

# BICERA BEACON

VOL. 15 | JAN 2022



## WHAT'S NEW AT BICERA VALVE?

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

The past few months here have been both challenging and exciting. We will be having quite a few employees retiring in the coming weeks and months. This means we have been welcoming new employees to our family, and we are pleased with how well they have been picking up their new roles.

You may have noticed a pickup in our presence on various social media platforms. This is a direct result of one of our newest team members, Brent Mayek. Brent, who is featured in our employee spotlight in this issue, has been hard at work with new equipment and software. Keep an eye out for new pictures, posts, videos, and more.

We had a bit of fun a couple months ago when, suddenly, a small trickle of water started running through one of the oldest parts of our shop. This section of our building is well over 100 years old. We contacted the town water department, and, over the course of a couple of days, the trickle became a small stream that turned into a large problem. The source of the water was unknown, as none

of it was coming through our water meter. Town water maps showed no line in the area. Eventually, after more than a week had passed, we ended up renting a pipe locator and discovered the old line. The curb stop was covered with dirt long ago after someone determined it was no longer needed. It was a stressful time, but we found the source, and the leak stopped.

Finally, this is traditionally a time of the year when production slows because of the winter months, but this winter has taken a turn to the type of activity we would expect in the spring. We have been diligently working to keep material in stock so we can deliver for our customers in a timely fashion. We believe that, as the world struggles with supply chain issues, our being able to continue to operate at or very close to normal will be an advantage our customers will appreciate. Give us a call. You might be pleasantly surprised at what we can do.



## Product Spotlight

### Tools & Kits

Here we go again. We spotlight our tools and kits often. But it's imperative that we convey the importance of maintenance and the role it plays in not only keeping your engines and compressors in shape and ready in case of an explosive event, but also the huge role maintenance plays in keeping the employees who work around these devices safe.

Looking for more information? Reach out to us at [sales@penntroy.com](mailto:sales@penntroy.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



## Brent Mayek

Sales / Marketing

**How long have you worked at Penn-Troy?**

47 days

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

Sales and Marketing

**What do you like most about your job?**

The people I work with

**What are your hobbies?**

Guitar and Jiu-Jitsu

**Do you have a vacation ritual or location?**

Wisconsin Dells waterparks during the winter

**What is your favorite movie?**

IP Man I, II, III

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

Skydiving

**Do you have any hidden talents?**

I like to paint

**Family?**

I have a brother and a sister. I'm married (11 years) and have 3 kids ages 10, 7, and 2.

**How do you unwind outside of work?**

Reading or playing guitar

# ▶ A Message from the President

Welcome once again to the *Bicera Beacon Journal*.

We recently had some excitement here at Bicera Valve as a stray water line under our building broke, and we had water coming up through the floor in our plant. This sounds like a quick fix, as you would merely go to the curb stop and turn it off, but the issue was the town had no record of this line, and it did not go through our water meter. The best advice the town could offer us was to try “water witching,” which is the method of finding underground water by carrying a Y-shaped stick or wire and watching for it to pull downward when water is found. I wish I could say this worked for us, as I know many people swear by it, but alas, the stick merely laid flat as we walked it around the building hoping for a sign. Our problem was solved after about a week of having a water feature flowing through our shop, when we rented a pipe locator and successfully traced it to a broken valve in a curb stop that had been covered with dirt.

