

FEATURE:

CELCO Holds Open House in Celebration of 30th Year



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Central Electropolishing Holds Open House in Celebration of 30th Year

It has been a tradition at CELCO to open our doors to the public on special occasions such as our 30th anniversary which is exactly what we did this last October. It was November 1986 when CELCO first opened its doors as a new business in Anthony, Kansas and shortly after the public was invited in to learn what electropolishing was all about as shown in the black & white photo below. This last fall we were able to open our doors again to our community and clients to enjoy a catered meal and take in a demonstration of common CELCO processes along with how the business has grown in the last 30 years. We had a nice turn out and enjoyed meeting old friends including one of our very first employees, Wilbur Troyer. Wilbur started



CELCO Team 2016



Wilbur Troyer (Left) 2nd Employee Hired at CELCO



Process Demonstration 1986 & 2016



work with the Bellesine's on the family farm before joining us in our start-up of CELCO and was part of the team that undertook many of the early steps towards the development of processes used to this very day. It was an honor to be able to share our progress with those who had experienced the business from the beginning. The CELCO family really appreciates the supportive community that surrounds us and we strive to ensure that our presence in Anthony Kansas also supports the community.





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Rinse & Dry Remedies

Part of our mission statement here at CELCO states that "We will strive to meet or exceed our customers' expectations while improving our operations, facility and techniques to keep up with the ever changing world of metal

drying time not only makes CELCO more profitable, but also allows for faster lead-time flexibility and even the ability to offer lower process pricing to many of our faithful customers. The President of CELCO, Steve Bellesine, is known for

wanting to have a relationship with our client base that is a Win/Win for both CELCO and the client. We have sur-

additional pieces of equipment that aim to improve our rinsing and drying solutions. Heated rinse water and heated atmosphere have proven beneficial in these efforts. However, the De-Ionized (DI) water that CELCO uses for final rinsing of customer work has limited rinsing and drying options to equipment with stainless steel internals. Our inclusion of a DI Compatible Miele Professional washer/dryer machine offers automatic heated DI rinsing and drying

that is intended to target smaller dimension projects. CELCO has also included a 6'x6'x12' drying kiln which has already proven to dramatically reduce drying time on select large



finishing services". One of the areas we have found over the years that has dramatic impact on the wet processes we perform such as electropolishing and passivation with regard to production time, cleanliness and post process quality, is the rinsing and drying of customer work. Any little enhancement that can reduce rinsing and

prised customers in the past when we have contacted them with a lower bid on re-occurring work because we discovered new techniques and methods that enable our technicians to perform the work more efficiently. Recently CELCO incorporated two

sized projects. We are still exploring the expanded capabilities of the new equipment but we are quite optimistic and excited about the increased service offering potential apparent in the new techniques and hopeful for increased process efficiency.



KOOL Koat 6'x6'x12' Kiln

February - CELCO Employee Feature - Randy Moore



The employee feature for this issue of the CELCO Blast is Randy Moore. Other than family owners of the company, starting in 1989, Randy has been with

CELCO longer than any of our employees. Randy has served as a Technician, Supervisor, General Manager and is our current Vice President. As a Technician, he was a large contributor to many of the process techniques used and built upon in our current production facilities and carries a wealth of experience based knowledge with regard to our process offerings. In addition to serving as Vice President of CELCO, Randy also stewards our Quality program as well as our ISO 9001 and ISO 13485 certification programming. Customers who call into our

offices frequently are likely to have a conversation with Randy with regard to project quotes and questions as well. On a personal note, you will not spend much time around Randy without learning of his long held loyalties to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Friendly banter amongst other NFL inspired employees is common during football season. Outside of work, time with family and grand kids that also live in the Anthony area is a priority. The experience and benefits Randy brings to CELCO are really priceless and in many ways irreplaceable.

Custom Tool Making Made Easier

One of the paradigms we have worked hard to operate out of as a smaller family metal servicing business is to try to say yes as often as possible to potential projects. While we have found that taking on every project is not realistic, we do end up tackling a lot of work that could be considered custom. Custom projects require custom tooling and thinking outside the box. While custom set-ups have always been a part of our culture we have enjoyed the addition of some exceptionally creative employees in these later years. One of our primary tool designers, Linton Hoover, consistently amazes the staff of our company with next level tooling options that he not only designs but also constructs from scratch. It is increasing rare to find people who

excel both academically and in the fading arts that were so common in previous generations with regards to trades like machining, drafting and precision measurement just to name a few. So when Linton expressed that a new lathe would be

picture to our custom tooling workshop which has already been utilized for work outside of our previous capabilities. Linton has already expressed new tool ideas that will be made possible with the new equipment. It has been shared



a welcome addition to his tool making capabilities we wanted to make good on it just to see what happens next. This last fall we added the grizzly lathe shown in the

in recent newsletters that CELCO had the opportunity over the last year to engage in strategic retreats in an effort to streamline and improve how we operate. One of our focus areas has been processes. As part of our process goals we agreed as a team that we would begin redesigning many of the custom tools we use in our electropolishing services to allow for higher process quantities, improved ergonomics and hopefully reduced process steps. We are encouraged to already witness gains from the first generation re-tooling.



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Onsite Passivation & O2 Cleaning Service

CELCO offers our professional passivation and precision oxygen cleaning service onsite via our mobile servicing unit. Systems that are already in place - i.e. components that can simply not be shipped out for servicing - can still take advantage of our acclaimed services. If you can't deliver your parts to us, we can bring our knowledge and experience to you. There are any number of reasons that clients choose our mobile service over shipping to our facility in Anthony, Kansas. Some of these reasons are:

- Components are too large or heavy to ship economically.
- Components are too valuable to ship.

- Components cannot be spared for often extensive shipping times.
- Fixtures or vessels are permanently placed and cannot be moved.
- Discomfort with moving components out of house for financial or security reasons.



Whatever the reason, CELCO is happy to oblige our clients. Our mobile servicing unit is always ready to come to you. CELCO has serviced many states in the lower 48 and has even made a trip to the Hawaiian islands in the past. A few of our most recent onsite projects occurred in Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas and Virginia.

Onsite projects have ranged anywhere from passivation and/or cleaning of the ID of installed piping networks all the way to storage tanks ID's as large as 2.5 million gallons of capacity. Onsite jobs can range from the most common of passivation procedures to unique one of a kind arrangements. Feel free to contact our quoting staff to discuss the details and possibilities that exist for your onsite project.