

RV News

The Voice of the RV Industry

Celebrating Your Workers!



**Special Issue
Submissions due
June 18th**

RV News needs your help to spotlight workers who define “**longevity**” and “**loyalty**” at your company for our upcoming *Made in the USA* issue.

This feature is a free editorial opportunity to spotlight your company and these employees among successful American businesses in the RV industry.

To participate, we would like your company to submit one to three of the longest-serving everyday employees making and assembling products.

We would like you to provide a hi-resolution JPG image of each of the employees taken with the background showing them in their unique workplace environment doing their job.

Then, send us their name, primary job description, years employed and, in 200 words or less for each employee, what they do at your company, and why that is special.

Submissions are due by **June 18**.

This PDF is editable and can be saved after filling it out. Then simply email the form and pictures of your employees to Editor-in-Chief Chris Freeman at chris@rvnews.com.

We want to feature as many employees and companies as we can, so please do not hesitate to participate.

If you have questions, you can email Chris or call 720-749-1064.

Example Submissions



Chris Jones

Hardwood Finishes

**31 years shipping/receiving
cabinetry materials**

Chris Jones has worked in Hardwood Finishes' warehouse for nearly 31 years. He loads and unloads an estimated 32 semi-trailers each day to ensure the company's manufacturing line always has the needed raw materials to build the cabinets it sends to RV manufacturers. When factoring in Chris' longevity with the company, Chris has had an indirect role in manufacturing more 454,000 RV cabinets during his career. Chris' brother, Steve Jones, initially got him his first position at Hardwood Finishes, and his brother retired four years ago. While he has been offered promotions over the years, Chris has said he loves his job and the consistency working the docks provides.



Bob Smith

Ace Awnings

**11 Years manufacturing
awnings**

Bob Smith is the production lead at Ace Awnings and has been with the company 11 years. He started as an assembler on the production line in 2010 and through reliable, hard work moved from the entry-level position to now overseeing more than 40 employees. He now leads the group responsible for final production and kitting and oversee quality control. Bob is still known to jump on the line and work the aluminum bending machine if a big order comes in when production is tight. Co-workers say when a question comes up on how to handle or do something on the production line, Bob is the go-to guy because he's worked every station and has been with Ace Awnings longer than anyone. Bob enjoys spending his free time hopping in his fifth wheel and heading to nearby Holland State Park in Michigan to unwind.



Jeff Thomkins

ABC Inc.

**22 years building
travel trailers**

Jeff Thomkins works as ABC Inc.'s production manager. He started out as a welder at an Ohio automotive plant before coming to ABC in 2000. Jeff took his experience in the auto industry and slowly redefined the best practices used at ABC to build entry level travel trailers and tear drop trailers. Working to help his fellow employees standardize welding procedures, Jeff was promoted to manage all of the company's production nearly 10 years ago. Managing inventory, implementing quality control measures and scheduling production runs, all fall under Jeff's responsibilities at ABC.

Employee Submission Form

EMPLOYEE 1 NAME:

EMPLOYEE 2 NAME:

EMPLOYEE 3 NAME:

PRIMARY JOB DESCRIPTION:

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YEARS EMPLOYED:

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