

# KAIZEN KORNER

## The Maintenance Building



For the first time, our quarterly company meeting was held in our newly established Maintenance facility. Previously, all maintenance was done out of a small space at the end of the third bay. After making a case for moving the department, along with the Drever Warehouse, **John Young and John Moyer, our Maintenance Team**, can breathe a sigh of relief! The job is just about complete and already, the company is already reaping the benefits of all efforts involved.

*Q. How many hours did you estimate the move vs. how long it took?*

A. We estimated it taking about 40 hours but it was closer to 60 because as it turned out, we are providing storage here for items we did not originally plan for, which is fine.

*Q. Did you find any treasures during the move we didn't know we had?*

A. Yeah! We actually found different parts we order on a regular basis like crane brushes and filters that are now part of our inventory and we won't have to order them for a while. We also found hand tools that will help keep future buying down.

*Q. How did you decide how exactly to set up your new area and did any changes in those plans take place during the process?*

A. We knew we wanted supplies on one wall and tools on another and then once the shelving went up, the stocking went pretty fast.

*Q. Did you scrap or trash anything during the move?*

A. We scrapped anything we hadn't used in over two years. Some of it we can recycle for cash and we separated that, other stuff was just trash.

*Q. What's the best thing about your new location?*

A. There's a lot more room! And everything is organized and easier to find. It's a lot quieter, too.

*Q. What is the maintenance space in the third bay being used for now?*

A. The area has been totally emptied out and swept clean. It is being used for storage of fabricated parts right now moving through the fab process.

*Q. Are there still plans to dismantle the old maintenance shed or has that part of the plan changed?*

A. Yes. There has been a slight delay in that part of the work because we have to have a smoke detector and a piece of security equipment removed and installed elsewhere. It will probably be a couple of months until it's all taken care of.

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