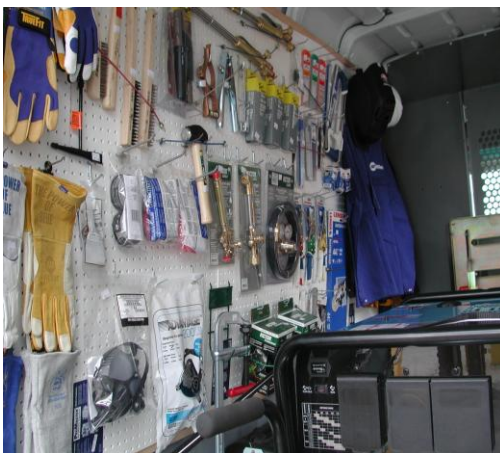


# Awisco On Wheels



Awisco is hitting the road! The last few weeks have been spent fixing up our new company van, filling it with some of our best selling items and some rare products that Awisco is known for selling. The van will be making its way to other branches to give demos and to show customers what Awisco can do for them.



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## Trade Show is Approaching

Don't forget this year AWISCO is having new times for our show. On Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a show time from 11am-7pm. The extended hours will allow all AWISCO staff an opportunity to visit the show, meet the vendors and see the latest items in the industry!



On behalf of Awisco we would like to congratulate the following employees on their anniversaries with the company!

Dani Epstein-  
5/16/2005-6 years

Dan Schirripa Jr.-  
5/28/2008- 3 years



## AWISCO BIRTHDAY'S

May Birthdays

Alex Green-5/2/11  
Steve Kotcher-5/15/11  
Bob Reddan- 5/19/11  
Tom Allen- 5/20/11  
Abel Mariot-5/21/11  
DeJesus Saez- 5/25/11



## Employee Spotlight

By: Joe Karnchanabut

AWISCO is pleased to spotlight Alex Green in the month of May. Alex joined the AWISCO family in July of 2007 and has become one of Faisal's most trusted and valued warehouse employees. The decision to leave Bed, Bath and Beyond was quite easy for Alex, especially with the recommendation of his childhood best friend Keion Persaud.



Always the quintessential team player, Alex loves his role as one of the senior members of the warehouse team. Alex takes his responsibilities as a mentor to the newer employees very seriously. The most enjoyable aspect of his job is working within the team environment which Faisal has worked very hard to develop and foster. One of Alex's major job responsibilities is to check over the work of his team-mates and to ensure orders are being filled quickly, efficiently, and correctly. Alex loves the fact that his work had a direct effect on customer satisfaction.

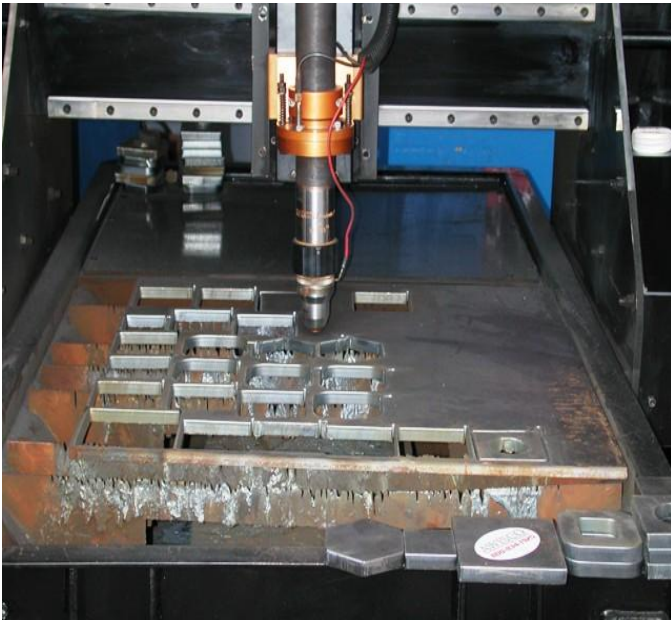
In his free time away from AWISCO, Alex enjoys spending time with his 8 month old daughter Katelyn. With the steadily improving spring weather, Alex looks forward to spending more quality time with his daughter at the park and other outdoor activities. Even with the full time responsibilities as a father and uncle to his three adolescent nieces, Alex still finds time to work on his true passion which is art and tattoo design.

Alex would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to his extended AWISCO family for their part in the success he has had over the last four years.

