

## Greg Kaul & Company 1987 Butte Note

I'm Greg Kaul and my last position before retirement was Sr. HSSE Operations Specialist / HSSE Initiatives Advisor. At the time of this writing, I was the Maintenance foreman on the Butte System from 1983 to 1988 stationed in Baker, Montana.

One of my fondest memories came on August 13, 2008, I was called by Doug Havens, one of my former lead men. He was so excited I had to get him to stop and take a breath to compose himself and tell me about all the excitement.

When Doug worked with me on the Butte Pipeline System in Montana and Wyoming some 21 years earlier we did a job out on the main line that required us to dig up the pipeline in the middle of nowhere and see what the issue was with the Cathodic protection and test lead connections. A 4" steel post approximately 8 feet to the north of the test lead had a higher potential than the test lead. So we dug it up to find a buried 2" valve inside of a protective barrier and the 4" steel post was the marker. This was not on the pipeline alignment sheets from original construction.

So to mark the occasion, we emptied out salsa jar wrapped it in duct tape and buried a time capsule. At the time, we would have never thought this system would be sold to another company and someone other than a Shell employee would find it.

To my astonishment that day came and became one of the biggest talking points with the new company.

I have attached a copy of the original document that was buried in the salsa jar, not sure who got the money but it has all the names of the pipe liners who participated in the dig

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This Note and Quarter were buried on the Butte Pipe Line System on SEPT. 10-1987 between Ekolaka and Alzada at Mile Pole 230.8 during a line repair by Greg Kaul, Doug Havens, Gene Bremmer, David Moyer and Dennis Peterson in a jar wrapped with pipe coating. On AUG. 13-2008 the valve was dug up to be enclosed in a piece of pipe for corrosion and safety reasons. Jim Thoet with Belle Fourche Pipe Line and a crew from Northwinds Oilfield found the note and returned to me.  
Thanks, Jim Doug Havens - Butte Pipe Line

We dug this Valve out to re-coat  
on 9-10-87 for Butte Pipe  
Line Co.

Greg Kaul MTL Baker, Mt.

Age 34

Douglas Havens MTL Baker

Age 34

Gene Bremmer ? Owner Operator

~~Alzada, Mt. - Age 60~~

David Moyer Midland, Tex. Con.

Age 37

Dennis Peterson Belle Fourche age 44

If you find this and the Quarter  
is worth some money lets share  
over a cup of coffee...