



American Welding Society



*Southwest Virginia Section
Newsletter Edition: #13*

SCHEDULED MEETING

Spouses or significant other are welcome to attend our meetings or tours.

WHEN: Thursday November 11, 2004

WHERE: Dynasty Chinese Buffet, Location Salem Virginia.

DIRECTIONS: Take I81 to exit 137 make a left at red light, Dynasty 0.3 mile on left.

TIME: Tour starts 6:30pm

Attention: Welding Instructors if at all possible, please attended this meeting.

Speaker: Steve Martin Business manager for Plumbers and Steamfitters local 491(Roanoke)

TOPIC: Apprenticeship program with the UA. Apprentices learn through both classroom and on-the-job training in what is considered by many to be the best construction industry apprentice program in the world. The five-year apprenticeship period is divided into one-year segments, each of which includes 1,700 to 2,000 hours of on-the-job training and a minimum of 216 hours of related classroom instruction.

We would like to thank, Mr. Harned (Altec Plant Manager) for giving our section the opportunity to tour his plant.



Luke Raines Altec Production Manager, Chairman: Bill Rhodes, David Cash Section Member, Stewart Harris Altec (Section Chairman Triangle Section Raleigh, N.C.) Chris Harned, Altec Plant Manager.

We will have a December meeting Neal Chapman will be our speaker. Also, AWS President Jim Greer will visit our section April of 2005.

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“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 11th.

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