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## NEWSLETTER

December 2013

### Quote of the Month

"Enjoy Life.

We're not here for a long time, Just a good time".

## Happy Holidays!

Fullerton, CA

Hayward, CA

Aiea, HI

Louisville, KY

### Clean up on aisle 8 by Mike Grey

Now that the turkey and pumpkin pie has settled, it's time to decorate and get ready for the rest of the holidays. Lights and bells and more food and pie, oh my!

It's the time of year to think of friends and colleagues and celebrate the year. It's also the time of year that gets hectic and stressful.

This is the best time of year to think about equipment maintenance. I wrote about this earlier in the year but it's a good time to bring it up again. As most shops are winding down, it is wise to prepare a cleaning and maintenance schedule to start the new year right.

Nothing like getting into the car after it has been detailed and tuned up. It purrs and shines and feels good to be behind the wheel. This is also true of the equipment in your shop. Not only does it look better but it will run better and this is what ultimately makes the money.

Start with the main equipment in your shop. Dryers and presses first. The dryer should be opened and thoroughly cleaned inside and out. The lint collected inside is a fire waiting to happen. I have seen several in my day and it's not pretty. Check the belt and service the main controls as needed. If the dryer goes out, everything stops.

Next check the press and clean it well. Look at belts, switches, knobs, pallets, etc. Check oil levels and grease fittings. This is also a great time to have the pallets leveled.

Let's not forget other areas of the shop. The screen room should be next on the list. Has the bulb been changed in the exposure unit in the last year? It should be at least every year if not every 6 months. Check the blanket for wear as well. Does the sink drain back up? Have it cleared so you avoid disaster later.

The ink room is next. Clean, Clean, Clean, Clean. That's all I have to say about that.

Oh yeah. Put buckets where they belong after.

Don't forget the art department. They can be messy too. Organize film files and update the computer. Put samples away that are laying around and tidy up. Feeling better? Don't stop yet.

Moving on to the office. What a mess we make through out the year. Piles of papers everywhere. Folders and stuff everywhere. "Ooops, I found the note I was looking for back in July under this pile over here". It happens to the best of us.

Get the copier serviced, computers fixed, lights replaced overhead, etc.

Now you can take a picture of your clean and tidy shop. Place it on the wall to remind everyone of how it should always look, or at least every December.

Enjoy the Holiday party and don't forget to clean that up too.



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### What's Happening?

December 21

**Winter Begins**

December 25

**Christmas Day**

December 26

**Take Stuff Back**

December 31

**Party Time**

January 17-19

**2014 ISS Show**

**Long beach, CA**

Come see us in booth

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### Mahalo!

A special thank you to all of those who attended and participated in the Sun Apparel/SPR open house in Hawaii on Nov. 7th. Over 200 people were there to enjoy great music, food, product displays and technical discussions. Along with printing demonstrations and prize giveaways, everyone had a lot of fun and it was a pleasure to be around such nice people. SPR/Sun Apparel will host an open house in Fullerton, CA early next year. We will announce a date in January.

### M&R Introduces New Equipment

M&R Equipment company has introduced several new items to their already extensive line of screen printing equipment. The items include the Kruzer. An affordable 6 color manual press. The I-Image STE. A direct to screen unit with built in LED exposure. The Starlight. An economy version table top exposure light. The M-Link. A new direct

to garment digital printer. The Pre-Runner. A semi automatic sampling press. The Challenger II-OS. An over size capable press. The Eco-Rinse. An automatic screen rinsing system. To learn about these items and more, give us a call. (888)435-2468

**Tech Tip: Adjust the sliding panels on the entry and exit of your dryer tunnel to the same height as the heat panels inside. This will be a guide to how flat the garment should be on the dryer belt. If the garment is below the door setting, it will not get caught on the heat panel and cause a fire. This is most important for hooded fleece printing as they commonly get stuck inside.**

