

Summer News

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ROBIN INDUSTRIES CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF GROWTH!

This year marks the 70th year of business for Robin Industries as a high quality custom molder of elastomers and plastics. Robin was started with grit and determination by Mr. Fred Nonneman in 1948. It has grown from its humble beginnings into a world class company serving automotive, medical, defense and various other industrial customers.

While many things have changed over the years, the company has never deviated from our founder's passion for excellence and his commitment to ethical business principals, quality products, superior customer service and loyalty to our employees. In keeping with our founder's wishes, Robin continues its tradition of loyalty to its employees with our transition to an ESOP company. Robin employees will soon be 100% owners of the company through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. This fulfills the longstanding desire of our founder and gives every employee an ownership stake in Robin's success.

We have also held fast in our commitment to Ohio manufacturing by maintaining the center of all our operations here. In addition to our headquarters, located in Independence, Ohio, we have three manufacturing facilities and a development center located in Holmes County. While we have had a longstanding global presence in Mexico and China with manufacturing facilities to serve those regions, Robin has never deviated from its commitment to making quality products in Ohio and keeping jobs in the USA.

Robin has also accelerated investments in technology and equipment in Ohio, with the addition of 3D printing capabilities, automated vision systems, and expanded clean room facilities, as well as additional design and material development resources. This is all in keeping with our commitment to offer our customers the latest technology for the design and manufacture of high quality custom molded parts.

We would like to sincerely thank all our loyal customers and employees who have helped Robin reach this milestone. We value our partnerships and look forward to many more years of success together!

wise words

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

—Peter F. Drucker

Looking Back

Guess the Year...

- Napster is closed down.
- The Mars Odyssey spacecraft reaches Mars on a mission to see if life ever existed there.
- The unmanned solar aircraft Helios reaches a record height of over 18 miles above the Earth.
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa reopens after 11 years and \$27 million to reinforce it without correcting its famous lean.
- The Sears Tower opens in Chicago.

 The 108 floor 1,729 foot tall structure became the tallest building in the world, a title that it held for 25 years.
- Secretariat wins the Triple Crown –the first winner for 25 years.
- Microsoft releases Windows XP.
- NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt dies in a last-lap crash during the Daytona 500.
- Enron, one of the world's largest energy companies, files for bankruptcy.
- Apple releases the iPod.
- The Bahamas Gains Independence From Great Britain.

The year was 1973.

{terrific trivia}

- 1. What element begins with the letter "K"?
- 2. How tall are the NFL goalposts?
- 3. Lemurs are native to what island nation?
- 4. Who is second in line to succeed the President?
- 5. What is the proper term for a group of parrots?

1) Krypton 2) 10 feet 3) Madagascar 4) The Speaker of the House 5) Pandemonium



Organic gardening tips to help you grow a healthier, more productive crop!

- Water in the morning to help avoid powdery mildew and other fungal diseases that are often spread by high humidity.
- Earthworms are extremely beneficial to the soil and plants, increasing air space in the soil and leaving behind worm castings.
- Companion planting is an excellent way to improve your garden. Some plants replenish nutrients lost by another one, and some combinations effectively keep pests away.
- Less than 2 percent of the insects in the world are harmful. Most are beneficial.
- Dry your herbs at the end of the summer by tying sprigs together to form small bunches. Tie them together with a rubber band and hang, tips down, in a dry place out of the sun. Keep the bunches small to ensure even circulation. Store dry in labeled canning jars, either whole or crumbled. Freezing is also a good way to preserve herbs.
- A longer growing season requires more nutrients and organic matter in the soil.

- Garden soil that has been well mulched and amended periodically requires only about a 1 inch layer of compost yearly to maintain its quality.
- Attract ladybugs to your garden with nectar-producing plants such as parsley, dill and fennel.
- Coffee grounds make excellent mulch around acid-loving plants.
- In general, thinner leaved plants need more water to stay alive, thicker leaved plants need less.
- Make compost tea by mixing equal parts compost and water and let it sit. Pour this liquid directly onto the soil around healthy, growing plants. Dilute this to 4 parts water to 1 part compost for use on smaller seedlings. Any compost that has not gone into solution can be used to make more tea or used in your garden.
- When watering, try to water deeply and thoroughly. Frequent, shallow waterings train your plants to keep their roots near the surface, making them less hardy and more likely to suffer when deprived of water.

Did You Know?

- The hottest planet in the solar system is Venus, with an estimated surface temperature of 864° F.
- The longest cells in the human body are the motor neurons. They can be up to 4.5 feet long and run from the lower spinal cord to the big toe..
- The first coast-to-coast telephone line was established in 1914
- When glass breaks, the cracks move at speeds of up to 3,000 miles per hour.

Upcoming Events

Design2Part at
John S. Knight Center
October 24 & 25, 2018 • Booth #TBD
77 E. Mill Street
Akron, OH 44308

MD&M West at

Anaheim Convention Center
February 5 - 7, 2019 • Booth #2039
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