

# FIND THE KEY



"You look stressed out," Bill said from the doorway of Leonard's office.

"I'm managing a new group of workers. I've been training them all this week while doing everything by the book. But there's this one guy who doesn't get it. I think I'm going to have to send him back to his old department."

"Really? Hmm." Bill picked up a key ring from Leonard's desk and held up one of the keys and said, "What is this?"

"That's the key to my car."

"Do you think this will work on my car?"

No, "why would you even ask me that?"

"Well, you have a car and I have a car, so I was just thinking that I could use your key."

"But that doesn't make any sense. It's not a universal key. We have two different cars, with different locks."

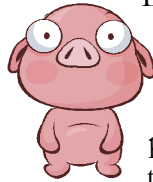
"Different cars, different locks, different people, different techniques," Bill said. "As a manager you have to find the unique key that unlocks the potential of each of your employees."

People learn, and respond differently. There is no universal method that fits us all. Don't limit your approach when it comes to working with others.

## THINK ABOUT IT!

Toughness and perseverance require a willingness to work hard even when things are difficult. They also help encourage others to work just as hard as you do.

# Boudreaux's Wisdom



Boudreaux was riding along the highway when this truck passes with some pigs in it. One of the pigs falls out. Boudreaux stops to pick up the pig and a state petroleum trooper stops and says, "Boudreaux what you doing with that pig." Boudreaux says, "A man passed by with a truck load of pigs and one pig fell out. Maybe I catch up with the truck and give the man his pig back. The state petroleum trooper says, "Boudreaux that man is long gone, why don't you just go to the zoo and bring the pig there." Boudreaux says ok officer. Awhile later the state petroleum trooper sees Boudreaux on the highway with that pig in his truck. He stops Boudreaux and says, "Didn't I tell you to bring that pig to the zoo." Boudreaux says, "Officer I did. We had so much fun there I think we are going to go to Astro World now."

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## Rig #18

Pictured from left to right are Charles "Buckshot" Hydle, Doug Martin, James Goode, Gabriel Seal and Michael "Mikey" Pate. It was July 2007 when we last spotlighted the crew of Rig #18.

Doug is the Rig Supervisor, having been with Reliable twenty-four years plus. "Buckshot" is the driller. He will complete eighteen years in March. "Mikey" is the derrickman. He'll have completed seventeen years with the company in September. James and Gabe are the two floorhands. James will have logged seven years in December, while Gabe will have two years under his belt on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The crew has just recently left their barge operations and began working on land. Since leaving the water, the rig is performing jobs in the western and southern parts of Louisiana.



# March Anniversaries

David Tullos 13 yrs. 3/1 RAC  
Jared Courville 3 yrs. 3/13 RPS  
Rob Roark 2 yrs. 3/16 LRI  
Charles Hydle 18 yrs. 3/18 RPS  
Mark Deville 3 yrs. 3/20 RPS  
Jason Jack 3 yrs. 3/20 RPS



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# "T" RETIRES AFTER 3 DECADES



Gerald Dupre began working for Reliable on December 1, 1975. He put on his PPE for the last time on February 1, 2009.

*Congratulations!*

For over thirty years, Gerald was the Tool Pusher on four different Reliable rigs.  
\*Rig #2 [1976] \*Rig #4 [1976-1993]  
\*Rig #16 [1993-2000] \*Rig #20 [2000-2005]

# March Birthdays

Jerry Zeno 3/9 RPS  
Glen "Smurf" Marlow 3/10 RPS  
Fred Hutchins 3/10 RPS  
Cade Chenevert 3/18 RAC  
Everett "Buddy" Moore 3/25 RAC  
Nicole Foret 3/28 RAC  
Randy Moore 3/28 RPS  
Michael Delcambre 3/30 RAC  
Samuel Meche 3/31 RPS  
Chandler "Boo" Hutchins 3/31 RPS

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# SAFETY FIRST

## JUMP STARTING A DEAD BATTERY

Jumper cables are one of those essential items every driver should have in his or her trunk. You never know when you'll forget to turn off your headlights or do something else to cause your battery to go dead.

Most times, you can jump start a dead battery and get at least enough energy to drive home or to a service station. Done properly, this is a fairly simple task. But many car owners don't know how to jump start a car battery safely. Each year, unsafe jump starts cause many Americans to suffer serious eye injuries. If you don't jump start a battery properly, you can cause the battery to explode. Before you try to jump start your car, or use your car to give someone else a jump, check your owner's manual. Some new cars have specific instructions or prohibit jump starting.



*If the Battery is Suitable for Jump Starting*

- \*Line both cars up so the batteries are as close as can be. Make sure the cars are in park, are turned off, and are not touching each other. Make sure all lights, signals, radios, and fans are off.
- \*Clean off any corrosion around the dead battery's terminals with a wire brush.
- \*Clamp one cable to the positive (+) terminal of the dead battery. Don't let the positive cable touch anything metal other than the battery terminal.
- \*Connect the other end of the positive cable to the positive terminal of the good battery.
- \*Connect one end of the negative (-) cable to the negative terminal of the good battery.
- \*Connect the other end of the negative cable to metal on the engine block on the car with the dead battery. Don't connect it to the dead battery, carburetor, fuel lines, or moving parts.
- \*Stand back and start the car with the good battery.
- \*Now start the stalled car.
- \*Remove the cables in reverse order as to how you attached them.
- \*Drive the car for thirty minutes so the alternator can recharge the battery.

# TWO PATHS OF LIFE



There is a legend among Native Americans concerning the two paths of life. One path slopes gently down some low hills to the valley below. The legend says that this is a broad and easy path, but it leads into the desert where death awaits.

The other path winds over a steep and rocky trail. It is filled with many difficulties, and only the strong can reach the heights of the mountain where the eagles soar.

Through this legend, Native American parents teach their children that the easy way is not the best way. Strong character is built by facing the obstacles and overcoming them, instead of trying to avoid difficulties by seeking a life of ease.

By now, every teenager from every generation should have heard their grandparents say something similar to the dissertation I got from my grandparents when I was a teenager. It went something like this... "When I was a kid we had to walk to school, uphill, both ways, in the cold!" "We had one car, and daddy drove it to work." "We didn't have a microwave oven. We had to warm everything on the stove. Just to make sure we understood how good we have it, they ended with this little gem... "We didn't have everything handed to us on a silver platter.

With the progression of society, today's grandparents moan about teenagers having cars, cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, a laptop computer, 4-wheelers, etc." The point is the same now as it was for me, "We got it easy" or at least that's what the previous generation is telling us. I will agree, minus the car, the others items mentioned are a luxury, something that makes life easy.

Since nothing has been handed to me on a silver platter, and I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth, both imply wealth, I had to work hard for everything I have. Along the way to acquiring the state in which I currently find myself, I had to wind my way around some difficult situations, go through some rocky times, climb a couple steep mountains and endure a few setbacks. I guess you could say that I've had my share of character building.