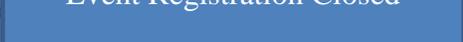


**Well its official, the famous
Punxsutawney Phil has declared 6 more
weeks of winter and as I look out my
window the snow is falling and it appears
to be cold and windy.**

There is hope in sight, only 6 more Fridays until spring and your Officers and Directors have put together a list of activities and meetings that are guaranteed to take your mind off the cold and off to a happier place.

On Tuesday March 20, 2018 the Chapter will be touring the FM Global Research Campus at West Gloucester RI. The event will start in the morning and end with lunch, the participants will be  fires and a combustible dust explosion. If you are re  ss you want to see this. It is limited to 20 people and  n as possible. You don't want to miss this tour. This e  r reservation and contact information as soon as possible so you can be emailed directly by FM Global. If you plan on attending please let me know, contact me at emarczyszak@burndy.com there are 5 remaining spots as I already have 2 attendees. Don't miss this if you can possibly attend.

April 3 -5, AFS Metalcasting Congress will be taking place in Ft. Worth, TX

Your chairman has been selected and will be awarded the AFS 2018 National Service Citation Award for several years of service and dedication to the AFS and the Foundry Industry.

A great honor that I will share with the men and women of our Chapter as it is because of all of you our chapter continues to not only exist but thrive. Thank you to all those who nominated and supported me for this honor, I am humbled. (Which doesn't happen very often.)

April 17 & 18 the Chapter is sponsoring the AFS/Cast Metals Institute Course on "Analysis of Casting Defects" this will take place in Warwick RI. If you aren't looking to reduce your scrap rate, you're leaving money on the table. Chapter Members this is taking place right in your backyard, if you were to send people to the AFS HQ for this course you would incur significant travel costs, take advantage of this opportunity to improve your yield and bottom line. Register now.

[Casting Defects Analysis Course Registration](#)

June 2018 Once again the Chapter will be holding its annual Golf Outing, Brian White of DW Clark will be running the show and I expect we will have another successful outing.

We are working on a couple of other events for the year and we will try and move them around to encourage greater participation, but there is one critical ingredient that is necessary to make these events a success, and that ingredient is **you**. Please take the time

to schedule and attend a meeting or event, the time you spend at a meeting can pay in dividends such as: scrap reduction, safety improvements, increased sales, or exposure to new methods to keep you competitive in our industry. I'll be looking for you, **DON'T LET ME DOWN.**

Finally many thanks to the Officers and Board members for their assistance throughout the year, for a chapter our size this is one pretty active group and I couldn't do it all by myself.

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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.

Thanks for your continued support,
Ed Marczyszak
Chairman



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