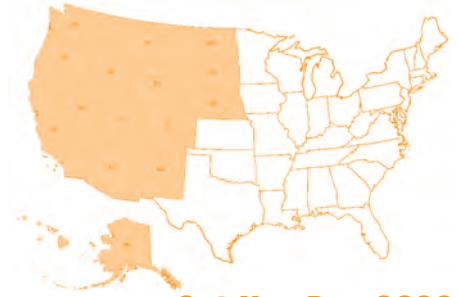


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Honoring Our Veterans



All of us at Teeco would like to express our sincere thanks to all who have served and to their families. A blessed Veterans Day, and every day, to you!

The Legend is Retiring

Paul Connelly, Teeco's Engineering, Construction & Fabrication Manager, will be retiring at the end of this year.



We have been honored to have Paul as part of the Teeco Family all these years, and each of us wishes him the very best in the next chapter of his life.

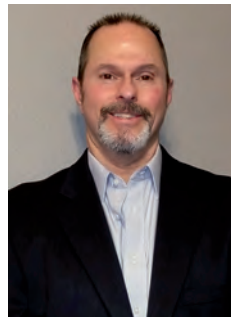


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Outside the Box

With Jay Stephens

President and CEO
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In the last Teeco Topics for 2023, I wanted to stray from my normal rambling. Instead, I want to thank one of the longest tenured members of the Teeco Team. Paul Connelly is retiring at the end of this year to spend time with his ever-growing family.

Paul has lived in Northern California throughout his life. He attended Bella Vista High School and graduated in 1968. He also attended Marconi Tech School, where he studied Drafting. Paul entered the Vietnam War in 1971. He was an Aircraft Armament Subsystems Repairman. Basically, he flew around in helicopters helping keep weapons working. After his Honorable Discharge - **'Thank you for your service'** - Paul studied Accounting at Consumnes River College. He also acquired his CA Contractors License.

By 1972, Paul was ready to move into propane. Cal Gas hired him to work at PACA (Pacific Carburetion Assemblies), a division which was sold to Teeco Products in 1990. He worked primarily in the field throughout Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Arizona. If anyone has worked with a Propane Storage, Vaporizer, Air Mix System, Asphalt Burner, Nut and Grain Dryer or Dispenser System;

Paul either repaired it or installed it!

Many throughout the industry thank Paul for his tireless efforts to keep the LPG World safe. His desire to only 'Do It the Right Way' is commended and emulated through his customers, vendors and fellow employees. His Teeco Family will miss him, but wish him all the best with many projects he will now perform with his grandkids.

Teeco gives thanks to Paul and all who have served this country. We salute you and will always stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem in your honor.

Jay Stephens

Words to live by –

“Out of every one hundred men, ten shouldn't even be there, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle. Ah, but the one, one is a warrior, and he will bring the others back.”

- Heraclitus

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Tim Bell



Timothy "Tim" Bell, of Worthington Industries, passed away on September 26, 2023. He was born on March 9, 1960, preceded in death by father Thomas Bell, mother Bonnie Bell Myers, step-father, Victor Myers, and his grandmother, Christine "Granny" Wallet.

Tim, a graduate of Barberton High School in Barberton, OH, was an employee of Worthington Industries for 40 years and most recently served as Supply Chain Manager of Industrial Products. Tim valued community in all forms -- he took great pride in ComFest, a Columbus community festival, and volunteered for the Stonewall Columbus Organization. Every Christmas, he worked at the mid-Ohio food bank.

He shared his mother's love of cooking and gatherings -- he valued time spent with family and friends, cooking and eating, especially for special occasions and holiday celebrations. He also enjoyed time away, soaking up the sun on vacations in Key West and Put-in-Bay as well as spending time on the waters of Portage Lakes in Akron, OH. He enjoyed having music in his life; two of his favorite musicals were Wicked and Rent.

Tim will be greatly missed by his friends, family and colleagues, including those he worked with at Worthington Industries. As Tim had numerous close friends and colleagues, his closest companion was his cat, Martin Thomas Bell now known as Martin Timothy Thomas Bell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tim's memory to:
CHA Animal Shelter, 3765 Corporate Drive, Columbus OH 43231



Tim Bell with Mark Komlosi and Chad Newsome of Worthington Industries and Charles Banks of Teeco Products at Teeco's 2018 Open House

Graham Dolven, Tim Bell, Chad Newsome and Mark Komlosi of Worthington Industries at Teeco's 2022 Open House

Nevada Propane Dealers Association Annual Conference

Nevada Propane Dealers Association was honored to induct Robby Haines and Susan Sorrells into the NPDA Hall of Flame September 14th at the NPDA Conference. Robby and Susan both started Shoshone Propane in Pahrump Nevada and have greatly contributed to Nevada and Nevada Propane Dealers Association. They were joined by friends and associates at this very special and festive event.



