First New Year's Tour!!

Hello Everyone,

The Western Washington Section Council has secured a tour of the Number one rope manufacturing company IN THE WORLD!!!!! The company is Samson Rope and is located in Ferndale, Washington. The tour is happening on Thursday February 28th in the afternoon at 1:00PM. Below is a partial brief overview...

- In 1884 the company’s now-famous trademark depicting Samson slaying a lion was created
- 1878: J.P. Tolman, member of the first graduating class at MIT, founded the J.P. Tolman Company in Massachusetts.
- 1888: Samson Cordage Works is incorporated in Massachusetts; creates first braided rope with a reinforced core. Spot Cord® is still sold and used today!
- 1889: American Manufacturing Co. (AMCO) is founded.
- 1957: Samson develops the first synthetic double-braided rope -- a major innovation for the rope industry.

- 1957: Samson appeals to the modern housewife with an advertisement in Good Housekeeping.

- 1962: Since the Friendship Space program, Samson double-braided ropes have been used to retrieve all NASA space capsules launched to date.

- 1970: Samson installs new braider with a 21-inch circumference capacity specifically to produce ropes for the offshore oil and commercial marine industries.
bullet 1972: Samson Nystron double-braid rope becomes the first synthetic fiber rope used to moor an oil tanker to a loading Buoy in the North Sea.

- 1977: The first flight of NASA’s Space Shuttle uses lightweight, high-strength Samson ropes to operate the shuttle’s cargo bay doors.
- 1980: Samson continues to pioneer new technologies, introducing the first High Modulus Polyethylene (HMPE) ropes, with strengths 3 to 4 times that of conventional nylon and polyester fiber.
- 1981: Round Plait construction is introduced as RP-12, and the Tuck splice is developed with the help of tug crews using the rope in the Panama Canal.
- 1992: AMCO creates the Ultra Blue product line, 30% stronger than the equivalent polypropylene construction.
- 1996: Samson develops flagship brand AmSteel®-Blue leveraging benefits of 100% Dyneema® brand HMPE; it is still the most trusted synthetic rope brand on the market.
- 2001: The company returns to its roots and is renamed Samson Rope Technologies.
- 2003: A new proprietary fiber technology, DPX™, is developed (2003) and patented (2006), incorporating high-strength HMPE fiber with spun polyester to provide a higher coefficient of friction for better grip.
- 2008: M-8 is developed specifically for use with anchoring system to facilitate ROV connections at extreme depths. Its unique design prevents foreign particle ingress.

2018: Samson celebrates 140 years in business.

And we could go on for pages! However the best thing is to come to the tour. BUT...Reservations are required including your name, job title & email. My name is Peter Baker and can be reached at 206.395.3569 OR email me.

Thank you everyone!