

## Welcome to a new Maintenance Moments!

Welcome to a new MAINTENANCE MOMENTS! It has been truly a long time since I've written an issue. Now that I have a new software package, I can now create these in PDF format. You can read OR print these out from the web, and these issues should look just as the old ones did. Hopefully I will keep up with this format and continue these on a month to month basis.!

Recently we had a bit of an issue with an "explosive device". I guess an operations supervisor was made aware of a suspicious device at a keying station on the parcel sorter. She then 'determined' it was a blasting cap and brought it to the tour superintendents office! So now the office and the surrounding area gets roped off while the inspection service is notified. Meanwhile, the supervisor finds the rest of the package in the rewrap area and brings it in a U-cart to the tour supe's office ! Lets see....large quantities of "explosive devices" transported throughout the building and brought to a small enclosed office. Let me see *what*, if *anything* was done right !!! Nope, nothing ! How is it that in a time when the potential for serious injury and even death occurs, management can't even follow their own rules. I can see why it's almost impossible to get a fair response to contract issues when safety issues are so completely ignored ! Just remember this the next time they give us a pep talk on safety issues ! Always say one thing, and do something else!

What else is new? Lots o' rumors and facts too. All have heard of the new Airport Facility that will be built. Should be done in about two years with ground breaking start-

ing later this year. They will get all four of the AAA machines plus a few more goodies. The PM-PPC is getting more and more equipment. The old Dillards SPBM is going to be put back together as soon as they figure out how to get air to the machine. Three months ago management INSISTED that there be FIVE floor scales installed at the PM-PPC. Only three were installed and just recently one was removed. And



guess what !?!?! None of them have yet to be used ! And yet, we are reminded during this contract season that the Postal Service is billions of dollars in debt. Now let me just start to do the math: five floor scale that cost about 25 thousand dollars apiece and never used. I guess I better really watch my clock rings ! That creeping overtime may come to about 5 dollars !!!! I

wouldn't want to compete with management's bleeding of cash! And neither should you! Save the company 5 bucks and watch them waste THOUSANDS!! It really can be quite fun!

I hear that in the warehouse, there is a section for IS to store their older or obsolete equipment. I guess they were rummaging around in and found a pallet of brand new computers. Nothing surprising here, except these were from about FIVE years ago! They also found a couple of brand new in the box 486 computers too! Once again, a perfect example of thousands of dollars being 'misplaced'. I guess they will make it up in the auction when they get a few hundred dollars for it all! If it wasn't such old equipment, I would have tried a bid on it!

Well, that's the beginning of a new MOMENTS. Future issues will fall along some of the older formats and not be a big gripe session! Feel free to leave messages with ideas at the e-mail address on the web site. Any info is good info!