



March 2014 & Beyond

So I finally have a break from snow shoveling and roof raking and decided to try and write a newsletter. My apologies for taking so long to do so, but “Old Man Winter” refuses to make way for spring.

First I want to take a moment on the chapter’s behalf to wish our departing newsletter editor and Director Valerie Armstrong the best of luck in her new career. Valerie has served our chapter for a number of years and has done a great job of editing the newsletter and helping prepare the meeting notices and advertisements, I know you all join me in wishing her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Also if there are any spellings or grammatical errors, they are not my fault as Valerie would usually catch and correct them, which made me look good.

Secondly, if you haven’t seen the February issue of Modern Casting, take a few minutes to open it up and read the article about our chapter’s corporate member Palmer Foundry. Palmer Foundry led by Bob Logan has been introducing programs that monitor their cooling and heating, schedules pouring, tracks bath temperature, measures current to their electric furnaces and helps identify areas of potential capacity and growth. The team at Palmer is doing a great job at using the newest technology to operate more efficiently and intelligently, This is the way to stay competitive and bring back work from offshore.

Kudos to Bob Logan and his team at Palmer Foundry.



Finally, I have been able to schedule a tour of the CT Air & Space Center in Stratford, CT. The CT museum is dedicated to the restoration of the many aircraft that have been made in CT and served our country during wars and times of need. It is both a museum and working restoration center, they actually have a complete replica of the Gustav Whitehead airplane which was flown 2 years prior to the Wright Brothers flight at Kitty Hawk, they are also in the process of restoring an FG1-D Corsair the first military propeller driven plane to fly over 400MPH and the plane that gave the US and her allies air superiority in the Pacific during WWII. The site is the former Chance Vought factory and produced most of the Corsairs (over 9000 with one coming off the line every 86 minutes at peak production) that fought in WWII. In addition there are a number of other completed helicopters and fixed wing aircraft to view.



Gustav Whitehead's 1st manned flying machine, 2 years before Wright brothers.

Since it is a Federal Superfund site due to chemicals used in the past all attendees will be required to watch a safety video and sign a waiver prior to enjoying the museum. **Also no one under 18 years of age is allowed on the premises so please make certain you don't drive down with your children as they won't be allowed on the site.**

The date and time for this event is March 11, 2014 5:30 P.M. and we will meet in the parking lot across the street from the main entrance at 550 Main St. Stratford, CT, there will be no dinner at this meeting but afterwards I recommend that people go to Stanziale's next door to the parking lot for pizza or dinner and possibly a cold adult beverage.

Anyone planning on attending will need to contact me so I have an accurate headcount for the museum. Also the museum is a non-profit center, they earn their money through donations, grants and souvenir sales so please spend a few minutes at the guest shop and buy a tee shirt or hat to help support this organization.

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I am working on potential meetings for April and May and hope to solidify these events shortly and include them in another newsletter. Also Mark Johnson will be chairing the

annual golf outing and steak dinner again, and it has been scheduled for June 6th, details to follow

As a reminder, we have a New England Chapter page on LinkedIn and a Facebook page, both of which are being used to announce upcoming events. If you aren't able to connect on either, please let me know and we'll get you set up.

As always we encourage your suggestions for meeting topics. The chapter remains strong only through the efforts of our members. Anyone interested in joining the board, please e-mail me at emarczyszak@burndy.com. We welcome your interest and participation.

Thanks for your continued support,
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