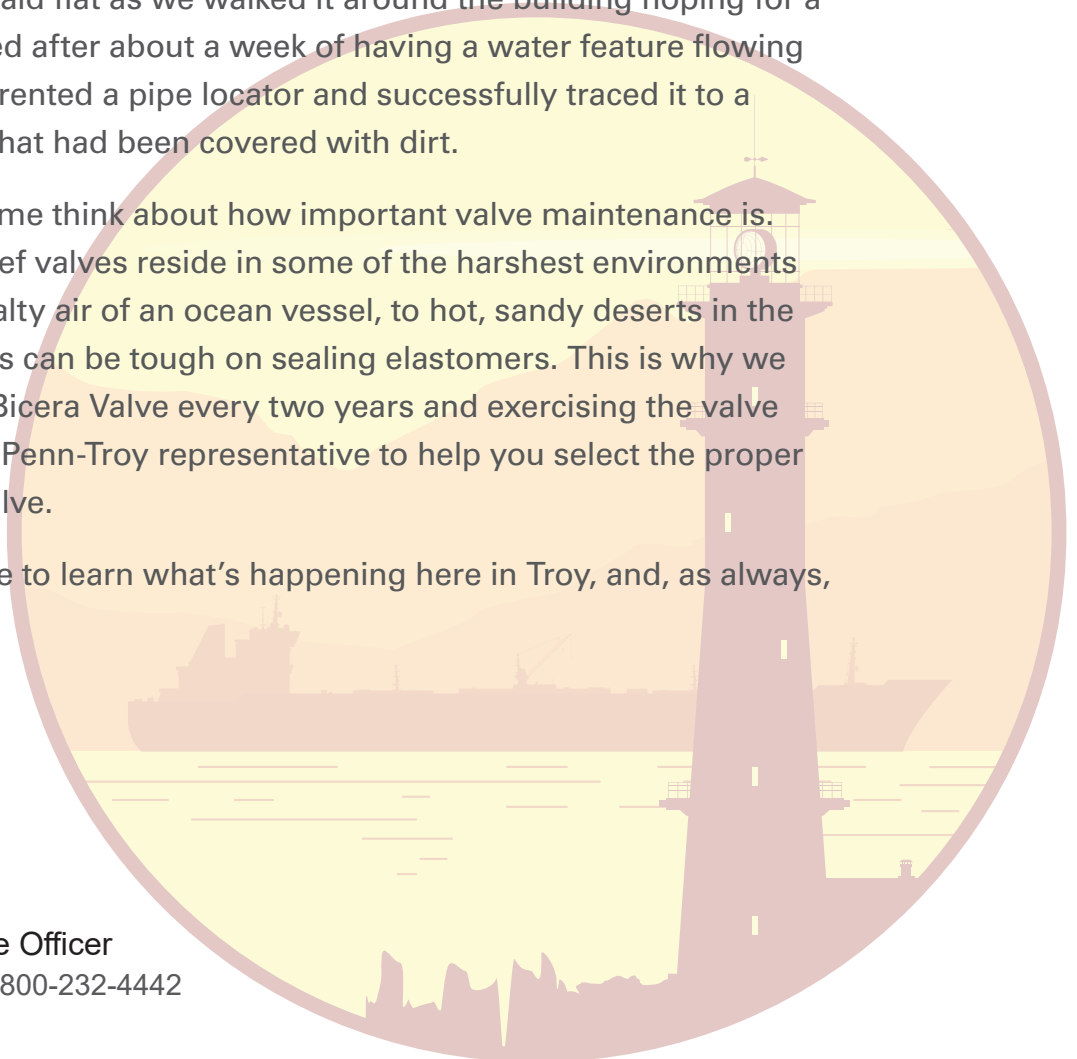
This little event really made me think about how important valve maintenance is. Our crankcase explosion relief valves reside in some of the harshest environments on earth. From the humid, salty air of an ocean vessel, to hot, sandy deserts in the Middle East, these conditions can be tough on sealing elastomers. This is why we recommend servicing your Bicera Valve every two years and exercising the valve plate annually. Contact your Penn-Troy representative to help you select the proper service kit for your Bicera Valve.

Thank you for taking the time to learn what’s happening here in Troy, and, as always, thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

*Mark Powers*

Mark Powers  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Cell: 607-742-2746 | Toll Free: 800-232-4442



**Drop us a line...**

Questions? Comments? If you would like to give Penn-Troy/BICERA Valve any feedback, please send an email to [sales@penntroy.com](mailto:sales@penntroy.com). Your feedback helps us know when we are on the right track, and where we need to refocus.