

# In Your Face, The Service Connection



welcome to Kurtz service news letter March 2009

**PROGNOSTICS** – is a discipline focused on predicting the condition of components and or systems - failure rate, early signs of wear and aging which can be used to establish corrective action prior to failure.

## Your Thoughts are Important!

Tell us what you think about our Newsletter and WIN a “CARE PACKAGE” including a \$50 gift card!

You can WIN a “CARE PACKAGE” including a \$50 gift card just for telling us what you think about our newsletter!

Just click [here](#) and you will be included in a drawing.

Winner will be announced in the April newsletter. Good Luck!

## Hi, this is me...

### My name is Larry Meyer.

I have been working at KNA since July 2006, and enjoying my work as an Assembly Mechanic for the Kurtz rebuild program.

I love spending my time with my wife Cindy, riding our motorcycles on poker runs, and traveling and meeting new people. I also enjoy spending time with my children and grandchildren.



Larry Meyer

## Message from your Kurtz Service Specialists Maintenance – Made Easy:

**Taking care of your vehicle, for example, only takes a couple of hours a month to check the air pressure of the tires, check fluid levels, change filters as needed, wash and put gas in your vehicle.** Why would you want to perform these basic maintenance procedures on your vehicle? How about security, efficiency, longevity, and you have to admit it is nice to drive around in a clean vehicle.

Basic equipment maintenance in your facility will help your processes run more efficiently, give longer life to your equipment, and save energy, which relates directly to savings in time and money.

Having an outlined maintenance schedule and procedure is the first step that can be taken to assure that proper maintenance is performed on schedule. Good documentation is the key to a good maintenance program. Next, assure that your facility is clean, which would include your floors, lighting, service and production equipment. Whether cleanliness is for support of the production or primary equipment such as a shape-molding machine,

regular maintenance should include the water filters and boiler treatment system, as all are important and should be on your schedule.

Simply take a few minutes each day to clean your facility and you will find that it will pay for itself. Remember, the cleaning must be done regularly and documented. Checking fluid levels – hydraulic oil in compressors, on your molding machines, salt and chemical levels in your water treatment, proper levels in your cooling system, seeing that water flows freely through the cooling towers, checking to see that your drain lines are clean and flowing.

This is simple and easy maintenance.

Another basic item is “leaks”. If you can hear the air leak or see the water, hydraulic, or steam leak, then every minute you allow the leak to continue will cost you money and compound the situation. Stopping your leaks can sometimes be as simple as tightening bolts or fittings, changing damaged hoses or lines, or replacing a seal or gasket. This is simple and easy maintenance.

**In April the KNA Web Cast “Basic Maintenance: 10 easy steps to keep you going”** will present a detailed look at maintenance steps that are simple and achievable to “keep you going”

If you wish to sign up for the web cast, please contact us at [kurtzservice@kna.net](mailto:kurtzservice@kna.net).

## KNA Webcast Adventure

We at KNA would like to thank everyone for his or her input on the **Web Cast Program**.

Keep the positive expressions coming! Your suggestions for future Web Cast presentations are welcome.

**In March 2009**, we will present – **“Molding Dry Parts: What to look for to achieve the best possible results.”**

*Remember a block is also a molded part. Don't think as a block molder that it is not useful!*

**In April 2009** – we will present – **“Basic Maintenance: 10 easy steps to keep you going”**. How to operate a broom is one of them!

If you are on our newsletter list, you automatically will receive an invitation for each Webcast Program.

**If you know of someone who should be on this list send an e-mail to [kurtzservice@kna.net](mailto:kurtzservice@kna.net) and we will be more than happy to include for future mailings.**

**This is your tool for economic training at a cost you can afford!**

## KNA Specials of the Month

### Tip of the Month

**Steam Condensation** – As saturated steam travels through your system, it cools to the point of producing condensation.

If you have not, you should have a condensate return line returning to your boiler feed tank or De-aerator, so the condensation can be recycled through your boiler, thus saving water and money and it is already hot.

Having your condensate return to the drain is a waste.

### New Technology

During these challenging economic times, it is now more important to run an efficient facility.

**Would you like to improve the efficiency of your facility? Do you have the correct utilities for your processing machines?**

Kurtz has developed a system which can monitor your plant and can over time tell you where you missing the beat. Talk to us on this new item and we will explain in detail.

### Parts specials:

During the month of **March**, mention this KNA Newsletter, and **receive 15% discount on Complete Repair and Seal Kits.** With our transition to our improved EPS and EPP B-Jet fillers, we have stock remaining of "standard fillers".

**Please call for stock reduction pricing of "standard fillers", or more information on the new B-Jet.**

### KNA Rebuild Program

**KNA has K813, K1014, and K13.517 EPS machines available** for quick turnaround. If you are interested in having an existing Kurtz Shape Molding machine rebuilt, **KNA is prepared** to discuss your options based on the individual condition of your machine and the rebuild schedule at **KNA**. For more information about the **KNA rebuild program** contact **Ryan Brown, John Floryance, or Pete Tatro @ 920-893-1779.**

### Upcoming Events (Mark your calendars)

**March 26, 2009**

**Dinner, Camaraderie Economic Outlook, which will be held at KNA, during EPS Expo**

**May 14 & 15, 2009**

**Highly technical workshops and seminars in Cancun, presented by KNA.**

Click on link for more [details ->](#)

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