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Dave Wright: Gone Too Soon

By Anne Goyer

I'm a believer of always remembering where you came from. I think it helps us appreciate where we are today. This is one of those times that reflecting on the past brings us full circle to the present. It's hard to believe that it was 25 years ago in the Fall of 1988 when then CCAI National President, Dave Wright, made a trip from Milwaukee to Cincinnati to discuss the future of CCAI with me. I was a member of the CCAI National Board at the time and Dave was seeking to replace retiring CCAI Executive Director, Matt Heuertz. Matt was CCAI's first and only Executive Director up to that point.

It was Dave's passion for CCAI that convinced me to seriously consider becoming CCAI's second executive director. He believed strongly in CCAI's mission of educating industrial finishers so they could produce better products. That passion for CCAI never faded as Dave was one of CCAI's longest continuous members.

When Dave became ill several years ago, his passion for CCAI did not falter. He still maintained the chapter's database, continued to serve on the Wisconsin



Dave and Judy Wright enjoying lunch on the water.

Chapter board, performing duties as the Chapter Treasurer and Secretary. His dedication and service were unmatched.

You can imagine the sorrow we are feeling since learning of Dave's passing on Friday, October 11, 2013. Dave was CCAI's third longest continuous member, joining back in April of 1976. That's 37 years of service and dedication to CCAI.

Dave's career in finishing spanned four decades, starting with working in his family business, Wright Metal Processors, which was started by his father, James. Always a quick study, Dave picked

up on the inorganic chemistry and the technical nuances of metal finishing. His expertise in metal cleaning, fabrication, pretreatment, painting, rust prevention, and accelerated corrosion testing was honed by hands-on experience. When the family business was sold, Dave was recruited by the TEXO Corporation to develop a technical sales territory in Wisconsin, thus beginning a long and lucrative career in technical sales.

He advanced rapidly as he moved from TEXO to Nalco, and eventually to Galaxy

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Giving Thanks This Holiday Season

Dave Wright: Gone Too Soon

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CCAI remembers longtime member Dave Wright who lost his battle with cancer on Oct. 11.

Associates and finishing his career at DuBois. Dave was winner of several Salesman-of-the-Year awards, and was the recipient of the 2010 CCAI James F. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award.

An advocate of continuing education, Dave joined CCAI early in his career and served the association in many capacities over the years. In addition to the chapter roles mentioned above he was also the president of his local chapter, the Wisconsin CCAI, and the National CCAI for two terms each. Under his leadership the organization eventually grew to become the strong networking, education, and outreach resource for the entire finishing industry that it is today.

Dave also possessed an innate ability to strike a balance between work and play, and found time for motorcycling, boating, hunting and fishing, gourmet cooking and fine wines among his many passions. Always teaching and coaching, he enjoyed sharing his interests and knowledge with wonderful friends and family that he loved dearly.

He is survived by his wife Judy, her sons, Jake Brandt of Milwaukee, Luke Brandt of Two Rivers, his sister Judy (George) DeLucia of Rochester, NY and brother James (Susan) Wright of Kewaskum. Family & friends gathered for a Celebration of Dave's Life on November 3rd at his favorite Ducati shop, Corse Superbikes. Dave was a generous friend, co-worker, neighbor and husband. He gave of his time, talents and resources and was blessed with wonderful friends and family that he loved dearly.



Many of Dave's passions were on display at the Celebration at Course Superbikes.



From left, John Murray, Prime Coatings; Bob Shipley, Briggs & Stratton; Matt Kirchner & Bill Oney, American Finishing Resources gather for Dave's Celebration of Life on November 3.

Everyone that knew Dave will be forever touched. His wish to those left behind, "Forget waiting to do things on your Bucket List....Live today!"

CCAI will forever be grateful to Dave for his years of service, vision for CCAI and dedication to making our industry better. At this time of year when we reflect on the good things in life, we are thankful to Dave Wright for his leadership and passion. I'm indebted to Dave for giving me the opportunity to work for CCAI and our membership. He'll be greatly missed!

Share your memories of Dave in New Forums on CCAI's website. Visit: www.ccaiweb.com/forums and click on the Dave Wright Memorial thread.

