boxes and loading trucks. It was a tough, laborious, and extremely physical job — some of these boxes weighed 70-80 lbs. each.

Back when I started, we did not have technology or the vehicles we have today. Everything was done by hand, and there were less regulations regarding how much boxes could weigh like we have now. We had to load 100 or more boxes on each truck, with the truck returning about 2-3 times a day. I remember a temporary worker walking out on the job and never returning—it was not a job for the faint of heart. We did have all the resources the company could provide, however as I stated, technologies were very limited 46 years back.

While I worked at Chicago White Metal, I was able to get my B.A. in Music from the American Conservatory of Music, which was an amazing school back in the 60’s and 70’s. This was going to be my huge break and my career. I can’t recall how many times I wanted to leave CWM to play classical/jazz piano.

One thing that I vividly recall was the treatment I received from Walter Treiber (former CEO, now Chairman) when I first started. Walter spoke to me as if I was an executive of the company, despite his position and despite my position. I remember going into Walter’s beautiful office in the former Chicago plant and telling him that I had this amazing opportunity to do some big things in my music career. I was engaged to be married and was really finding a niche with my passion for music — club and private party gigs as well as an abundance of teaching opportunities. But I still asked Walter what opportunities I had with CWM, specifically as a traffic manager, and what the job description entails. Walter explained what the position was about, but the 1970’s were a different time for business and he did not really envision a position such as “traffic supervisor” being available at CWM. However, he said if I worked hard and was committed to my future, there may be an opportunity for me in management.

With his words of encouragement, I worked hard and earned a promotion to the position of shipping manager, worked in the Q.A. department as well as other areas in the plant, worked as a production manager, and finally the position I have today—Vice President of Manufacturing. I never thought that in 2015, I would have an office that is twice the size of what Walter’s office was back then. I never thought I would be Vice President of a company of this caliber. But the management of this company made me feel like these goals were attainable and directly proportional to my commitment to success and excellence.

When I look around to see the comings and goings of people—those that have persevered and remained hard-working and loyal to the CWM vision have seen great results. If there’s a company that is going to offer advancement, this is it. I learned that those who worked diligently, worked smart, and remained teachable, succeeded and were promoted.

So yes, at the beginning, I had absolutely no intention of staying here. music was going to be my future. However, as I got older, I figured that I could still play music while I worked at Chicago White Metal and that I wanted to stay. I have now been here almost 46 years. CWM has always been a special place for me.
It is like a family environment and this camaraderie among the people was so unique... and though we may have lost some of that today because our company has gotten bigger, we still enjoy each other's company and we still try to have fun.

When I started, CWM employed about 70 people and sales were much smaller than they are today. This year we will probably have more than 7 times that sales number with well over 300 people employed. Even so, the intimacy that I saw when I first joined remains today.

My role at CWM has definitely helped me develop communication skills and human interaction. We have a corporate culture that really allows us to relate to people positively, feel empathy towards situations, and to better understand the cultures that exist at the company and in general. I have grown to appreciate and respect our team as I hear about their professional as well as personal struggles.

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Another machining center, a Brother R450X1 with (2) Nikken Rotary Indexers, arrived mid-September 2015.

Stay tuned for additional machine updates!
Stefany Currier, Human Resources Manager

Stefany joins our CWM family as a Human Resources Manager. Her duties will be to direct, coordinate, and implement policies, programs, and activities, as they pertain to HR. In her free time, she enjoys reading true crime stories, hanging out with her husband Dave, daughter Emma, and dog Weezie (and soon to be puppy named Stella!). Stefany moonlights for her church as their HR Ministry Director, and has a passion for singing and a dream to be on a Broadway stage one day. She is a Blackhawks, Bears, and Cubs fanatic!

Mike Patel, Quality Engineer

Mike joined the CWM team as a quality engineer and is responsible for implementing and maintaining dimensional product appraisal activities for in-process and final inspection. He enjoys being with his family, especially his granddaughters, in his free time.

Alex Heying, Engineering Project Manager

Alex joined the team as a project manager for our engineering department to handle the increasing number of new projects. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Minor in Mathematics. His free time is spent with friends, staying physically active, and watching sports. He is a die-hard Iowa Hawkeye fan and he loves to play basketball.

