



November 2014 & Beyond

The Chapter held its October meeting on Wednesday October 15th at the Transmission and Operations Center of Northeast Utilities at Berlin CT.

In addition to AFS Chapter members, we invited members of the New Haven Manufacturer's Association and a few of them took us up on the invitation and also attended.

The evening began with a tour of the facility and an explanation of how they manage outages and high demand periods along with an explanation of how the power grid actually works.

This was followed by a presentation on "Disaster Planning and Recovery" by Dr. Ed Goldberg the Manager of Disaster Recovery and Threat Assessment for Northeast Utilities. Dr. Goldberg presented on methods to reduce your risk and recover from a disaster. In addition, Dr. Goldberg engaged the group by creating a couple of work groups and then challenging us with some real life disaster scenarios giving us a few minutes to work out solutions or waive the white flag. He did a great job and gave everyone some good information and cause to think. His presentation is available on our face book page in case you wish to review or download it, due to its size it may be a difficult download, if so send me an e-mail and I'll try and e-mail it to you via leapfile or maybe Dropbox.

Our next events are listed below:

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014 5:00 P.M.

The Publick House, Sturbridge, MA

Rebecca Ward, Application Engineer and Tim Stout Director: NDT Sales and Business Development for The Modal Shop will present on The Modal Shop's non-destructive resonant inspection systems which incorporate enabling technology for quality

assurance and monitoring in high throughput manufacturing operations. These include powder metals, stampings, castings, ceramics and composites across multiple industries such as automotive, aerospace, military, firearms, industrial, medical and consumer goods. The Modal Shop is part of the PCB Group of companies that specialize in Piezoelectric, ICP®, piezoresistive, acoustic, force, shock and vibration sensors and complementary technologies and accessories.

With no part preparation required, this technique can objectively identify resonant frequency shifts caused by internal and external flaws such as nodularity, porosity, cracks, voids, material density, and missed secondary operations, eliminating errors that come from human interpretation. The entire process can be achieved as fast as one part per second, allowing for efficient quality control testing of all parts that come off of your production line.

They have presented at a number of AFS chapters and all were pleased and expressed their satisfaction with the presentations. The presentation will be followed by dinner and the cost and further details will be available as we near the date.

Cost of the dinner will be \$35.00



Breaking News!

We have been able to schedule a December Dinner/Theatre event for Friday 12/05/2014 at 8 P.M. at the Bravo Restaurant in Providence, RI. **The cost is \$49.95 each and includes dinner and show, tax and tip and include valet parking,** and the play is “A Deadly Christmas Carol”

We have a tentative reservation for 25 people, if you wish to attend please contact John at (401)465-0820 and make your reservation, tell them that you are with the AFS Party or with Karl Nye when booking, you will need to give them your credit card information when booking.

This sounds like a fun event and I urge everyone to book early as it will sell out.

If you interested in learning more before booking then please check out their link:

<http://www.murderonus.com/showsdatesmenu.html>

Finally, plans are under way to hold a joint meeting and tour of the Burndy Foundry in Bethel, CT., this will be a joint meeting with the ASM and will start with a tour of the plant at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 9th and then lunch offsite afterwards. If you plan on attending the tour, please wear your steel toe shoes if you have them as we have a limited supply of temporary steel toes. Again the date will be Tuesday, December 9th, the luncheon will take place at a local restaurant Parma 41 Grassy Plain Street Bethel, CT and the cost is \$25.00. We will need an accurate head count for the restaurant and the tour.

Hope to see you there.

If you have any ideas for future chapter meetings or events then please let me or Kevin Vecchiarelli our Chapter Vice-Chairman know so we can plug them in.

I can be contacted at emarczyszak@burndy.com or Kevin Vecchiarelli at Kevin@Yankeecasting.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. We welcome your interest and participation.

Thanks for your continued support,
Ed Marczyszak
Chairman