

Patti Personnel Spotlight – Joe Palace

Joe Palace, one of our very talented senior engineers, is our spotlight this month. Joe has been with Patti Engineering just under two years and has already become a valuable member of our team. In addition to recognizing Joe for his work contributions, we congratulate Joe on celebrating his 50th birthday this month in style. Joe and his wife, Janet, booked a long weekend trip to Monterrey, California where they scored a tee time at Pebble Beach! Joe has recreationally played golf since he was 11 years old and as he explained, “I figured why not, it’s on my bucket list and you only turn 50 once!” Be sure to check out the Pebble Beach Pictures below and Joe’s results – impressive!



Just like golf, Joe brings dedication and passion to his work. He has the expertise to tackle a wide range of challenging automation projects and efficiently engineer successful solutions. He has taken the lead and support roles on many projects where he was responsible for a multitude of tasks, including hardware design, PLC programming, HMI modifications, developing new MES Systems, programming and commissioning vision stations, and commissioning new Fanuc Robotics Paint Systems.

Joe has an extensive knowledge of a wide range automation brands and products including robotic systems. His expertise in the products of Patti Engineering partner companies, including Siemens, Mitsubishi, and Indusoft, has been an important asset for our client base. “Joe’s exceptional wealth of experience, before joining Patti Engineering, has proven invaluable to becoming a key member of our engineering team,” commented Sam Hoff, president of Patti Engineering.

Prior to joining Patti Engineering, Joe worked as a senior controls engineer in automotive and general industry automation for several companies. In addition, Joe spent 13 years at Fanuc Robotics as a senior engineer working in the Paint Shop Automation Group (sealer and paint applications) and Automated Systems Group (machine tending applications). Before Fanuc, Joe worked for ABB, Graco, and Lansing Board of Water & Light.



A Michigan native, Joe grew up in Trenton, just 20 miles south of Detroit, and currently resides in New Baltimore, Michigan with his wife, Janet. Outside of work, Joe loves sports, being in the outdoors, working out, and going on “cool vacations”. From the early age of 7 through college, Joe was on the ice playing hockey on travel teams around the Detroit area 9 months out of the year. Now that “he’s old”, he enjoys following the Detroit Red Wings and, hopefully, catching a game or two a year.

This past year Joe and his wife celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with a trip to Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii. According to Joe, the trip was an adventure. They went whale watching, zip lining, snorkeling, swimming with dolphins, touring an active volcano in a helicopter (without any doors on it!), and played golf at the Plantation Course in Kapalua. What an awesome trip!



Cheers to you Joe, to your 50th birthday, your passion for adventure, and your contribution to our team!

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Joe shared his perspective on being part of the Patti Engineering team:

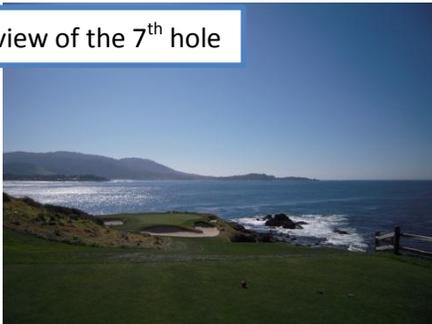
"I have to say my experience, so far, working at Patti Engineering has been very positive. The one thing that I really enjoy about working here is the flexibility and the comfortable working atmosphere. It's nice to have the opportunity be able to work at home, or at the office where it's quiet (most of the time) and where resources are accessible at your fingertips. I work with a very talented and knowledgeable group of people. Everyone here is always willing to share ideas about previous experiences, and even, go out of the way to help a fellow colleague if the need arises. Working here has given me the opportunity to wear multiple hats, not only as an engineer, but as a project manager and salesman. I find this most gratifying and challenging at times. I've learned to expect the unexpected. I'm committed to Patti Engineering's further success as a controls integrator and solution partner."

Joe and Janet at the 7th hole



Joe and Janet had a fantastic day celebrating Joe's 50th at Pebble Beach. They had beautiful weather. Joe shot a 90 and was actually just 2 over after 8 holes! Then the beauty of the course and its surroundings must have distracted him, and he put his drive in the ocean on the 9th hole! Still a great score Joe – Congratulations!!!

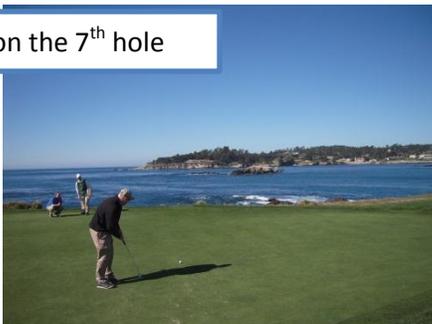
Another view of the 7th hole



View of the 9th hole



Putting on the 7th hole



Chipping on the 16th hole



Joe in sand trap on 9th hole



Nice form! Tee Shot on 18th

