

CPMS Newsletter

“As the Wrench Turns”

Volume 17, Issue 1

January 2011

Happy New Year!

Every new year most of us take a little time to reevaluate how we are doing both personally and professionally. An opportunity to do things better or at least differently. Unfortunately, just as with diets, exercise programs, and trying to get rid of bad habits, it's not easy to change how we live and work. But, as shown in the clipart below, sometimes the chance to make and save more money is closer than we think.



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Happy New Year
- 1 Onsite CPMS Training
- 2 Establishing Failure Trends
- 2 And the Winner is...
- 2 CPMS Quiz

Onsite CPMS Training

This past year we visited many of our customers at their plants and provided onsite CPMS training. We made sure that they were effectively using the most recent version of CPMS and getting the most out of the many new features now available.

Occasionally, a customer who has been using CPMS for a number of years is not experiencing the level of success they expect. We recently made the rounds at one of our long time customers and it made a huge difference. See if the following check list might help your plant:

- ✓ Are you faithfully providing specific reports to your management? For example:
 - Equipment Failures- monthly
 - Work History Summary- weekly
 - Top Ten Report- quarterly
 - Open Work Orders- monthly
 - Part Usage report- monthly
- ✓ Are you using these reports to help make the necessary changes to improve how you run your maintenance department? For example, use the Top Ten report to focus on the equipment which is giving you the most problems. And, when entering an Equipment Failure, make sure and click on the Review PM Duties button to check if you need to add or change the PM instructions to the mechanics.
- ✓ Old data is not very useful in making today's decisions. Always remember to do your best in keeping your CPMS data base files **correct, current, and complete**.
- ✓ Always make sure your files are backed up frequently, and don't forget to validate and compress your CPMS files. There is nothing more embarrassing than giving the boss an erroneous report.
- ✓ It would be our pleasure to send you a CPMS Training Agenda.

Establishing Failure Trends

We sent an email a couple of months ago which outlined how to use the new Equipment Failure Trends option. We have had a chance to try this out at some of our customers' plants to test and demonstrate this new reporting capability.

What we have found, as you may have guessed, is there is no "one shoe" (or one report) which fits all. Although we can show you a number of ways to clean up and standardize all of your existing failure descriptions, ultimately you will need to determine the cost/benefit of having one "master list".

In the example shown to the right, we took all of the failure descriptions for a Proofer for the past three years and consolidated them into unique failure descriptions. The brown bar is the number of occurrences and the red bar is the amount of lost time in hours. Out of about 150 failures, almost 100 were due to "pan jam" or "grid damage". Note the top four trends account for 90% of the failures.

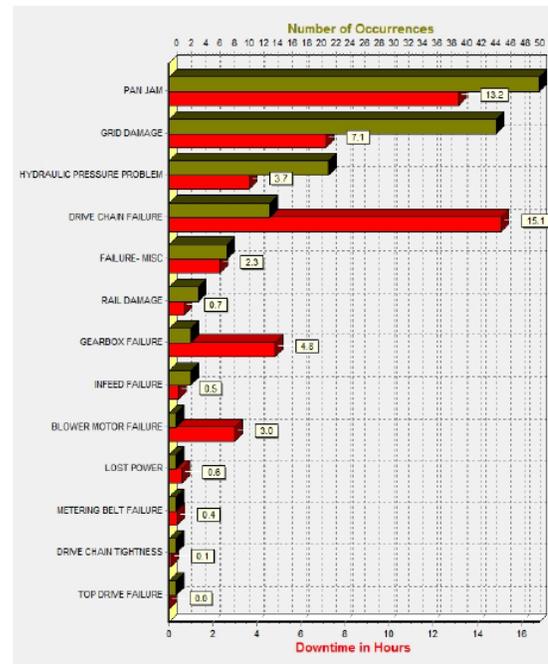
Now, in addition to identifying your most troublesome equipment with just the click of a button, CPMS will point you to the root cause of the failure.

November 18, 2010
4:08 PM

Equipment Failure Trends
Selection: B090, PROOFER
By Occurrences

Page 1 of 1
INTERNATIONAL INFO

From: 01/01/08 To: 11/01/10



And the Winner is...

We really thought that the CPMS Quiz in the last newsletter was easy. But... no winner.

The question was, "Can you think of one or more reasons why you should use the Part/Equipment X-Ref table to determine if parts are no longer needed for an obsolete machine, as opposed to using Part Transactions (Closed)?"

And, the answer is that you could have critical parts for equipment which have not ever been used. They may have come with the equipment when it was installed. Although they are on the shelf, and in the Part/Equipment X-Ref table, they are not in Part Transactions.

CPMS Quiz

For \$100, what is the easiest way (the least typing and fewest mouse clicks) to print out a report of all the Open Work Orders assigned to mechanic "John Smith".

Dennis Fleming
IISCO

2337 Hemlock Farms
Lords Valley, PA 18428
Tel.: 570 775-7593
Cell: 570 351-5290
E-mail: iisco@ptd.net
www.TheBestCMMS.com