



Happy Holidays to all.



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Greetings Everyone,

Hopefully everyone is recovered from their Thanksgiving holidays, and can take a short breather before we begin celebrating the next holidays. I just thought I would take a few minutes of your time to reflect and reminisce about this past year in our chapter's life.

After a long and never ending winter, we started the year with the rollout of our new website. I've gotten a number of compliments from visitors to our website and hopefully you all have visited and enjoyed the format.

This past year we had a total of 6 events so far not including the upcoming holiday party, chapter meetings were held in RI, and both Eastern and Central Massachusetts giving everyone an opportunity to attend without travelling too far.

In April we met in Sturbridge, MA for a presentation from SolarAsap on the benefits and programs available to businesses and individuals for solar energy. There are many programs in all the New England states that can help subsidize or even eliminate the cost of an installation of solar energy for your site. Could be worth looking into if you have the right location and exposure to the sun.

May saw the chapter travelling to Warwick, RI for a meeting at the Iron Works Tavern, site of a former Iron foundry, Stephanie Salmon who is the AFS lobbyist met with the group and spoke about upcoming legislation and her lobbying efforts. I challenged the Ocean Staters and they showed up in force, great job RI.

June we were in Charlton, MA for the annual golf outing, once again Mark Johnson and Brian White of DW Clark did a great job of putting the event together, this time they even eliminated the rain. Kudos to these guys for putting it together, this takes a lot of time and effort and we really appreciate their doing it for the chapter.

In August Board Member Drew Weaver travelled to Chicago to participate in the annual Chapter Officers Conference put on by the National Organization, he came back with suggestions and compliments for our chapter. Thanks for taking this on Drew, we appreciate it.

September saw the Chapter meeting in Sturbridge for a presentation by the local OSHA Compliance Manager; the members were presented with information regarding the top 10 cited complaints and upcoming rule changes. Again a well attended event, although a little short on Bay Staters for an event in their own backyard. Good thing CT, RI and NH picked up the slack. 😊

October the long awaited tour and presentation at the refurbished foundry at MIT in Cambridge MA finally happened, I had been chasing this event for over 2 years but we made it happen. Excellent presentations from the students and staff at MIT along with finally meeting longtime chapter member and Professor Emeritus Merton Flemings it was both informative and an exciting evening to see the interest and accomplishments of the next generation.

Just a few weeks ago we had our November meeting in Woburn MA at the Viridis3D facility and we were treated to a presentation and demonstration of the 3D Sand printer they have available, this was probably the best attended meeting of the year and we had members from CT, RI, MA and NH along with a couple of guests from NJ and Ohio. A tip of the hat to our new corporate members, Viridis3D did an excellent job of hosting the event and answering everyone's questions. I have seen the future and it still involves castings, but the world is moving at an extremely fast pace, we need to embrace the new technology and make it ours. Thanks again to the team at Viridis3D



Stop the presses, only 11 spots left for the holiday feast at The Salem Cross Inn, call and book now if you intend to attend. (see attached brochure)

Our last event of the year is the Holiday Feast, it will be taking place on Friday December 11, 2015 at The Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield, MA.

The cost is \$59.00 per person and the venue suggests we arrive at 6:30 for cocktails and sleigh rides with the meal beginning at 8:00 p.m., when calling ask for Bobbie and please tell them you are with the AFS Party, or the Karl Nye Party so there is no confusion. This is filling up fast, so don't get left behind. Thank you Karl for putting this together.

Whew! After all of that I'm tired and can use the rest, we will not schedule any meetings again until April, but I am considering the possibility of a webinar presentation or two during the winter months.



I will discuss with the Board members and if we do plan a webinar I would strongly encourage your attendance as the topics may result in saving you some money from either governmental agencies or reduced production costs.

On behalf of the Officers and Board Members of the New England Chapter of the AFS, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. I look forward to meeting you all at a future meeting, but that can only happen if you attend. Please send me any ideas or suggestions as it is your chapter and your dime.



Happy New Year, hope to see you all next year.

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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.

Thanks for your continued support,
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