

# NUITS AND BOLTS

A NEWS UPDATE FROM LEDWELL

Spring 2014

## NEW EQUIPMENT VIDEOS



Ledwell Company Overview



Ledwell Rental Sales



Ledwell Feed Equipment Sales



Ledwell Feed Haul Safety



Ledwell Vacuum Reclaimer



Ledwell Portable Loading Ramps

We are excited to announce that our Ledwell Operational videos and Company Overview have a brand new spin on them. We teamed up with the talented folks at Fairfield Studios out of Shreveport, Louisiana, to update our video library.

You can find all videos at [www.ledwell.com/site/safety](http://www.ledwell.com/site/safety)

See if your piece of equipment starred in one of the new films!

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# FROM THE SHOP

## Paint Department

The last stop before inspection for all Ledwell equipment is the Paint Shop. The 22 employees under Foreman Russell Bragg's leadership have careers at Ledwell ranging from 2-18 years. It is their experience and expertise, combined with their hard work, which make our Paint Team such a valuable part of Ledwell.

"We are capable of taking on big jobs with limited time and able to get them done. One project that comes to mind is when a customer needed 15 tractors, 5 water tanks and 10 dump bodies all custom painted. It usually takes us about 2 days to paint one tractor or body (it takes most shops about one week to do the same job), and we got all 15 tractors and 15 bodies done in 15 days!"



Russell, here inspecting an interior paint job, has worked in the Paint Shop since he started at Ledwell 24 years ago and has been the Foreman since 2000.

## a GLANCE into our PAINT process

**WASH** everything off



**BLAST**

for a smooth surface



We currently keep 30 different colors of Urethane paint and 3 different tank liner coatings (Polibrid 705, EXTL 855, EXTL 960) in stock. For tractors and chassis, the DuPont paint we use gives us the ability to mix a wide variety of colors. For our trailers and bodies, Excalibur High Performance Coating Paint is used.

# FROM THE SHOP

## Paint Department



**COVER** everything that isn't getting painted

**suit up and**



**present the CUSTOMER**  
**with the best looking**  
**EQUIPMENT**

**“We have an awesome paint crew that is capable of meeting customers’ demands and production schedule.” - Russell Bragg**

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Boots Thomas

Boots Thomas started in November of 1975 as employee #151 after the company he was working for was bought by Ledwell. He started in the Machine Shop making \$3 per hour, which was a raise for him. At that time, Ledwell had around seventy five people and was getting a good start at building feed bodies.

"I've been at Ledwell long enough now to remember back when we did not have all the tools, facilities and talent we have today and we did everything "the hard way". We were building everything by hand, one piece at a time, designing as we went. I remember all the unbelievable, challenging, impossible and beautiful work we did mostly because Mr. Ledwell said we could. He was like a force of nature and we all loved him for it. I remember a hundred late nights working to finish a job for a customer while they waited... all of us would be gathered around the trailer working and Mr. Ledwell would be right there with us, pushing us on, telling stories and enjoying himself. Many times customers drove away with new trailers and the paint was still wet, but we always got it done and still do."



Boots worked as the lead man in the Machine Shop up until 1980 when he was promoted to Foreman. In early 2013, after 37 years in the Machine Shop, he moved to his current position in Warranty and Customer Service. Boots is involved with helping to resolve warranty claims and service related questions and instructions. He also handles inside sales of new and used equipment and repairs.

After 38 years with Ledwell, Boots is most proud of his years and work in the Machine Shop. "When I came to Ledwell I got the chance to participate in the growth of this company in a significant way. If you're willing to take responsibility and get the job done, you'll be given the opportunity to share in the work and the reward."

Boots has been married to his wife, Rose, for 42 years. They have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. He volunteers at his local Church, School, Board of Adjustments and Arkansas City Planning Commission. Being a machinist and mechanic by trade, he also enjoys building and restoring boats and cars, and is always working on at least one project. Boots and his wife love fishing at the lake and riding in their MG classic sports car.



# THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

## Folds of Honor

The Folds of Honor Foundation is a great organization that Ledwell proudly supports. As they state on their website:

The Folds of Honor Foundation is rallying a nation to ensure no family is left behind in the fight to preserve American freedom. Through scholarships and other assistance, we give back to the spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service to our country. We provide healing, hope and an opportunity for dreams to be realized...with the support of people like you. We feel this is our duty as citizens of the greatest country in the world.

The United States flag is our nation's most beloved symbol of freedom. When it flies, we are reminded of our American freedom. When lowered and folded, it becomes a solemn tribute to our servicemen and women and the allegiance, valor and pride with which they have fought for generations. During the flag-folding ritual, each fold offers honor and remembrance for America's greatest individuals, values and beliefs.



The greatest measure of respect that we can bestow upon a fallen hero is to step up, step in and support that soldier's family – to open our hearts, extend our embrace and lend a generous hand, providing for others in a selfless manner that would make any patriot proud. Visit [www.foldsofhonor.org](http://www.foldsofhonor.org) for more information or to make a donation.

**"We are extremely humbled from the support of Ledwell. Through your help, we will continue our mission to leave no family behind on the field of battle. We look forward to working with you for years to come."**

LCDR Thomas Tansil, USNR - Folds of Honor Executive Director



# FEATURED PRODUCT

## Hydratail Trailer

The Ledwell Hydratail Trailer is the original in Hydratail applications. A reliable workhorse for all types of equipment hauling needs, the Hydratail uses Ledwell manufactured hydraulics for tail operation and excellent craftsmanship for a durable, quality trailer. The added features that come standard on a Ledwell Hydratail are what separates it from the competition. The HydraTail Series adds ease to loading the toughest of equipment. Trailers are available in a tandem axle 35-ton load capacity or tri axle 50-ton load capacity configuration.



## FEATURES



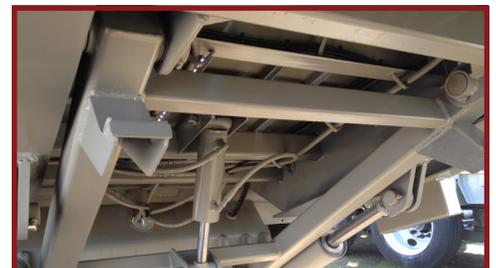
### Tie Down Options

We offer "D" rings, chain slots, and/or stake pockets for your tie down needs.



### Chain Box

We build a chain box with square tubing ratchet/binder holders on each side of the winch. (optional lid)



### Tail Support

Reinforced tubing H-lock design for unmatched tail support.



### Cross-Members

The cross-members under the front deck are coped out for support members so the deck won't warp when a load is secured to it.



### Traction

We apply a non-skid compound to all of the outer edges of our trailers for added traction.



### Beam Construction

The Hydratail comes in exterior or interior beam construction and can be built to your exact specifications.

# PRODUCTS YOU COULD USE

## Highlights From Our Inventory



**2015 F-650 Ford (Gas)**



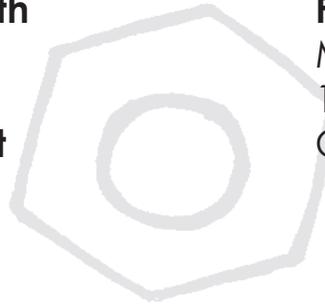
**2015 F-750 Ford (Diesel)**

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INVENTORY**

**Ford**  
F-550  
F-650  
F-750

**International**  
IHC 4300

**Kenworth**  
T470  
  
**Peterbilt**  
348



**Freightliner**  
M2106  
114SD  
CA125DC

**USED INVENTORY**



2012 Peterbilt 348 + Ledwell 16yd Box Dump



2007 International 4400 + NEW Ledwell 4000WT



1998 Ledwell Drag Chain Feed Trailer



2001 Used Hyratal Trailer



3300 Waco Street  
Texarkana, Texas 75501

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### **The Pumper Show**

February 24 - 27

Indianapolis, IN

Contact Al Klaser to set up a meeting  
228-238-5587 or [aklaser@ledwell.com](mailto:aklaser@ledwell.com)

### **CONEXPO**

March 4 - 9

Las Vegas, NV

Booth #61409