National Pump Company Acquires American Turbine Pump

In December 2012 National Pump Company acquired American Turbine Pump (ATP). ATP manufactures energy-efficient vertical turbine and submersible pumps for the agricultural, municipal and industrial markets. Headquartered in Lubbock, Texas, there are two additional offices in Houston, Texas and Fresno, California.

In the late 1930’s American Turbine started out as a small, family owned business, with Nathan Fox at the helm. As a “wildcat” oil driller, Nathan enjoyed taking chances and exploring for oil in unknown regions of the West Texas Plains. He became a successful independent oil driller and passed his knowledge of well drilling onto his sons. By the late 1940’s the second generation of well drillers emerged with Nathan’s sons Doc and J.D. Fox, along with their brother-in-law Bob Bowron, drilling water wells under the name of Fox Brothers and Bowron Drilling Company. With their expertise in pump drilling, their knowledge of what was necessary to build high quality; energy-efficient pumps came to the forefront. In the mid 1970’s the third generation’s dream of becoming pump manufacturers was realized when Jim Fox, Troy Fox, Les Bowron, Frank Freeman, and Darrell Young created American Turbine Pump.

American Turbine Pump began manufacturing pumps primarily for the agricultural market, and as the demand for their pumps grew the company began manufacturing for the municipal and industrial markets. By the late 1970’s the company was growing so fast that they had outgrown their facility in Lubbock. In 1979 a new location in Houston was formed for engineering and sales and today it also serves as a distribution center for the international markets. In 1992 ATP opened the Fresno, California location which manages sales, service and distribution for California, the Pacific Northwest, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

Dave LaCombe has been named the General Manager of American Turbine Pump. Dave has been with ATP, Houston for 25 years in various management and administrative roles. He has a degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University and with his extensive experience will continue to move the company forward. He and his family will be relocating to Lubbock from Houston in the near future. We want to congratulate Dave on his new position and look forward to the contributions his experience will bring.

ATP is proud their pumps are performing well throughout the world.

From the early days of “wildcat” oil driller Nathan Fox to the present, ATP has always believed in top quality workmanship. We want to welcome the ATP team to National Pump Company and our common mission of ”Creating Quality Pump Systems and Satisfied Customers.”

Dave LaCombe, ATP’s General Manager
National Pump Company is becoming better known globally, and recently fourteen NPC pumps were installed in the City of Higuey in the Dominican Republic. The city did not have a water system for the 100,000 people who live and work in Higuey. The assigned contractor built two huge water storage tanks atop a hill and installed thousands of miles of pipeline to bring potable water to every home and business in Higuey.

Our International Sales Manager, Richard Bowie, traveled to Higuey at the end of October to do the initial start-up of the pumps. They were comprised of four 200HP NPC M14HC 3-stage raw water pumps installed at a river pump station eight kilometers from the water treatment plant. From the river pump station, the raw water is pumped to the treatment plant for chlorination and filtration. The treated water is pumped by four 400HP NPC H14XHC 4-stage high service pumps to the hilltop holding tanks three miles away. Meanwhile, two 75HP NPC H24LC single stage backwash pumps keep the filters clean in the water treatment plant. The start-up went well for all ten pumps and they are all on-line.

When power reaches the potable water supply wells for the two 50HP and two 100HP deep well pumps, a second start-up will begin. These pumps will pump groundwater directly into the hilltop tanks.

This project was proudly quoted and processed by our Zolfo Springs, Florida branch.

Everglades Restoration Project (Zolfo Springs, FL)

Roughly 50 years ago, a portion of the Florida Everglades was graded and drained for urban development. Soon potential homebuyers realized it wasn't the best place to live and the development sat idle. Sadly, the landscape and eco system of this portion of the Florida Everglades had already been altered.

Steps are underway to re-establish this eco system. The State of Florida and the Army Corps of Engineers are completing a plan that will re-flood 55,000 acres of the Everglades and return it to its natural state. It will also aid in flood control and expand habitation for the endangered Florida Panther.

In 2009 National Pump was contacted about cooling water pumps for this massive pump station. K8LC and M6HC pumps were installed to provide cooling water for the engine driven pumps and provide flexibility for recirculating water at the pump station. The pump station is expected to be completed this year.
Mississippi Hosts Open House and Pump Training
(Olive Branch, MS)

Our Mississippi Branch celebrated the completion of the plant expansion with an Open House on October 12th. Over one hundred people joined in the celebration which included a product training class, facility tour, test pit demonstration, door prizes, and a bar-b-q lunch. Steve Anglin, Mississippi Branch Manager stated, “It was very rewarding to have such an excellent turnout of customers and suppliers, in celebrating our branch expansion and we want to thank everyone who helped make this a terrific day.”

Prior to the Open House, Mississippi hosted a Pump Panel Training for NPC employees from our branch locations. Pictured above are NPC managers and representatives in sales, operations and customer service who took part in the training.

Fountain Powered by NPC Pumps (Glendale, AZ)

Tucked away in the McDowell Mountains, east of Scottsdale, lies the small town of Fountain Hills, Arizona. Located in the center of a medium sized man-made lake in the aptly named town, is one of the highest fountains in the world. At its full height of 560 feet, it reaches three times as high as the Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone Park, and higher than the Washington Monument. The fountain sprays water at the top of every hour for fifteen minutes and is powered by three 600 HP vertical turbine pumps, which force over 7,000 GPM through a specially designed 18” nozzle, engineered by Switzerland’s Institute of Hydraulic Research. The pumps are NPC’s H14MC-9 stage, product lubricated assemblies. They were installed by Precision Electric of Phoenix, AZ.

Simplex Pump Panel Brochure Now Available

National Pump is proud to introduce our new Simplex Pump Panels. The pump panels are designed for a single pump installation and suitable for use with industrial, municipal and agricultural pump applications. Our new Simplex Pump Panel brochure is available online at http://www.nationalpumpcompany.com/pdf/PumpPanelBrochure_1012.pdf. To request a copy, please email your request to: info@natlpump.com. Please put in the subject line Simplex Pump Panels. Include your name, company name, address and phone number.
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