Twin Cities Says Goodbye to Greg Peterson

Greg Peterson, 53 of Medford, MN passed away on November 23, 2013. Greg was an active member of the CCAI Twin Cities chapter. In 2000, Greg started Extreme Powder Coating in Blooming Prairie, MN. He brought his high standards, artistic abilities, and experience to his business. Through his diligence, and attention to detail a foundation was laid for a powder coating shop and Extreme Powder Coating continues to provide the highest level of service



and commitment to quality for their customers.

Greg also enjoyed kart and modified dirt track racing, as well as hot rods and street rod building. Survivors include his wife Linda Peterson; his children Michelle (Matt) Dempsey, Tiffany Peterson (Jesse Hernandez); and his mother Barbara Peterson. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the National Leukemia Society, Cancer Research for Children, or the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.

Letter from the President

2013 Ends with Joy and Sorrow

Thanks to everyone who made the FABTECH 2013 CCAI FINISHING Pavilion in Chicago last month such a success. This year was the best attended, and I trust that you found great success as well. Looking ahead, FABTECH 2014 is off to a terrific start in exhibitor sales. So, if you have not already reserved your exhibit space please contact Andy Goyer at 941-373-1830 or andy@goyermtg.com. Our FINISHING Pavilion in Atlanta is on track to be even larger than Chicago.

On a sad note, you will see that our organization lost a great leader in Dave Wright. Anne Goyer's message in this edition goes into detail about the many

contributions by Dave to our industry. Our sympathy goes out to the Wright Family. Likewise, we extend our sympathy to the family of Twin Cities member, Greg Peterson, owner of Extreme Powder Coating, who also passed away recently. The loss of these members is a reminder to appreciate each day.

Also, we hope for the continued recovery of tornado victims in various parts of the Midwest recently. The National CCAI Board of Directors has contributed \$2000 to the Illinois Red Cross Relief fund. Please see the tornado relief article later in this newsletter or check out the CCAI website for more information if you wish to make a personal donation.

And finally, on behalf of the CCAI Board, best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday Season, and prosperous and safe New Year. Most importantly, I hope you are able to enjoy relaxing time with friends and family.



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FABTECH Pavilion & Finishing Conference

CCAI's FINISHING Pavilion & Conference at FABTECH Sets Records; Receives High Praise



The Grand Concourse at McCormick place welcomes everyone to FABTECH.

In just our fourth year as a sponsor of FABTECH, CCAI's FINISHING Pavilion and Conference showcased more products and services and attracted more visitors than any of the previous shows. In fact, this was the largest trade show for the finishing industry for attendance ever. More than 9,500 pre-registered attendees indicated that they planned to evaluate finishing at FABTECH this year.

"We received more positive feedback from exhibitors and attendees than I can ever remember," said Anne Goyer, CCAI Executive Director. "One of the best things I heard consistently was that exhibitors were seeing attendees serious about purchasing finishing equipment and services that they never heard of

before the show. These types of comments reinforce the reason that CCAI became a FABTECH partner. We are attracting people that typically did not come to a finishing-only show."

With more than 175 exhibiting companies, CCAI's FINISHING Pavilion showcased a diverse and all-encompassing array of equipment, services, materials, systems houses and more. Everything a company needs to improve their finishing processes and operations could be found in CCAI's FINISHING Pavilion. Likewise, CCAI's FINISHING conference sessions attracted more attendees than past shows as well. "Our conference sessions continue to grow each year," Goyer notes. "We're planning on reviewing and revamping

sessions for next year to provide new sessions for attendees." Additionally, we received many great evaluations from attendees who participated in our FINISHING Conference sessions. One attendee who attended several sessions remarked, "A very good investment of my time, thank you." Another attendee stated, "Speakers were great...very engaging and professional." There were also many encouraging comments like, "I was able to get answers to questions that I can take back to my job", "I learned many things I had never heard before."

While the event in Chicago was a great show and conference by all indications, we are already on our way to planning another great event for our industry next Fall when FABTECH moves to Atlanta and the growing Southeast manufacturing market. "The Southeast manufacturing market is booming," says CCAI FINISHING Pavilion Show Manager, Andy Goyer. "We think our FINISHING Pavilion will continue to attract more and more companies and individuals seeking to upgrade their current finishing operations or add finishing to their current manufacturing facilities. It's really exciting to reach out to different markets and bring a growing number of visitors to our Pavilion at FABTECH."

