



American Welding Society



*Southwest Virginia Section
Newsletter Edition: #15*

SCHEDULED MEETING

WHEN: April 13, 2005

WHERE: Arnold R. Burton Technology Center
1760 Roanoke Blvd. Salem Virginia

TIME: 6:00pm prompt.

TOPIC: Student Night and Awards Ceremony (Welding Competition Scholarships will be awarded along with section awards)

Your support enables us to bring technological activities to our area to further educate those interested in pursuing a career and strengthening the knowledge of those professionals already in the welding industry. Please come out and show your support to the students and AWS President Jim Greer. There will be a catered dinner provided at no cost to members and guest. **Send your R.S.V.P no later than April 10, 2005. LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THE FUTURE OF WELDING IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA.** Please contact Chairman Bill Rhodes with your reservation today....see contact list enclosed.

Donations of prizes for students would be greatly appreciated please contact Chairman: Bill Rhodes see contact list.

A total of 37 attended the sections first High School welding competition on March 21st. The following schools participated: Jackson River Technical Center, Giles Technical Center, Arnold R. Burton Technology Center, William Fleming High School, Floyd County, Patrick Henry High School, and Botetourt Technology Education Center. Each school had an opportunity to sign up two students (Snacks and drinks were provided by the section). Over all, the competition was a success due to the professionalism of the students involved, and the instructor's preparation before the competition. We would like to thank Greenfield Education Center for allowing us to use their facility and Lynchburg Steel and Specialty Co. for donating the coupons for the competition. Mike Bryant welding instructor at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College was the competitions facilitator, what an excellent job of over seeing the competition and keeping it running as planned.



Facilitator Mike Bryant going over project details with students

- Mr. J. J. Vagi - Section Technical Representative advised he has received the following for our library: Specification for the Qualification of Welding Educators", AWS B5.5:2000"
- Our section will be hosting the CWI Seminar on April 18 thru 22 test will be given on the 23rd.

2005 – 2006 section officers

We will be electing officers at the May meeting, come on out and submit your nomination for someone you would like to see in office or volunteer yourself. This is a very important issue facing your section this year, your input is needed.

Once again it's time to start planning for our section golf outing, are you and your weekend warriors up to the challenge of taking #1 from Ron Gilbert and the Lynchburg squad in the upcoming event. If needed, we have registration forms in PDF format on our website for downloading.

Officers of the Southwest Virginia Section of the American Welding Society are listed below please feel free to contact them with any question or concerns.

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Awards Committee:.....Ed Wyatt.....540-345-2777

“Everyone owes part of their time to the business or industry in which they are engaged. No one has a moral right to withhold their support from an association that is striving to improve conditions within their sphere” Theodore Roosevelt

If you have any information for the letter, suggestions, or complaints let us know what’s on your mind, we work for you. Better yet come to the next meeting and address the membership we need your input to make your section work for YOU!!!

To view our section website go to www.aws.org/sections/swvirginia

Thank you for your support.....hope to see everyone at the meeting on the 13th.

Roger Snider
Section Secretary and Webmaster
Monday, March 28, 2005
Sniderrl@verizon.net

AWS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Dear AWS members and friends of the AWS:

On behalf of the **Southwest Virginia Section of the American Welding Society** you are cordially invited to participate in our annual Golf Outing. The captain's choice tournament will be held on **Monday June 20, 2005** starting with a shotgun start at **8:30 a.m.** at Countryside Golf Course in Roanoke, Virginia. Individual registration fee is **\$50.00**. You may register as individuals or as a team. (**Team fee \$200.00**)

Questions may be addressed to either **Bill Rhodes Airgas Mid America Roanoke, VA (540-342-9911)** or **Dennis Nalley John W. Hancock, Jr. Salem, VA (540-389-0211)**.

In addition, corporate or individual **hole sponsorships** may be purchased at a cost of **\$75.00** each. Any door prizes donated would also be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds from this golf tournament help us fund many AWS programs including the AWS Foundation, local and regional scholarship programs, and involvement in the VICA program.

The mission of the American Welding Society is to provide quality products to our members and the industry that will advance the science, technology and application of materials joining throughout the world.

We hope to use this golf tournament as an opportunity for friendly competition among members, sponsors and friends of the AWS and use the proceeds to help advance our industry. We invite you to join us and participate in what we hope will be another very enjoyable tournament.

Please return the attached registration form to:

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Airgas Mid America
1455 Mexico Way
Roanoke, VA 24012

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P.O. Box 3400
Salem, VA 24153

Fax to: (540)-345-1822 or e-mail to: bill.rhodes@airgas.com

**AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY
GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION:**

Company name:

Team members: \$200.00 per team

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Hole Sponsorship Yes _____ No _____ \$75.00 per
hole

Person to contact:

Phone number:

Countryside Golf Course
Roanoke, Virginia
Friday June 11, 2004
8:30 a.m. Shotgun start

If you have any questions, please call Bill Rhodes (540)-342-9911, Dennis Nalley (540)-389-0211, Rob Gilbert in Lynchburg (434)-528-2780 or Jerrald Beheler in the New River Valley (540)-639-9606

**Registration must complete (with check) by June 4,
2005**