

Welcome to Beinlich – The place, where the ❤️ beats for pumps

When a company celebrates an anniversary, the focus is usually on the success story and milestones. But what about employees and companions who have made an important contribution to such an anniversary? Often interesting stories and anecdotes are hidden behind these people. In this issue, we would like to shed light on precisely these employees and take a slightly different look at Beinlich Pumpen's operations.

Drops collect on the glass panel, the machine starts to precisely spindle a hole. Waldemar Fuchs watches the process with eagle eyes. Even when programming the CNC machine, caution and concentration are required. "A small mistake can destroy the entire machine," the Beinlich employee points out. He once made a mistake during his training, but thank God it didn't break much. But this experience taught him to be more vigilant.



Shortly after Beinlich relocated from Velbert-Neviges to Gevelsberg in the summer of 2000, Waldemar Fuchs began his training. Starting out as an industrial mechanic, he was able to gain important experience in the metalworking shop in the following years, until finally the switch to CNC machining followed. "There is nothing you can't learn. I particularly enjoy the area of CNC and prototype production," says Waldemar Fuchs. Even as a child, he had been a craftsman and wanted to do something craft-related professionally. "Back then, when I was still working in the metalworking shop, my supervisor saw the potential in me and now I've been working in the CNC department for 13 years," explains the Beinlich employee and turns his attention back to machining his workpiece.



Long-standing employees are also a sign of a good working atmosphere and great team spirit among colleagues. Many employees were involved in the change of location in 2000 and have remained loyal to the company. This includes Peter Suchanovs, who has known Beinlich Pumpen since 1991, when it was still under the management of its founder Günther Beinlich. Peter Suchanovs started out in assembly, but quickly switched to the pump testing division, which he has called his empire since 1994.

"Every single pump is tested and documented. It doesn't matter whether it's a single pump or a series production of 100 units," says the "master of the test benches". This data allows for traceability back to 1998. If a customer is dissatisfied, it can be checked whether the pump was in order at the time of delivery. "However, the grinding dimensions are so accurate nowadays that almost no complaints are received," Peter Suchanovs explains. What fascinates him most about Beinlich pumps is the versatility of the products.



A Beinlich pump can be found in many applications. For example, the filling of ketchup sachets, the dosing of polyol and isocyanate for the production of slabstock foam for mattresses or the use in the hydraulics of car park barriers are just some of the areas in which the pumps are used. "This gives a completely different view on our products again," says Peter Suchanovs proudly.

Together with Mr Suchanovs, Edmund Polit forms the ironclad team of the original employees. Mr Polit, who actually wanted to retire at the age of 63 and is now, at 69, still employed at Beinlich with 32 hours, grinds and mills for the single-part production. This area is particularly interesting for him because very precise and accurate work has to be done.



"At that time I did a technical school with training in mechanical engineering for a total of 6 years, after which I worked in East Prussia for 3 years. At that time, emigration was not so easy," describes Mr Polit. He also started his career at Beinlich in Velbert-Neviges under the old Managing Director Günther Beinlich. When the company moved, about 20-25 employees moved to the new location in Gevelsberg. He emphasises that a lot has changed for the better since the new management took over. "Order has been brought in here. I enjoy working here so much that the end of my work here is also open to me. Let's see how long I will continue to work," smiles Edmund Polit.

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Employee Andreas Borowski has a very personal connection to Beinlich Pumpen. He has been associated with the company practically since childhood, because his father was employed by Beinlich until he retired. When Andreas Borowski was a little older, he worked part-time at Beinlich to supplement his pocket money. At that time he was also still working at the Velbert-Neviges site. After that, the stages were as follows: Training in another company - two months working at Beinlich - Bundeswehr (German military) for ten months - then back to Beinlich, but at the new location in Gevelsberg.

With his many years of work, he has been able to get to know several points of view. "I did almost everything: assembly, programming CNC machines and manufacturing individual parts," explains Andreas Borowski. His experience also brought him to the department where he still works today. In quality assurance, he checks the components and parts with a high-precision measuring machine for dimensional accuracy and whether they have been manufactured according to the drawings.

Andreas Borowski is a good example of the fact that one can also find private happiness in the workplace. When he started his military service in the navy, his future wife began working for the company. "It was love at first sight," Andreas Borowski recounts. "We have now been together for 20 years, 17 of them married."



As much as the experience of long-serving employees is important for a company, everyone has started anew in a company at some point. With Fabio Masotano, Beinlich has had a new employee for a month. For him it was a lucky twist of fate: "I come from Gevelsberg, I live only 2 minutes away from Beinlich," says Mr Masotano. "I then went to the vet with my dog and saw the company. When I discovered on the website that a suitable position was currently available, I applied directly. After barely two weeks, I already had an invitation for an interview."

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Initially, a position in QA and dispatch was planned for him. However, at that time there was a vacancy in the assembly department, so it was decided to employ the trained cutting machine operator with additional training qualifications there. Here he is responsible for assembling a wide variety of pumps. What has impressed him most so far is the cohesion of his colleagues and the support he receives as a new employee. "I feel very comfortable here. I have nice colleagues, the average age is nicely mixed here and it is a varied job," says Fabio Masotano. "The fact that I can continue to do my further training as a mechanical engineer on the side is also super supported."



The death of the Purchasing Manager Stefan Tomann showed that over such a long period of a company's existence there are not only positive and joyful moments, such as the births of some of the children of colleagues or joyful events such as round birthdays or anniversaries and joint trips and other activities. He in particular had played a major role in the development and restructuring at Beinlich. He will always be remembered by the entire team, also because of his cordiality, helpfulness and collegial manner. Beinlich will continue the joint events he initiated, such as the visit to the musical Starlight Express and the Karl May Festival, and will always remember him fondly.