

COMING SOON:

- SizzLean
- File Storage Area
- Hartley Building: How is Lean Affecting our Work in the Field?

“Tell me and I will forget. Teach me and I will remember. Involve me and I will learn.” -author unknown-

LEAN “In the Field”

Practical application of LEAN principles are what will take us where we want to go: 6/min. an hour productivity improvement. Below are some examples of LEAN principles that increase productivity and efficiency, as shared by Jeff Dincau, Sheetmetal Foreman:

Problem: Not having materials available as needed (while on a swing stage)

- Scott Cole, SM Classified worker (pictured right), shared an idea with the crew at Boswell: Keep a container holding chucks/bits/tips small enough to carry in the pocket to help eliminate trips up and down a swing stage (pictured right). Getting on and off the swing stage takes 5-15 minutes each time and affects the productivity of the entire crew.
- This idea was implemented right away, keeping our crew focused on customer needs. Pennies for the container, hundreds of dollars saved in cost per manhour.



Problem: Multiple people searching for tools in a gangbox at the start of every day

- Bruce Nelson, 1st year Ironworker Apprentice at Boswell (pictured right) was given a challenge: create a better way to access tools needed on the job site.
- The need for improvement was clear due to the daily ‘treasure hunt’ - digging through mounds of cords and other tools in the gangbox to find the one you need – a clear waste of time and money.
- A ‘next day’ gang box was set up to eliminate the search. Tools for the next day were placed neatly in the box at the end of each day and became easy to get at start-up, allowing workers to get to the job at hand.
- Bruce took 100% ownership in sustaining the “next day” gang box. A few minutes at the close of each day by Bruce saved many minutes for multiple people at the start of the next day. People quickly caught on and helped with sustaining the ‘next day’ box. Simple and highly efficient!



Jamar Yard Project:



Team: John Strain, Dave Brand, Charlie Rollins, Mike Wunch, Dale Thran, Eric Ecklund

Goal: Reduce Unsafe and Congested Yard Area Caused by Disorganized Storage

In only two days, this team:

- Removed a semi load of scrap (water heaters/tar keys/heat pumps, etc.) that were waste or no longer usable just sitting out in our yard
- Opened up 5,000 sq. ft. of “free space” in the yard
- As a result, they turned previously unusable space into a lay down area for a large industrial shop project, creating improved productivity and efficiency.



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If you have questions or comments, please contact a member of the Steering Committee : Cindy Luoma, Heather Salfer, Craig Fellman, Roger Daoust, Tim Grimsrud, Shaun Johnson, Ken Johnson, Mark Ziells, Scott Drennen, Mike Dryke.

JAMAR’S LEAN PURPOSE:

Increase Customer Value Through:

- Empowering Our People
- Eliminating Waste
- Enhancing Productivity