

April 2013 & Beyond

By the time you read this newsletter we will be entering April, I am looking forward to the Cast Expo taking place in St. Louis and I will be there on Saturday April 6th and Sunday April 7th. It looks like it should be a great show and will have a number of excellent presentations to attend. I hope to see some of you there as this is the premier event of our organization.

Hopefully we have seen the end of all the snow and can start enjoying some pleasant weather. This winter has been tough on all of us in New England and quite frankly has stymied our efforts to hold meetings. Now that it is behind us, (knock on wood) let's start getting together again and renewing friendships, business relationships, and enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow foundrymen. After all what better way to spend an evening can there be besides a AFS Chapter meeting.

Our chapter is sponsoring the CMI course, "Analysis of Casting Defects" on April 25 and 26 at the Crowne Plaza- Danbury in Danbury, CT. I have spoken with the instructors and they have agreed to do a presentation for an evening meeting on Thursday April 25th. I will be finalizing the details shortly but the meeting will include dinner and start at 5:00 P.M. Once I have all the details we will post it on our website.

We have also secured a speaker for a May meeting on Monday, May 20th at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. The speaker will be Phil Roland of Aquest Corp. and his topic will be "Combustible Dust" which is an emphasis program for OSHA. The meeting will start at 5:00 P.M. and there will be a dinner, \$30.00 for members and \$40 for non-members. Please let us know if you plan on attending as we need an accurate head count for the restaurant.

I'm happy to announce that Mark Johnson has agreed to chair the chapter's annual golf outing again which will take place on June 7, 2013. This event is always a great time! If you can't make the golf outing please do join us for the steak dinner. Further details to follow.

Finally in September we will be returning to the Ocean State. Our plans are to have a meeting in Providence at the Iron Guild. As we get closer to the date we will firm up the plans and generate a good turnout.

As always we encourage your suggestions for meeting topics as the chapter only remains strong 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, Ed Marczyszak Chairman