

BICERA BEACON

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WHAT'S NEW AT BICERA VALVE?

There's always something new at Bicera Valve. Here's the latest scoop!

As another fiscal year comes to a close, it's a good time to reflect on the year that was and recount all the positive things that took place. It's undeniable that this year had its challenges. The pandemic's effect on the economy provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize areas that can be improved to help better cope with economic instability in the future.

This year we welcomed our congressman for a visit and got to bend his ear for a little bit. We also added a new rubber coating on our roof, completed an astounding number of new product drawings, welcomed new

employees, said goodbye to some who have retired, and even found time to make updates to some products. Finally, we are finishing up a new room to house our server. This will free up space and cut down on background noise in our office.

Be on the lookout for future newsletters to read about these things and more throughout the coming months.



Product Spotlight

Inspection Doors

Here at Penn-Troy, we have been fabricating custom inspection doors for engines and compressors for nearly 70 years. There is a good chance we have already made the door you're looking for. We can even supply doors with valves already attached! Do you have, or are you concerned about, clearance issues? We also provide doors with "doghouses," which act as a riser of sorts to keep the valve from creating clearance issues.

Looking for more information? Reach out to us at sales@pennstroy.com with your engine or compressor information, and we would be thrilled to work together on a complete solution to your equipment and personnel protection needs.

► Employee Recognition Corner



Shawn Sonnema Machinist

How long have you worked at Penn-Troy?

I came to Penn-Troy two months ago.

What is your position and what are your common daily duties?

I am a CNC lathe operator. I am responsible for machining parts for the very small Troy Valve flap valves through the large BICERA explosion relief valves.

What do you like most about your job?

I most enjoy the multifaceted nature of working with CNC machines. My background is in computer science and art, and CNC manufacturing contains a bit of both worlds.

What are your hobbies?

A: My hobbies include 3D printing, digital sculpture, painting, archery, reading, and meditation.

Do you have a vacation ritual or location?

My favorite place to rest is home, but we also make frequent trips to Mystic, Connecticut.

What is your favorite movie?

I can watch the 1935 adaptation of Les Misérables hundreds of times and never want for more.

Any bucket list item(s) you care to share?

I have a near-term goal of getting a buck with a recurve bow.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I swear I am a good fisherman, but I have no witnesses.

Family?

I have been married to a wonderful woman for going on 19 years. I have two children: a daughter, 18; and a son, 13.

How do you unwind outside of work?

Meditation always undoes the stresses of the day.

▶ A Message from the President

Welcome once again to the *Bicera Beacon Journal*.

The state of affairs in the world continues to keep us on our toes as the Delta variant has made itself at home here in the U.S. We've had to make some hard decisions recently, in particular not to attend our standard trade shows such as WEFTEC in Chicago and Marintec in Shanghai. I don't think I've been this disappointed since I was a kid watching the Buffalo Bills lose their fourth Super Bowl in a row. There is nothing I enjoy more in my job than getting together with our peers in the industry and learning about what's new, exchanging stories, and discussing the future of the industry. I do remain optimistic though. The need for clean water and energy innovation in this world is only growing, and we are doubling down on our product line. Always keep an eye out for new announcements through this newsletter, social media, and at future trade shows. Our goal is to add value to our customers with innovative solutions, and we believe we have done that.

Thank you again for taking the time to read the *Bicera Beacon Journal*, and as always, thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

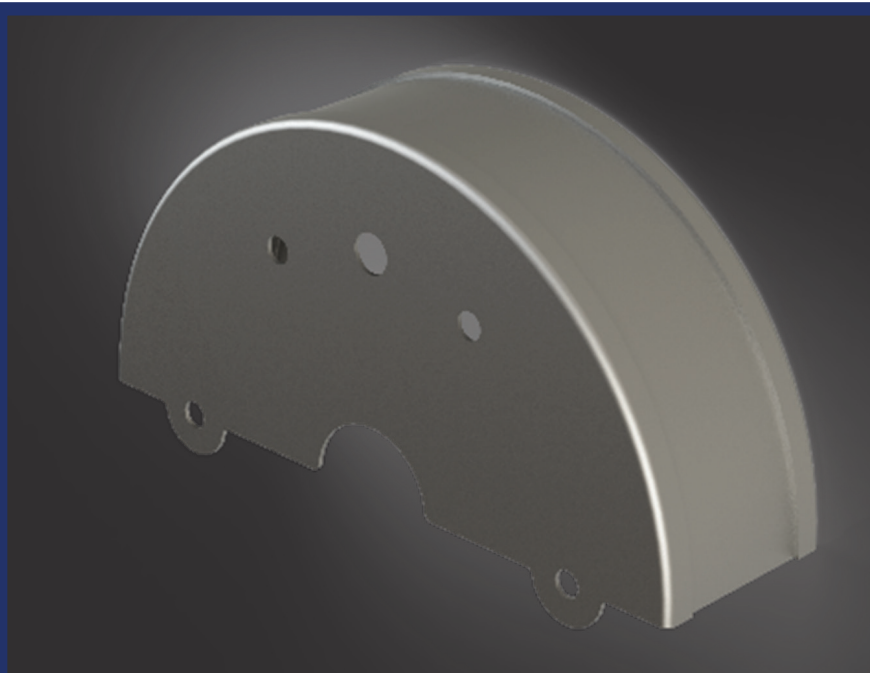
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Sigma 162



Optional Directional Covers For The Sigma Valves



Flame Traps For Our 4" BICERA Legacy Valves