

Newsletter

News from the Sun Families

NEWS

Sun Families welcomes new staff

- Antti Korhonen, Service Technician for SPE. Antti worked previously for Junttan, and is specialized in the Junttan rigs.
- Kati Niskanen, Event Coordinator and Advertising for SPE and Emeca/SPE USA. Kati has a marketing background, and has specialized in event coordinating.
- Alfred 'Fred' Campagnone, Job Coordinator for Sun Marine Maintenance. Over the last 14 years, Fred worked as a Residential Contractor.
- James Masey will be training under Tim and Antti to become a Service Technician for SPE.

Sun Families thanks Tripp Jorss

- Trip is leaving Sun Marine Maintenance at the end of the year. The Sun Families would like to thank Trip for his many years of service and all he has done over the years.

Real Estate Available

- Vine's Creek Marina is under winter hours and has rental properties available. Check with Elaine Watts, tel. 302-381-7669.

New Pile Joints

Emeca/SPE USA has recently started manufacturing 14" pile joints, and the company is expecting to soon have the patent and IBC approval for the joints.

In addition, the new logo has been designed for Emeca/SPE USA (see below).



Sun Marine Maintenance Finishing the Tank Farm in Florida

By Mike McClung

Sun Marine to date has driven 5627/100' piles 50' at a time using the EMECA/SPE USA pile joint. In reality that comes to 11,254 individual pieces. If you laid all driven piles to date end to end they would extend from Bayard Rd. to BWI airport. All of this is made possible by the Emeca/SPE USA pile joint, 2 Junttan rigs and a crew of 7 (6 field and 1 office) hard working professionals, and the help of a great support team in Delaware.

It has been 8 months for some of us and 7 months of production driving, through tropical storms, a lot of rain, severe thunderstorms, and a very hot sun at times on a cleared 37 acre site, being away from loved ones, family and friends — these guys still have stayed focused day in and day out. The result is a safe, professional job with no injuries. With 442 projected 100' piles to go I'd say we are getting close to a safe and successful completion. Safety is the hallmark of Sun Marine Maintenance and our team has proved this once again.



We will return home safe and sound, and with a grateful heart.

In closing we would like to thank everyone at Emeca/SPE USA, SPE & SMM for their help and support. It is definitely a team effort that got us to this point. We would like to give a special thank you to Mike for his passion for the pile driving industry and ability to see the possibilities so far in advance. Thank you for having the insight to pick the right people for their particular job, and especially for the opportunity to work on a once in a lifetime showcase job like Seaport Canaveral. HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM SMM IN SEAPORT CANAVERAL, FLORIDA!

Visit to Finland a Big Success Text taken from Sara C. Carlson's travel story and interview

Michael Jahnigen and Sara C. Carlson took a fact-finding trip to Finland in early November. Their itinerary included visits to Helsinki, the new Junttan factory in Kuopio, a visit to Turku and the Emeca factory. During their days in Helsinki, they met Curt and Sari Lindbom. Curt is Chairman of the Board and majority shareholder of Junttan. In Kuopio Sara and Mike met Curt's son, Tommi Lindbom, Managing Director of Junttan, Miika Eskelinen, Sales Manager, and the new management team, and of course they got a chance to see the new Junttan manufacturing facility. Sara said, "the meetings were highly successful and we both look forward to April 2009 and the grand opening of this remarkable and state-of-the-art factory." During the visit to Turku and Emeca factory, Sara and Mike met with the founding Koivunen family (see photo). "Mike and I observed new inventions in the making and the continuing genius of this family. Their talents are so impressive," praised Sara.

She then continued, "Finns maybe reserved, yet they are gracious, friendly, courteous, and very polite. They are extremely well educated, informed, motivated and carry a work ethic from which all of us will benefit. Their country is clean, efficient, advanced, and so very beautiful. I can't wait to return."



Our Boys on the Cover of Pile Buck Newspaper

Pile Buck was doing an article of the Florida job site at the end of October. Head journalist and owner, Sarah Milstead and the photographer, Brian Stegner, enjoyed the day at the site and were truly amazed at what they saw.

Our boys will be featured on the front cover of the upcoming newspaper. Expect the article to be very interesting and knowledgeable. Publication was released at the beginning of December. Make sure to read the article and if you currently do not receive the Pile Buck newspaper, contact Sarah Milstead, sarah@pilebuck.com or tel. 772-492-1056.



More News

The photo Kati sent to the Photo Contest ran by AIPT (Association for International Practical Training) has won the first prize for the work category. The photo (see below) was taken by Beth Webb in Seaport Canaveral, Florida. Good shot Beth and Congratulations Kati!



Marketing DVD filming in Florida

Sun Piledriving Equipment is producing a new marketing DVD. The first part of the filming was done at the Seaport Canaveral tank farm jobsite in Florida. We had Mother Nature on our side; the weather was absolutely beautiful. The camera man was ready to go to great heights to get the perfect shot for us.

We are hoping to have the DVD ready by January 2009.



First Woman Forklift Driver

Emeca/SPE USA hosted a forklift driving training day at the manufacturing facility on 10/23/2008. The training was the first of its kind at the factory and had 6 participants. Sun Piledriving Equipment is proud to present its first trained woman forklift driver, Judy Bentley, Parts Specialist. See below, the Junttan package was moved safely and professionally to the storage facility. Good job Judy!



Wild Life at SPE's Yard

Just before Thanksgiving this turkey family found a perfect spot in Sun Piledriving Equipment's yard. We wonder if they made it safely back home since everyone at the Sun Families was given a turkey for Thanksgiving.



NOTES

- Willing to learn Finnish via email? Email kati@spe-usa.net
- Happy Holiday Wishes from the Sun Families!

Design & Installation of Cost-Efficient Piles

Sun Piledriving Equipment and Emeca/SPE USA attended the 9th Annual DICEP '08 Conference in New Orleans on November 21st. The trip was a successful one and we got to see familiar faces as well as meet new ones.

News from Finland: Junttan Moving to New Facilities

The new Junttan Center in Kuopio, Finland, is almost finished. Office people moved to these state-of-the-art facilities in October, the assembling the first rigs should start by December, and by the end of January the entire Junttan should be located at the new facilities. The total size of the facility is amazing 3.7 acres; production capacity having 129,167 sq ft, and offices and estate management having 32,292 sq ft. The new Junttan Center encompass two production lines with assembly and trimming work stations, separate service center for after sales, great amount of offices, meeting and training rooms, and of course sauna facilities. It seems like the bad economic situation has not affected Junttan as hard as some other fellow companies.



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