

Batteries Plus Bulbs Brings Brightness to Humble

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If you need a battery or light bulb, chances are Stan and Chris Shook have it in their new Humble store, Batteries Plus Bulbs. The store has access to nearly 60,000 batteries, light bulbs, and related accessories. They have 1,200 different types of batteries in stock for just about anything, including cars, motorcycles, boats, watches, auto key fobs, lawn tractors and mowers, laptops, phones, ATVs, security systems, golf carts, kids' riding toys, remote control cars, and scooters. The shop also sells several types of battery chargers.

"We sell a lot of cell phone batteries and we have a huge selection of watch batteries. We have at least fifty different types of cell phone batteries," said Stan.

As far as light bulbs, the shop offers a myriad of different bulbs, including regular LED bulbs, miniature bulbs, decorative bulbs, appliance bulbs, recessed lighting bulbs, car and truck bulbs and outdoor bulbs.

"People sometimes come in with old or random, odd bulbs. We have a great website that lets us find the bulb or an equivalent bulb that will work. It's always great when our customers bring in whatever you are trying to replace: battery or bulb," said Chris.

Chris was quick to point out that the store also does a robust business in cell phone, tablet and iPad repairs and said, "We can repair cracked screens; replace batteries; and fix buttons, built-in cameras, charge ports, speakers, headphone jacks, and more. A customer can bring in a flip phone that is 10 years old and we can replace the battery. We provide a six-month warranty on all of our repairs."

The Shooks offer a lifetime battery replacement for a watch or automobile key fob for \$15.99. If a customer doesn't want the lifetime warranty, the battery replacement is \$8.99, and the shop also runs periodic coupons, bringing the cost even lower to around \$5. Some batteries are difficult to replace. In that case, the shop can build a battery pack.

"We do battery packs for tools quite a bit. We can open it up and take out the old battery and put in a new one, connect it and charge it up," said Stan.

With respect to car battery replacement, the shop staff will replace the battery in a customer's car if it's readily accessible. Stan added that the shop has a hand-held automobile diagnostic

device that they can hook up to a customer's car to verify that the battery is the problem.

The Shooks' new shop has only been open a few months, but was long in the planning.

"We've always wanted to have our own business and we were building a new home in Katy and needed bulbs for it and had trouble locating what we needed. We finally found the Batteries Plus Bulbs website and happened to click on the franchise opportunities button and here we are," said Stan.

Prior to becoming a battery and light bulb aficionado, Stan spent 38 years working in the oil and gas industry, focusing mainly on environmental compliance and safety. He spent 27 years with Cabot Oil and Gas and another 10 years with Enbridge Pipeline. His first assignment with Cabot took him from his hometown in Oklahoma to Kermit, Texas, where he met his future bride Chris.

Chris grew up in Kermit and spent time working in retail and banking before the pair married and had three children, two girls and a boy. The oil and gas industry moved the family to various cities over the years, including Levelland, Canyon, Monahans, Pittsburgh, Denver and finally to Houston.

"It was great living in Pittsburgh; it was a little adjustment for this West Texas girl, but we loved it," said Chris. The pair have been married 34 years and now have four grandchildren.

"We really love working together, though the real test of our marriage is not being in business together, but rather

driving here together from Katy every day," joked Stan.

The business has kept them busy since the doors opened.

"We really hit the ground running at the store. We have been very busy and we are so thankful and grateful to this community. We really enjoy all of our customers. People have come in and welcomed us so warmly," said Chris.

Looking forward, Stan plans to build their commercial business, which offers excellent value to customers.

Batteries Plus Bulbs is located at 9477 FM 1960 Bypass Rd. West (just past the Deerbrook Mall heading west) and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the Shooks' business, visit batteriesplus.com or call 832-995-2500.



OWNERS:

Chris and Stan Shook

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"Always put the customer first, even when it means putting the business second, because in the long run, if our customers are not taken care of, our business is not successful."