Alaskan Road Trip with Randy White

Regional Sales Manager for the Pacific Northwest, Randy White, recently paid a visit to some customers in the 49th state.

On his Alaskan road trip, Randy stopped by Arrowhead LP Gas in Juneau to say hi and check out their new dispenser, built by our very own Teeco Fabrication Team. What a beauty!

Not only do we have some of the sexiest dispensers out there, but they can withstand extreme weather and all types of conditions; from scorching heat in Arizona to below freezing in Alaska and everywhere in between. With installations across the US and across the decades, our dispensers are tried and true and stand the test of time!



Nebraska Propane Convention with Mike Lorenz

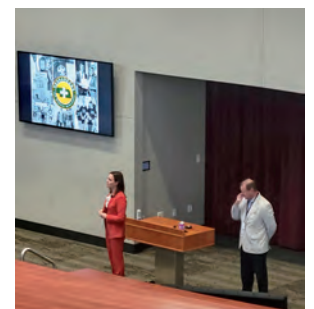
Mike Lorenz, Teeco's Regional Sales Manager for the Midwest and Rocky Mountains, was at the Nebraska Petroleum and Propane Convention in October. The event was held at the NIC Conference Center in Lincoln, near the campus of the University of Nebraska.

The convention offered several breakout sessions that Mike was able to attend:

Growing Your Gallons with Propane AutoGas featured speakers Paul Searle from CHS, Gene Morrison from Gas Equipment Company, Frank Walkiewicz from Roush Cleantech, Steven Whaley from PERC, and Larry Ehrman from Cooperative Producers.

Cost Management Solutions focused primarily on the ebb and flow of propane pricing, and buying techniques. Dale Delay was the speaker.

Marijuana and Retail was an interesting session focused on current legislation and retail strategies to grow business. Kent Rogert from Jensen Rogert Associates and Senator Anna Wishart were the speakers.



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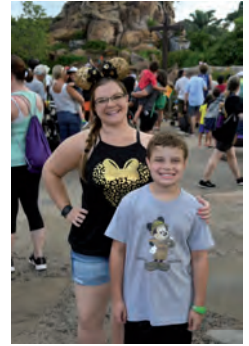


Jennifer

Jennifer is the face of Teeco's Sacramento, CA location, serving as Receptionist, Customer Service and basically helping anyone who calls or comes into the office. She joined Teeco in 2017, but has been in the propane industry for 18 years, spending her first 12 years on the retail side.

Considering she spends her days supporting and keeping tabs on Teeco's Sacramento team, you could say Jennifer has some serious superpowers - on top of that, she's also a mom and active volunteer!

When she's not at work, she's usually busy with her son's extracurricular activities or enjoying a low key night with family. She loves TV, movies and music, whether she's chillin' at home watching a good show or at a concert. As Jennifer says, "I'm always up for an adventure or a vacation of some kind, but I almost always end up at Disneyland or the beach."

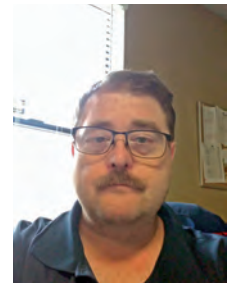


Mike

Mike handles Customer Service at our Sacramento location. He's been with Teeco since 2002; longer than most of us, and most of us have been here a long time.

Mike is a gamer, has a cat, loves bad TV and reads a lot of books. He's also a former ninja. It's true - If you look up the Modesto Ninja Parade, you'll see his blurred figure at the end (probably for security reasons). But, I mean, once a ninja always a ninja, right?

Favorite quote from Mike: "Tell me to jump, and I'll ask 'How?'"



Dee

Dee has been the right hand of Teeco Auburn's Operations Managers since she came to us in 2015. But her time in the propane industry began long before that, in 1990.

All those years have earned her the retirement she's now working toward. But lucky for us, she's sticking around a while longer and helping our newest Customer Service Specialist learn the ropes.

In her free time, Dee enjoys walking, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.



Aaron

Aaron has been Teeco's Rapid City, SD Customer Service Representative since 2010, and brought over 10 years of Customer Service experience with him prior to that. He and Regional Operations Manager, Dean, hold down the fort at our location in the Mount Rushmore State.

Aaron spends most of his free time enjoying the great outdoors. He likes riding his Adventure Motorcycle and MT Bike, exploring in his SXS, and hiking. As Aaron says, "Anything but working on cars lol."



Connie

Our newest edition to the Teeco Family, Connie joined Teeco's Auburn, WA team in October 2023 as Customer Service Specialist.

She's enjoying getting to know Teeco's customers, and says, "I absolutely love the outdoors - gardening, camping, hiking, fishing, and shell fishing."

Be sure to offer Connie a warm welcome when you call or come by our Auburn office!