Thomas Busse, Die Repair Person

Thomas joins our team as a die repair person. He will be troubleshooting and repairing die cast dies, trim dies, and other issues related to die cast/die trim tooling. He is finishing up his last class at University of Wisconsin–Platteville to obtain his B.S. in Industrial Technology Management. In his free time, he enjoys motorcycles (Honda cruisers) and fast cars. He is currently fixing up a 1980 Corvette, which he plans to cruise to work in when it is complete!

Paulo Villareal, Mechanical Inspector

Paulo joined the CWM team as a mechanical inspector for the QA department, which involves responsibility for product verification to the customer’s specifications and requirements, as it pertains to die cast parts. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies.

Gustavo Gonzalez-Garcia, CNC Planner

Gustavo joined the CWM team in order to maintain the CNC production schedule and job records. He reviews, updates, and communicates the production schedule for the CNC department, creates and updates job records/reports, works with the production team to establish process rates, and maintains the downtime list. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his 9 year old son.

Cindy Miller, CNC QA Engineer

Cindy joins our team as a CNC QA Engineer, who is responsible for ensuring production is maintained at the required quality level by maintaining quality plans & policies, performing FAI’s and supervising in-process inspection, assisting with ECO evaluation and closure activities, and inspecting and approving new gages and fixtures. In her free time, she likes working with computers—she is currently working on building a database in Microsoft Access (from scratch) that will help streamline processes for herself and others.

Chicago White Metal held its 35th Annual Golf Outing at the Bloomingdale Golf Club off of Glen Ellyn Road. On a picture perfect summer Saturday, 62 golfers were in attendance at the event for competition, camaraderie, and an awards dinner inside the club.

Golf Results:
Low gross was Pablo Zalduendo (Z Group Financial) with a 74. The 4-Man Scramble Winners were Mike Brick (Epic Builders) and Walt & Anthony Kuziel (Imperial Plating).

“Closest to the Pin” winners each won a $25 gift card. At Hole #6, Mike Murphy (guest of Jeff Paul) was 14ft 6in from the hole. At Hole #9, Steve Stone (Saporito Finishing) was 21ft 2in from the hole. At Hole #11, Ken Mrock (Chicago Bears) was 11ft 4in from the hole. At Hole #16, Matt Sweeney (guest of Jeff Paul) was 10ft 9in from the hole.

And finally, at Hole #13, Jim Paul (guest of Jeff Paul) was 1ft 1in from the hole, which ended up being the shot of the day!

Stay tuned for the date of the 36th Annual Golf Outing!

Surprises, Smiles, & Sweets

New Product Introduction (NPI) Manager Tom Mrock walked into work early on his birthday morning to find a surprise décor waiting for him at his desk, along with a container of festive cupcakes. In the spirit of celebration and sharing, any person who passed through the R&D Lower Level was invited to enjoy a cupcake. Happy Birthday, Tom Mrock!
Chicago White Metal does it again! To add to the collection of die casting awards, CWM teamed up with dental products company and long-time customer, A-Dec, to create a product that involved two magnesium die castings and met the high standards of quality that A-Dec is known for. These parts became an award-winning duo.

The International Magnesium Association (IMA) was founded in 1943 with a mission in mind – "promote the use of the metal magnesium in material selection and encourage innovative applications of the versatile metal."

Chicago White Metal has always offered valuable, influential insight in addressing issues which affect U.S. manufacturing. Each year, CWM flies to Washington D.C. for a briefing on issues that challenge the manufacturing industry. This year, the CWM team of Treiber and Assistant Director of Engineering, Rob Malarky, took full advantage of the opportunity to represent manufacturing and met with Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth and staff members from Senators Dick Durbin's and Mark Kirk's office. Although they were unable to connect with Congressman Peter Roskam while in D.C., Eric was able to secure a one-on-one session with him in July, prior to returning to D.C.

"Naturally, I jumped at the chance to meet with the congressman outside of Washington," Treiber stated, "as this may allow for some additional time to discuss pressing matters within the industry."

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