NARCO (North American Rebuild Company Inc.) was formed in 1988 by brothers Tim Grimmett, President and CEO and Mark Grimmett, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. A few years later, two other key personnel, Andy and Mike Simpson, a two-brother tag-team joined the company. NARCO’s main goal is to add value to mining operations.

The Company decided to focus on shuttle cars and carve out a niche for itself in the market. Shuttle cars had high rate of wear and the industry was having trouble with them, so NARCO improved the shuttle car and developed its own designs. Basically every continuous miner needs three shuttle cars and a shuttle car has a certain life span and then has to be replaced.

NARCO does repairs for some companies but 90% of it is manufacturing capacity is new machinery with a six-month warranty. NARCO originally designed the AA Car in the ‘90s calling it a NARCO Special. Then people copied it and called it an AA but NARCO did the original design. Cool reel adaptors were added to displace heat from the cable reel. Heavier axles along with axle braces that keep the wheel units stationary were among other many developments by the company.

Everything is done in-house with the exception of the motor work and shuttle car mainframes, which are jobbed out. There is 60,000 sq. ft. in the shop comprising fab shop, assembly shop, electric shop, unit rebuild shop, and well-equipped machine shop. There is a fully-stocked warehouse for shipping and receiving. Also NARCO has a hydraulic shop and an engineering department for drafting, and the manufacture of parts manuals which are laminated and in 3-D.

NARCO is well-positioned for the future of the coal industry and see the stability of the industry returning. Southern West Virginia has some of the best met coal in the world, and there will be a huge demand for it due to the U.S. rebuilding its infrastructure and plus increased exports. NARCO supplies to all coal producing states in the U.S. as well as British Columbia, Canada. It is aggressive in the Australian market and is working in South Africa and India. NARCO is in it for the long-term!

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