

HARD HAT HAPPENINGS



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President's Message

We are now halfway through our 75th Anniversary Year and I am proud to say that our teams are ahead of pace on achievement of our 2016 goals. Additionally the JESCO Maintenance team continues to hit their target metrics and to establish high benchmarks....which all the other Cooper Tire plants strive to match.

John Maxwell once said “The best way to increase knowledge is to teach someone else.” That type attitude on the part of our experienced workforce, coupled with JESCO’s continuous educational programs in Safety, Craft Training, Leadership, and Maintenance Reliability are what will continue to separate us from our competitors.....and will allow the JESCO team to be successful in the years ahead.

Finally, let me just say “Thank you”, once again, for what each of you does for our company....and more importantly....what you do for our customers! You are all key partners in setting the stage for JESCO’s next 75 years.

Jerry Maxcy
President

JESCO Celebrates 75 Years in Business



2016 marks JESCO’s 75th Anniversary and we have celebrated BIG!

JESCO’s Mississippi Divisions celebrated with a Picnic in Playgarden Park in Fulton on May 28 with BBQ, games for children & adults and lots of door prizes. Playgarden Park is the site of the Staub-Stewart Hardware store where JESCO got its start.

JESCO’s Alabama Divisions (Montgomery & Mobile) celebrated at the Riverwalk Stadium in Montgomery on June 30 with food, prizes and fellowship during a baseball game between the Montgomery Biscuits and the Mobile Bay Bears. Riverwalk Stadium was constructed by C-E (AL).

Jerry Maxcy, the company’s current president said, “There aren’t a lot of 75 year old construction companies out there, we’ve got people who have worked for the company for 20-plus or 30-plus years. You don’t often see that kind of dedication...we’re still just a big ole family.”

Although the modern JESCO looks far different from its 1940’s counterpart, the core tenets have remained consistent over the decades. The company’s stability comes from a clear set of ideals upheld since the very beginning: “work safely, build with integrity, be passionate about our business, and remain committed to our customers.” To paraphrase a familiar adage, *a job worth doing is worth doing right.*



Swedish automaker Volvo has announced plans to build its first US automotive plant in Charleston, South Carolina. Yates Construction is providing the design-build services on the 2,100,000 SF facility. JESCO Construction will design and construct the Mechanical-Plumbing package. The automotive plant will produce 100,000 cars annually. The project is pursuing LEED Certification.



JESCO Construction has been selected to build an 84,000 SF speculative building adjacent to I-55 in Grenada, MS. The building is being constructed in partnership between Grenada Economic Development District and Agracel, Inc. The building can be expanded to 320,000 SF, with a clear ceiling height of 28 feet. The building is available for sale or lease. Contact Justyn Dixon at 601-209-5879.

Project Round-Up

JESCO Construction has been selected to renovate and update an existing facility in Columbus, Mississippi for Comprehensive Logistics. Riceland Foods in Corning, Arkansas awarded us another project to install storage and conveying equipment.

We are completing an \$80 million Poultry Processing facility for PECO Foods in Pochahontas, Arkansas; a 287,000 SF expansion project for H.M. Richards in Baldwin, Mississippi; and a speculative building project for Port Itawamba in Fulton, Mississippi. JESCO is also completing industrial construction work for both Diamond Pet in Dumas, Arkansas and American Protein in Hanceville, Alabama.

Talk about Girl Power...



Less than 10% of the workforce in the construction industry is made up of women. JESCO, Inc. partnered with Itawamba Community College to introduce women to a field with unlimited possibilities.

Rachael Hill, Assistant Project Manager for JESCO and Camp Director said, "We want to reinforce to them, not to be afraid to try new things." Along with carpentry and electrical, unlimited possibilities and self confidence are two other skills these students learned to pull from their tool belt.

Jacie Dickinson: "This is a true learning experience. Stripping the wires is real tough and you have to take them apart."

Kedreana Mister: "This three day camp is a dream come true. I'm learning how to do an electrical socket. It's amazing!"

If you can build a picture frame, you can build anything...



Trey Hard, VP of Operations for C-E (AL) and instructor for NCCER Core Curriculum decided to kick it up a notch and bring something more interesting and challenging to his Hand Tools class. While looking at a picture frame in his office, Trey decided to challenge his class with building a frame in lieu of the simple tasks presented in the Core. After securing the hand tools and raw materials (barn wood) and testing himself by building an 8 x 10 picture frame, the mission was on! The class teams (about 4 per group) were given the same set of tools and material (just enough for 2 mistakes) and shown the frame that Trey built as an example. "It was absolutely amazing to watch the teamwork, the competition, the point counterpoint discussions of what works best, the mistakes, the correcting of mistakes, and generally how wonderful the morale and spirit of each group blossomed during the exercise." Everyone passed and now each group has their picture displayed in their frame right outside of Trey's office. On to the next challenge!