

May 2012 & Beyond

We are almost done with the first half of 2012 and it's been an exciting year thus far. In addition to our successful Chapter Sponsored CMI course in RI, we also had a Chapter meeting in Nashua, NH.

Jim Bernard, a former NE-AFS Chapter Chairman and President of Bronze Craft, opened his facility to the chapter for a tour and presentation on, "Smart Window Hardware: How Castings Can Help Reduce Energy Usage". Jim and James Lajeunesse (Vice President) spoke together to about 22 attendees. All of us found the tour and presentation to be informative and entertaining! Our sincerest appreciation goes out to the Bronzecraft team for taking the time out of their busy schedule to show us their facility. Unfortunately the meeting was well attended by everyone except the Granite Staters. The purpose of moving the meeting around was to give the members of the various states a chance to attend without having to travel long distances. We had attendees from CT, MA, and RI, but the only NH attendees were the sponsoring facility. If you don't attend you can't complain.

Speaking of excitement, once again Mark Johnson has agreed to chair the annual golf outing and, along with the assistance of Tom Perkins, will be putting together another great affair. It will take place on June 8th, at the Heritage Country Club in Charlton MA. Cost is \$80 for the golf and steak roast or \$25 for just the steak roast. Details are available on our website so sign up and let's have a great time.

We are in the process of scheduling speakers for our September and October meetings with tentative topics being "Employment Law, What's in the future?" and "How to conduct an effective accident investigation." As soon as we firm these up we will send out the details.

As always we encourage your suggestions for meeting topics as 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.

Don't forget to visit our website, <u>www.newenglandafs.com</u> for the golf outing applications.

Also we are on facebook, New England Chapter AFS, so take a look and sign in.

Thanks for your continued support, Ed Marczyszak Chairman