

Breakroom Re-opens

The Hancock warehouse breakroom has a new look and feel. The remodeled employee breakroom was recently opened to rave reviews. The remodel was spearheaded by Joe Spivey and used the talent and cooperation of nearly the entire crew at the warehouse.

Some of the key players were Steve Burnett, Chuck Hickey, Leith Duvall, Brian Shield, Justin McIntyre, Dave Duncan, Justin Orr, Donald Ethridge, and Ed Farrell. Decorative matters were handled by Tom Payne and Andrew Dolled.

The breakroom features all new paint, lighting, counters, sink with garbage disposal, tables, chairs, flooring and new vending options.



Name It and Win \$50

Good News! The deadline for entries into the naming of the breakroom contest has been extended.

So, submit your ideas for the right name for our new breakroom to Andrew Dolled or Melanie Barrett by August 6, 1999. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Don't delay, enter today!





The World's Largest Baseball greets fans at MLB FanFest in Boston.

All Star FanFest 1999 – Boston MA

By Kendrik Johnson

For those of you that don't know, Boston served as host to this year's Major League Baseball (MLB) All Star FanFest and Baseball's All Star Game at Fenway park. All Star FanFest is a baseball theme park bringing the spirit of baseball to the fans for the week leading up to the All-Star game. With such attractions as Coopers Town, Negro Leagues, the World's Largest Baseball, the Making of the Game, Legends of Baseball Autograph Signing areas and the National Yard Ball Finals, there is something for everybody.

This year's event at the Hynes Veterans Memorial Center covered three exhibit halls, one event arena, and other public areas. Seven truck loads of lighting, sound and video were turned into a high-energy multimedia landscape onto which the Bronskill group inserted their several hundred displays and interactive activity booths. The lighting, designed by John Stewart, utilized some 120-lamp bars (636 Par 64 cans), 21 dimming systems, over 25,000 feet of socopex cable, 12 lighting control locations, 24 Technobeams, 22 Cyber lights, 20 MAC 600 and 8 studio beams with 30 custom gobo's to create a festive house lighting system.

The show used 20 audio systems, designed by Steve Evans, to create multiple soundscapes to add life to the corresponding areas and displays. All audio media was recorded by Steve Evans to audio CD on sight using a range of playback devices. The Video system consisted of a two camera-switching package and dual Power Five DLP Projectors in the Baseball Diamond. It also included 200 + Video monitors and VCR's provided by Sony along with 20 video projectors. All of these were placed on 54" carts, cleaned, tuned and wired with the appropriate video high

Kudos From KJ

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all of those that assisted both directly and indirectly in the success in another big event by Team MSI. As equipment manager for MLB's All Star FanFest, I rely on many of you to do what you do every day in order to pull together the amount of inventory it takes to make this event a reality.

I also rely on a few of you to go above and beyond to make this event a success. To **John Deskins** for taking the time to look over every par can, lamp bar, socopex cable, and all of the little pieces it takes to make it all work. He had over 500 par units and 90 plus lamp bars to prep in less than 14 days. That is quite a feat. John, all of my thanks to you. I could not have done it without you.

To **Jeff Dooley** for taking the Video List and making it not only a reality, but a very well labeled package. **Dave Prince** and **Robin Lisagor** received it on sight with no "where is my stuff at" radio call to me. Jeff, I think Dave owes you huge for making him look good.

The audio boys, **Steve Evans** and **Jerry Edgerly**, did an excellent job (with lots of help from **Norm Tewksbury** and **Lane Rickard**). Many thanks also to everybody on the Production Team for all your **getting it done** teamwork.

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Field Report

light or bloopers reel provided by MLB. Dave Prince spent days making Duplicates for all of the machines and keeping them running all day for 12 hours a day. Good job Dave!



A fan looks over one of the hundreds of displays at MLB FanFest.

This was the 8th year that MSI has been involved with FanFest, an event that practically started right here in San Diego. After the event was hosted by our fair city, we were selected to travel with the show due to the fine performance of the then Convention Center staff for MSI. They included Tom Bollard, Ray Lucy, Gary McIntyre and Ed LaFever. Then, as with today, a fine job was done both on hand and behind the scenes to make it a very successful event.

Tom Bollard has been able to retain the event and has parlayed his talents and our company into the NHL FANTasy (7 years), as well as the NHL Draft (1st year), also held in Boston. Due to our insightful planning, we were able to facilitate both events with the same equipment load. FanFest has also led to the NFL players party that accompanies the Super Bowl, as well as many other events that keep us busy throughout the year, including the Disney Business folks.

Remember, it is our good work and strong effort that keep our phones ringing. Again, my thanks to all that pulled the gear, loaded it on trucks and helped me get it back on the shelves when it all came back. My special thanks to those that had to be flexible in dealing with their projects with limited resources back here at home. Keep up the good work.



Steve Evans runs sound for the 1999 NHL Draft.

August Events

S.D. Convention Center

July 28 - Aug. 4 Harley Davidson
6 - 8 JazzerJam
11 - 15 Comic Con
20 - 24 A.S.A.E.

Town & Country

July 28 - Aug. 3 Am. Guild of English Handbell Ringers
July 29 - Aug. 10 *San Diego Surf Soccer* Tournament
July 30 - Aug. 7 Nat. Funeral Directors and Morticians
4 - 7 United Scheloderma Foundation
7 - 14 Vietnamese Physicians Assoc. of America
8 - 12 SD Austin Healy Club
17 - 22 CA Reserve Peace Officers Association
19 - 22 Am. Soc. Health Systems
19 - 27 Vergo Publications
22 - 27 U.S.D.A.
29 - 9/1 Contemporary Ceramic Studio Owners and Suppliers

Paradise Point Resort

11 San Diego Convis
20 - 22 InStar Users Group
23 - 27 Glaxo Wellcome Inc.

Production Shows

July 28 - Aug. 4 Harley Davidson Mariott/SDCC
Every Weekend - San Diego Chamber Orchestra
28 - San Diego Symphony Salk Institute, La Jolla

August Birthdays

Greg McCown 08/04
Joe Spivey 08/08
Justin Orr 08/20
Pam Spinarski 08/24
Allien Whitsett 08/25
Kendrik Johnson 08/26

Anniversaries

Peter Carpentier 8/17/83
Bill Adams 8/26/85
Dave Duncan 8/29/88
Rob Conrad 8/1/95
David Ensall 8/1/95
Leith Duvall 8/24/98
David Prince 8/24/98



New Arrivals

Ruben Fierro – Production Driver
Peter Smith – Production Show Manager
Morgan Davies – Video Shop Technician
Eric Gillingham – A/V Technician

HR Update...

- .. This just in...MSI has a limited number of tickets available for the Moonlight Amphitheater in Vista. Available tickets are for Wednesday August 25 for the show *Anything Goes*. See Andrew or Melanie for more information.
- .. Congratulations to Sandra Ruiz in Accounting. On the last sandwich day, her throwing skills earned her a pair of Del Mar Fair tickets.
- .. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lane Rickard for the birth of their baby boy on July 28, 1999. Further details were not available at press time.

Mark your calendars and turn in your registration forms no later than August 10th for the following events:

- .. August 18 MSI Night at Qualcomm Stadium
- .. August 29 MSI Day at Family Fun Center
- .. September 19 MSI Annual Golf Tournament

SAFETY TIP

Remember that exit routes shall be kept unblocked, well lit and unlocked during business hours. Keep aisles and stairways clear of all items, **AT ALL TIMES**. Following these guidelines will eliminate unnecessary obstacles if and when a disaster and/or emergency may occur.