CCAI's FINISHING Pavilion at FABTECH in Atlanta is well on its way to setting another new record. "We've already sold more than 65% of our exhibit space for next year," Goyer continued. "We sold out in July of 2013 for Chicago. We have even more space available in Atlanta but early indications are that we're going to sell out quickly again." Companies planning on exhibiting in Atlanta are encouraged to book their booth space now. Call or email Andy Goyer to discuss availability of space in the FINISHING Pavilion at: 941-373-1830 or andy@goyermtg.com.

FABTECH Pavilion & Finishing Conference



Here's what some of our **FINISHING Pavilion Exhibitors** had to say about **FABTECH 2013 in Chicago**:

"This is by far the best FABTECH exhibition we have participated in to date. We had better quality leads, with a very diverse industry representation. We were very pleased."

— **Dennis McCardle**, *Kolene, Vice President of Sales and Technical Service*

"The FABTECH 2013 show provided Nordson with some excellent opportunities ranging from small batch systems to large automatic systems. We were able to speak with fabricators interested in adding their own finishing systems and manufacturers looking to automate or expand their current operations. We've been a part of the FINISHING Pavilion every year since its inception and are pleased with the opportunities we gain from participating."

— **Jeff Dailidas**, *Nordson, Midwest Sales and Service Manager*

"We were very pleased with the traffic and number of leads we received at FABTECH. We feel that the show was very successful for us. Thank you!"

— **Dan Davitz**, *Magic Rack / Production Plus, President*

"FABTECH 2013 has been the most positive show I have attended, and I've been to a lot of shows over the years. I talked to many exhibitors and attendees who visited the CCAI booth and all the comments were positive. The attendees that came for just one day told me that they wished they had planned at least two days at the show. I believe the future of manufacturing is in for a great ride! Come join us."

— **Bob Warren**, *Retired, CCAI Booth Staff*

"The FABTECH conference and exhibition continues to grow in the quality and quantity of attendees. It is great to talk with people that are truly interested in improving their finishing processes or gathering more information before installing a new finishing line. I was also impressed with the program for students interested in engineering and/or manufacturing. It is important to the future of the finishing industry to bring in young and talented people, especially when they are showing a serious interest in their high school years."

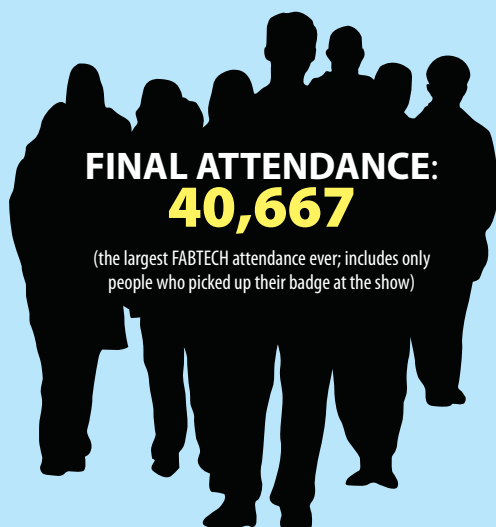
— **Bruce Bryan**, *Mighty Hook, Vice President of Sales*

"FABTECH 2013 was very productive for Northern Coatings and Chemical with many promising leads. We had a lot of discussions about new technologies and the opportunities were high quality."

— **Larry Melgarey**, *Northern Coatings and Chemical, President*



FABTECH by the numbers:



FINAL ATTENDANCE:
40,667

(the largest FABTECH attendance ever; includes only people who picked up their badge at the show)

NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS: **1,573**

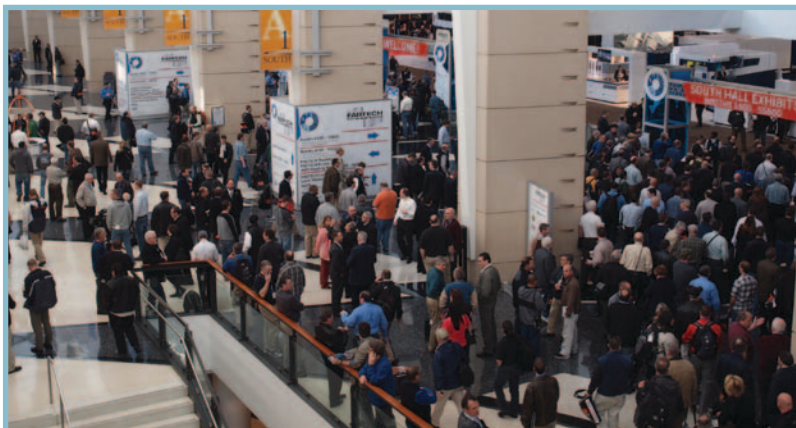
NUMBER OF FINISHING EXHIBITORS: **176**

FINISHING PAVILION NET SQUARE FEET OF EXHIBIT SPACE:
38,000+

NUMBER OF PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES WHO STATED ON THEIR REGISTRATION FORM THAT THEY PLAN TO EVALUATE FINISHING PRODUCTS & SERVICES: **9,534**

POUNDS OF FREIGHT MOVED ONTO THE FABTECH SHOW FLOOR:
More than 14 MILLION!!!

FABTECH in Photos



Crowds enter the South Hall where the CCAI FINISHING Pavilion was located.



Axalta Coating Systems "24 car" drew a crowd all week long.

Mighty Hook's Bruce Bryan, right, talks racking with attendees.



West Michigan CCAI members took a bus trip to FABTECH for the day and stopped for this photo op in the CCAI booth.



Jeff Oravitz of MetoKote receives his appreciation plaque from FABTECH Show Managers, John Catalano of SME and Andy Goyer of CCAI for participating on the Executive Outlook Panel.



Attendees visiting the Finishing Brands booth get a close up look at spray guns.

Fostoria's IR ovens kept their booth busy every day.



FABTECH in Photos



CCAI's Bob Warren, left, reviews our new Powder Coating training manual with a visitor to CCAI's booth.



Larry Melgary and Mark LaValley of Northern Coatings & Chemical chat with visitors in their booth.

Emerging Technologies session filled the room as John Cole of Parker Ionics made his presentation.



Kevin Coursin of KMI Systems presents in our Systems Design session.



FABTECH Manufacturing Your Future Student Program



Left: Mentored by Axalta Powder Coatings Trena Benson, this group of students got an up close view of the "24 car".

Among all the programs throughout FABTECH, Manufacturing Your Future portrays the mission of CCAI by offering a stellar student program and providing mentors to guide them on the FABTECH show floor to see first-hand what it means to be involved in the manufacturing industry. This program benefits everyone involved. It is a great way to give back to the industry and also as an exhibitor, establish your company as a marketplace leader.

This year, thanks to our CCAI Corporate members there were three

student mentors and six student-friendly exhibitors from the CCAI FINISHING Pavilion. Trena Benson with Axalta Powder Coatings participated as a mentor and shared her thoughts about the experience, "As a part of the Manufacturing Your Future Program, I took a group of students around the FABTECH show floor looking at various aspects of manufacturing. I was intrigued by their focus as they took it all in. What a great learning experience for the students, and myself included. It was a pleasure connecting them with companies whose representatives were very passionate about their work and did a great job presenting their products. What a wonderful program!"



Ron Cudzilo of George Koch Sons explains what a finishing system is to students.



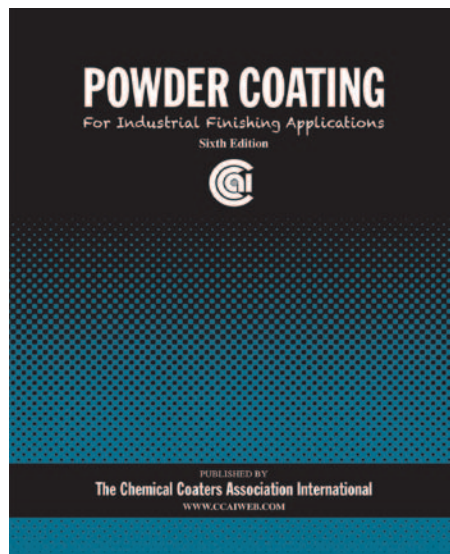
High school students were mentored through the FINISHING Pavilion on Student Day and got to spray powder at Nordson's booth.

