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## **October 2015 & Beyond**

The leaves have started to change colors and fall, soon all of New England will be a montage of colors. This can be one of the prettiest seasons but fall can also change at a moment's notice from a beautiful comfortable day to a raw, harsh and almost evil season. As I write this the news is shouting warnings regarding a potential visitor named Joaquin, tips on what to do and how to prepare are being presented in case we are struck by this storm. Those members who have attended the presentation on Business Continuity a couple of years ago will agree that there are a number of things that you should do to be prepared for a stoppage due to a Natural Disaster.

The U.S. Small Business Administration states that 25% of the businesses damaged by a natural disaster do not return after the disaster. The website for the Small Business Administration has links with plans for Emergency Preparedness available to use or copy, they are located at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

Do yourself a favor and visit this website, it has some good tips for keeping your business running during natural disasters.

Our chapter held a meeting on September 16 at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA and our speaker was Dale Varney of OSHA, it was a good meeting and well attended, but the funny thing was most of the attendees were from RI, NH and CT only a couple of attendees from the Bay State. That was rather surprising to me as I thought the topic was one that would bring in more attendees and with the number of potential attendees from Massachusetts it was a bit disappointing. My guess is either the topic, location, or the date just didn't work for everyone. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions to improve attendance please share them with me as I want to make certain all our members get a chance to be involved.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday October 14, 2015**

Looks like my efforts to get us a tour of the newly rebuilt foundry at MIT has delivered. We are scheduling a tour to take place on Wednesday October 14, 2015, the tour will begin at 5:00 P.M.

The foundry is located in building 4 room 006, at the MIT campus.

The address is 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA

I will need a firm headcount in order to obtain parking passes for the attendees, so anyone who plans on attending will need to RSVP to me at [emarczyszak@burndy.com](mailto:emarczyszak@burndy.com) or 203 792-1115 X2030.

Again if I can drive 3 hours each way to attend this event then I would expect a good turnout of local members.

Hope to see you there.

Also we will once again have a Holiday Party, if anyone has suggestions on locations or events please let us know.

I can be contacted at [emarczyszak@burndy.com](mailto:emarczyszak@burndy.com)

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](mailto:emarczyszak@burndy.com). We welcome your interest and participation.

Hope to see you all at a future chapter event.

Thanks for your continued support,  
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