

Meet Our Lube Starz

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Dave Maki

Title: Head Oiler, St. Mary's Paper, a mill located in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada

Background: Dave has spent 35 years at St. Mary's, with 34 of those years in his current position. When he first began working there, it was as a mechanical helper with the maintenance department. He then moved into lubrication work and soon found himself heading up that area. According to him, he's "never looked back."

What Dave Likes Most About His Work: Taking a proactive approach to maintenance and being the front-runner in equipment reliability, as well being able to maintain the mill's hydraulics and lube system at a world-class level.



Mike Graves, P.Eng.

Title: President, Coastal Engineering Services, a consulting firm based in New Brunswick,

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Background: Mike has spent 23 years in the maintenance and/or lubrication field, including 7 in his current position. He looks on lubrication as a specialized field that has often been ignored or not given much attention. He wants to enhance and promote its importance, not just to industry, but to the public.

What Mike Likes Most About His Work: Helping to improve equipment function, prevent costly production stoppages, reduce lube consumption by improving lubricant storage, application and oil condition and save operators' money.



Sandor Mercz Kerek

Title: Industrial Mechanical Technician, Ingenieria Proactiva Ltda., a consulting operation in Cali-Valle, Colombia

Background: Sandor has put in a total of 25 years in the maintenance and/or lubrication field, including 15 with his current employer. In his former job with a Colombian manufacturer, he performed preventive maintenance on 800 machines. Since retiring from that job, he's consulted for other businesses in the region.

What Sandor Likes Most About His Work: Being able to solve problems and suggest equipment improvements with the assistance of technologies like vibration analysis, as well as using TPM principles to teach lube practices to others.

Our hats are off to these hardworking Lube Starz, who'll receive their own baseball caps for making this team. Up for the game? Go to www.lmtinfo.com/lubestarz or www.lubestarz.com to tell us about yourself! Follow the instructions for submitting your own application and photo and you might find your work-related profile in a future LMT issue. We look forward to hearing from you !