CCAI Highlights

CCAI Publishes 6th Edition of Powder Coating for Industrial Finishing Applications Training Manual in Color

The Chemical Coaters Association International has just released the 6th edition of its popular training manual, *Powder Coating for Industrial Finishing Applications*. This coil bound, 208-page manual has been completely revised with new color graphics and photos, several new chapters and a re-written glossary. The manual serves as a guide to operating a powder coating system and managing the process for efficiency and profit, with emphasis on practical issues affecting daily operations.

Under the guidance of editor Jim Gallagher of Harley Davidson, CCAI corporate members contributed new content in every section of the manual. "I am so excited about the release of the new CCAI Powder Coating Manual. It was designed and compiled from the ground up; incorporating the latest information from the leading experts in the finishing industry and written to provide critical knowledge to the entry level powder coater, yet comprehensive enough to educate the most seasoned



powder application veteran," notes Gallagher. "The collaboration that was given to compile this information was unbelievable and the finished product further supports CCAI's mission to educate our membership and the entire industry through our training manuals. Plus, we've printed the

manual in color for the first time. I am honored to have been associated in the development and release of the CCAI's 6th edition of Powder Coating for Industrial Finishing Applications."

The manual includes 14 chapters that cover What Is Powder Coating; Powder Materials; Cleaning and Pretreatment Prior to Powder Coating; Substrates for Powder Coating; Powder Coating Application Equipment; Powder Spray Booths and Recovery Equipment; Ovens; Moving Parts through the Powder Coat Process; Air Management; Powder Coating Removal and Re-Work; Cost Analysis; and Troubleshooting.

The 6th edition also includes two new Chapters: Powder Coating Test Methods for Performance and Preventative Maintenance.

To order the manuals, visit CCAI's website: www.ccaiweb.com and click on the EDUCATION tab, then scroll down to TRAINING MANUALS. You can order online with a credit card or print and fax an order form.

RUN4MFG 5K Charity Run

FABTECH partners joined forces to support manufacturing education. Over 120 people supported the effort to raise funds for the associations' educational foundations and programs on Sunday, Nov. 17th in Lincoln Park for the 2nd Annual RUN4MFG 5K.

The goal of the charity run was to shed new light on the need for skilled workers in the industry and provide a stimulating environment to promote the missions of the educational foundations and programs. For CCAI, that means our Matt Heuertz Educational Scholarship Program will benefit from the proceeds. Participating in the RUN4MFG will allow us to

expand our scholarship to reach even more.

CCAI would like to congratulate the top female finisher, Jennifer Egan of TCI Powder Coatings! TCI Powder Coatings had a great team of runners.

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual RUN4MFG 5K in Atlanta on Monday, November 10, 2014!



Jennifer Egan of TCI Powder Coatings (right) took home the 1st place female finisher title.

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“This was our first FABTECH show and when we saw that CCAI was sponsoring a bus tour to FABTECH, we decided to “ride along”... CCAI picked us up on the way to Chicago and we were treated like royalty. We were made very welcomed and we did not feel like “non-members”, we felt like part of the CCAI family. At FABTECH, Anne Goyer even got me into the Axalta “24” car! We knew we had to belong to this great group and we signed up right there at the booth. We will be going to FABTECH again next year and we plan on using our membership all year round... with our new family.”

Gloria Ender,
President of Freedom Finishing

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Industry News

Axalta Coating Systems Star Coaters Host Bi-Annual 20-Group Meetings



Dave Lazzeri leads the A-Team Meeting at Kettle Moraine Coatings.

Representatives of the Powder Coatings Division of Axalta Coating Systems visited Imperial Metal Solutions in Cleveland, OH and Kettle Moraine Coatings in Jackson, WI as part of the company's Star Coaters business exchange program. Axalta Star

Coater program manager Trena Benson facilitates this alliance of non-competing custom powder coaters, also known as a 20-group, who gather twice a year to discuss ideas, identify best practices and help each other address business challenges. The host companies also get the added

benefit of a peer evaluation of their shops.