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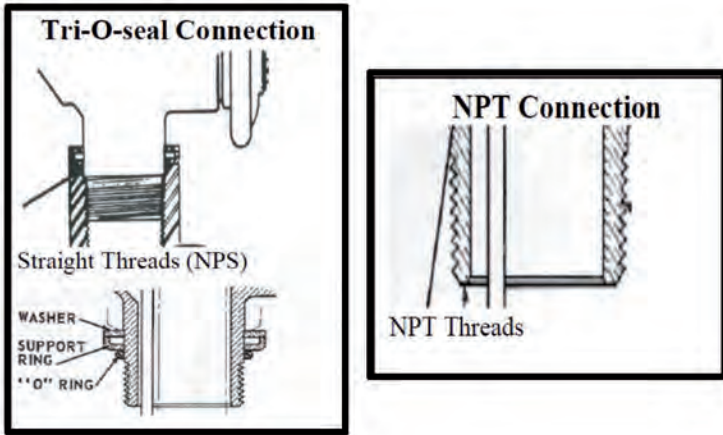
Tri-O-Seal ASME Container Valves

RegO recently became aware of a report where an individual attempted to replace a Tri-O-seal container connection valve with NPT thread connection valve on an LP-Gas container.

LP-Gas container valves with Tri-O-seal connections were manufactured by Bastian Blessing from the mid 1950's to the mid 1960's for certain manufacturers for use on LP Gas containers. Tri-O-seal valves utilize an NPS (straight thread) with gasket or O-ring, a support ring (crush ring) and washer to connect to and seal at the NPS threaded container coupling. Some Tri-O-seal valves may only use an O-ring to seal with a retaining feature incorporated into the body of the valve. All Tri-O-seal connection valves can be identified by a gasket or O-ring seal at the container coupling connection.

Tri-O-seal NPS threads are not compatible with and should not be used with NPT Threads.

Below is an illustration of a Tri-O-seal and NPT connection:



WARNING: Do not change out a Tri-O-seal connection valve and replace it with an NPT type connection valve. There is a significant difference between the two connection designs; an NPT connection will not seal properly and will not engage correctly into an NPS (straight thread) container coupling. Using these mismatched connections could cause a leak and could result in a fire or explosion and serious personal injury, property damage, or both.

This Field Topic provided by RegO.

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Information courtesy of www.smarthose.com

TEECO Tech *Bluffton to Baldor Motor Transition*



For the past year and a half, Smith Pumps has been transitioning from Bluffton/WEG to Baldor/ABB brand motors for their small capacity LPG pumps. Below is a handy chart showing the differences between the two most common 1 phase motors:

Pump Model	Motor Brand	Recommended Motor Model #	Recommended Drive Coupling Model #	Conduit Nipple Size (MNPT)	Overall Length (inches)	Motor Shaft Size (inches)
EG-1Z, DW-1Z, MC-1Z	Bluffton/WEG	EM1-3B (SOON TO BE DISCONTINUED)	VC-20 (5/8" X 5/8")	3/4	13.2	5/8
	Baldor/ABB	EM1-3ABB1*	VC-20 (5/8" X 5/8")	1	15.1	5/8
EC-HZ, DW-HZ	Bluffton/WEG	EM-5ABB1 (SOON TO BE DISCONTINUED)	VC-30-78 (5/8"X 7/8")	1	16.1	7/8
	Baldor/ABB	EM-5ABB158	VC-30 (5/8" X 5/8")	1	16.1	5/8
	Bluffton/WEG	EM-5B (DISCONTINUED)	VC-30 (5/8" X 5/8")	3/4	14.3	5/8
GC-1LZ	Baldor/ABB	EM-5ABB158	VC-20 (5/8" X 5/8")	1	16.1	5/8
	Bluffton/WEG	EM-5B (DISCONTINUED)	VC-20 (5/8" X 5/8")	3/4	14.3	5/8

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Who Is It?

This Teeco Family Member served in the US Military, and has been gored by a bull. His favorite sports teams are the Atlanta Braves and the Minnesota Vikings.

He loves to play Poker and video games on weekends, and he's been married to his wife for 23 years.

Which Teeco Family Member are we talking about? Email your answer to: mary@teecoproducts.com

Answer to last "Who Is It?"

**Mike Cooper, Regional Operations Mgr,
Teeco, Sacramento**

I am quite certain that the Teeco Family Member pictured is none other than the 'One and Only', 'The Man The Myth The Legend', Mike 'Coop' Cooper. Let me take the opportunity to say how much we have enjoyed working with Mike over the last 25 plus years of us purchasing from Teeco Products. I'm sure he has been there for 35 – 40 years and I'm confident to say that I'm sure everyone who has crossed paths with Mr. Cooper has had the same experience as us, which is nothing but positive, helpful, and kind results. Mike 'Coop' Cooper is one of a kind.

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