# THERMAL DYNAMICS AUTOMATION DEMONSTRATION



Awisco and Thermal Dynamics teamed up for a special demonstration of their Automated Plasma Cutting featuring the Thermal Dynamics® Ultra-Cut® Plasma System with Integrated CNC. The system features: Precision Cutting on Mild Steel, Stainless & Aluminum, Automatic Gas Control, State of the Art CNC with Touch Screen Control, XtremeLife™ Consumable Parts for economical operation, Dual Processor Programming and Integrated Precision Height Control. The demonstration took place on April 12-14<sup>th</sup>.



Day one of AWISCO hosting Thermal Dynamic's Ultra Cut System drew visitors from Local 15 of the United Iron Workers and the NYC Department of Sanitation as well as others in the metal fabricating industry. Tim Rice, Thermal's Manager of Automation Technologies along with Automation Engineer Doug Barr, put the system through its paces precision cutting  $\frac{3}{4}$ " mild and stainless steel plate and aluminum.

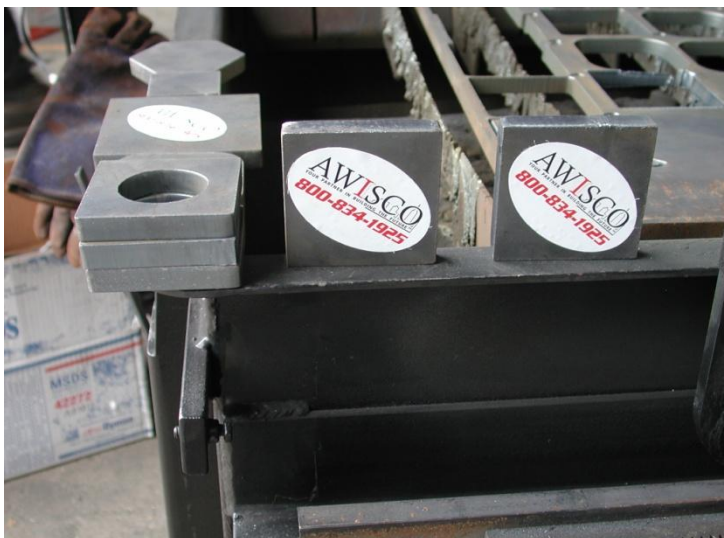
Pictured (from left to right) Tim Rice, Doug Barr, Peter Shaub, and Steve Kotcher.

# THERMAL DYNAMICS AUTOMATION DEMONSTRATION

Day two of AWISCO hosting Thermal Dynamic's Ultra Cut System drew visitors from J Blanco Associates, Eliou Steel Fabricators, New York Boiler and D & S Fabrication. Customers were impressed not only by the speed of the cutting but also by the weld ready, dross free, finish which eliminates grinding time and expense.



Day three of AWISCO hosting Thermal Dynamic's Ultra Cut System drew visitors from the NYC Fire Department Marine Division. All of their boats are now fabricated with aluminum and they were interested in a system that will cut aluminum plate with clean, dross free and ready to weld edges. They were highly impressed by the Ultra Cut's performance. The system uses nitrogen as the cutting gas and water spray as the secondary. Pieces are cool enough to the touch to be picked up immediately after the cutting cycle!



# ERNIE'S MUSCLE CARS

By: Ernie Olsen (Branchville Manager)

My passion for cars started when I was 14 building model cars. I would build my own custom models, cutting and gluing parts from different model kits together. My first car was actually a 1953 Ford pickup truck. I installed a 327 cubic inch Chevrolet engine and a 4 speed manual transmission into it. I still have that transmission.



After high school I attended and graduated from Lincoln Technical Institute as Master Automotive Mechanic in 1968. The first muscle car I bought was a 1966 Pontiac GTO. My friend had a 425 horse power Pontiac engine in a 1957 Corvette, we traded his engine for my engine. I started at 9:00PM switching engines and finished at 6:00 am the next morning. I sold that car went I joined the Army in 1969.



When I got out of the Army in 1971 I bought a 1964 factory high performance Mustang. I actually raced that car at Island Dragway in Great Meadows, New Jersey.

In 1971 I started my career in the welding supply industry as a mechanic for an independent welding supply company in Oakland, New Jersey. In 1991 I purchased a 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle from one of my welding fabricating customers. This is my current project car. The car had four wheel drum brakes from the factory, and it was very hard to stop the car so, I changed the drum brakes to four wheel power disc brakes. I have completely replaced all of the front end suspension and steering components. My next project is to replace the interior headliner. What began when I was 14 years old has become a lifelong passion for muscle cars.