Both Kettle Moraine Coatings and Imperial Metal Solutions hosted their own 20-group as part of their participation in the program. The Star Coaters are members of Axalta's 10-year-old loyalty program, open to custom powder coaters. Members receive numerous benefits including: points for assistance with business improvement purchases, a certification program, industry supplier discounts and have the option of joining a 20-group.

"I especially appreciate the opportunity to listen in on the daily challenges Star Coaters face which is invaluable in our own improvement efforts," says Dave Lazzeri, Business Director, Axalta's powder coatings division in North America. Axalta's Star Coater program continues to promote best practices and help members to improve their business in every aspect. But best of all, the Star Coater 20-group members are in charge of their agendas and program content that they use to shape the future of their business.

SAVE THE DATE! ECOAT14



Plan now to attend the premier event for electrocoaters, ECOAT14. The event will be held April 22-24, 2014 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

Presented by The Electrocoat Association and Products Finishing magazine, the objective of the conference is to market the expansion of electrocoat technology through the education of finishing industry personnel and those interested in the technology, both as a coating application and also a primer of choice for many other topcoat finishes.

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Chapter Happenings

LAS VEGAS

The CCAI Las Vegas chapter held its first golf outing in October. It was an intimate event with both local attendees as well as some out of state guests. More than \$1,000 was raised for the new chapter, including a few generous donations. It was a beautiful day at Stallion Mountain Golf Course. The outing included breakfast, lunch, contests, awards and fun door prizes to end the event.



(l to r) Chuck Massad (Akzo Nobel Powder Coatings), Sercy Spears (Coral Chemical), Michael Cray (Chemtall) and David Ruegee (Vegas Valley) enjoy a great the day on the course.



Anthony Sclafani (AR IRON) teeing off. Ironically this shot won Anthony the closest to the pin prize. Onlookers say it was a remarkable shot!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Southern California Outing Brings in 272 Toys for Tots

On a sunny but unusually chilly day in Southern California, our CCAI SoCal Chapter Annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament brought in 272 toys for children in need to be distributed by the U.S. Marines annual Toys for Tots drive. Joined by 8 Southern California-based Marines, this second annual event beat last year's outing by bringing in close to 100 more toys and nearly doubling the amount of golfers to a sold out 72!

Supported by a wide variety of sponsors and special donations, everyone in attendance had a terrific time for a great cause.



The beautiful surrounding of Glen Eagles Golf Course provided the perfect setting for the SoCal CCAI Toys for Tots 2nd Annual Tournament.

The Southern California chapter thanks all its sponsors and would like to give special notice to ACT Test Panels for donating 200 panels that served as golf bag tags. The panels were powder coated compliments of CCAI SoCal Board Member, Shivie Dhillon of SunDial Powder Coating. This special give away was appreciated by all. See our next newsletter for more details on the event.



Tom Evans of EPSI became the Putting Contest Champ on this playoff hole.



Eight Marines joined us to collect toys and play golf, including CCAI National Board Member Bruce Bryan's son-in-law, Jason Floyd, third from left.

Chapter Happenings

TWIN CITIES

Tis the Season! Twin cities chapter donated \$1,000.00 to the Toys for Tots campaign.

Articles and photos submitted by Pat Cullen



Presenters (l to r) Don Bezek, Mark Walsworth & Jim Tischner of Donaldson Company.

Oktoberfest

What has become an annual event in October; the TC Chapter once again had its dinner meeting and a special Oktoberfest meal at Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit located in Minneapolis. Representatives of the Donaldson Company (filtration products & systems) presented “Rule Changes for Safety Communication” as it impacts the coating industry. Mark Walsworth, Twin Cities board member, along with Don Bezek, Mgr. Environmental Health & Safety and Jim Tischner, Environmental Health & Safety Engineer covered

many aspects of the OSHA Hazard Communication regulations (current & pending) including compliance dates and employee training requirements.

In addition to the outstanding and very plentiful German food selections, those in attendance were entertained not only by the regular and unique restaurant accordion player, but by Twin Cities chapter member/tuba player, Ted Schreyer of Associated Finishing. It was a Zigi Zaga good time.

A Practical Look at Common Finishing Problems – Causes & Solutions



(l to r) Tom Poppitz and Marty Korecky (Akzo Nobel Powder Coatings) with TC Chapter President Tony Wolfbauer.

The Twin Cities November meeting brought an estimated 45 attendees for dinner and a presentation by Marty Korecky, Manager of Akzo Nobel Applications Engineering Lab. Some of the topics that Marty touched on were

substrates, soils to be removed, types of steel, pretreatment, common application problems and common curing problems. It was an outstanding presentation with a very informative, interactive Q&A.

WEST MICHIGAN

Plasan Carbon Composites Plant Tour

In October, the West Michigan chapter toured Plasan Carbon Composites in Walker, Michigan. The newly opened facility manufactures automotive hoods



The West Michigan group poses near the hood of a Corvette during the Plasan Carbon Composites tour.

and roofs for the Corvette, made from carbon fiber composites. The group was given an in depth tour of the manufacturing process from the molding operation through the final finessing operation, including a view of the new state-of-the-art coating line, manufactured by CCAI Corporate member, Belco Industries.

CCAI donates to Red Cross Relief Fund to Assist Central Illinois Tornado Victims



Tornados flattened many homes in Washington, IL on Nov. 17th.

On November 17th, devastating tornados hit the Central Illinois region where one of CCAI's active chapters is located. The CCAI National Board is donating \$2,000 to the Red Cross

Relief fund through a crowd sourcing fundraising site in partnership with FABTECH sponsors and exhibitors. Many FABTECH exhibitors and attendees were affected by the tornado which hit during FABTECH set-up. Overall more than \$20,000 has been raised for the Red Cross Relief fund through FABTECH's fundraiser. Go to, <http://www.crowdrise.com/fabtechexpocares> to donate.

In addition to the Red Cross Relief Fund, many local fundraising efforts are underway in the communities affected by this storm. CCAI Past President, Rex Winemiller, lives in Washington, IL, one of the hardest hit areas. Rex and his family took shelter at church during the tornado but luckily were unharmed and their home

was not damaged. Unfortunately, the area adjacent to the church was almost completely destroyed as you can see in the photos. Our Savior Lutheran Church is accepting donations to help local families. All donations received will go solely for the church and community families that were devastated by the tornado.

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Furthermore, the local Jaycees, headed by Rex's daughter, Heather Winemiller, collected donations to replace toys this holiday season for children from the devastated area.

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February 13 Plant Tour - Ford

June 14 Golf Tournament

TWIN CITIES

Contact Phil Ruggiero, 320-230-6281 or ccatc@charter.net or get details on web site www.ccatc.com

January 16 Racking, Hooks and Part Hanging Presentation, Mighty Hook

February 25-26 Paint 101 Symposium/Training, Graco facility, Minneapolis, MN

June 19 2014 Golf Classic - Oak Glenn Country Club in Stillwater, MN

WEST MICHIGAN

Contact Scott Bultman, 616-292-5505 or sb26500@msn.com

January 13 "Profiling Your Oven" - Presentation by Datapak

February 10 Autocoat Plant Tour

April 14 Grand Rapids Energy Center Tour

May 2014 Emerging Technologies Seminar

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January 14 Pretreatment Presentation Carpenter Chemicals

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May 13 Plant Tour - to be determined

July 11 Golf Outing - Scenic View CC

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Update your profile now! With the installation of the new CCAI website and association management software, we will be using the new online interactive capabilities to pull member information from our on-line database for the 2014 Membership Directory. If you haven't already done so, please check your membership record and update your information by, December 31, 2013. Be sure to check your name, title, company name, address, phone, email address and chapter listing.

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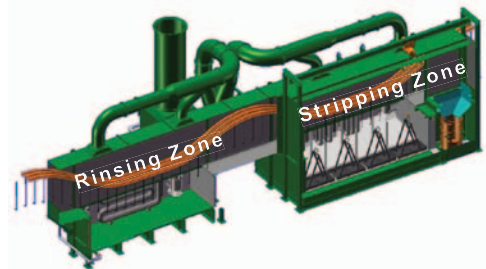
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