



## November Newsletter



If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or comments for future meetings please let me or one of our officers know and we will do our best to schedule an event.

Members:

As we approach the beginning of the Holiday Season I just want to take a moment to look back and reflect on our activities this year and ask for any ideas or meeting topics that you would like to see presented next year.

This year we started the year in March with a tour of the FM Global Research Center in R.I. where attendees were treated to hurricane force winds, earthquakes, fires and combustible explosions, everyone that attended was pleased with the tour and walked away with some valuable knowledge that could help prevent serious losses and interruptions at their facility.

April the chapter sponsored the AFS/CMI course “Analysis of Casting Defects” in R.I., this course provided attendees with the tools to identify defects, determine their causes and implement corrective actions to reduce or eliminate them. Or as I like to say, put some real money back in your pocket.

May the chapter had a tour of Wentworth University in Boston MA and met the Head of the Manufacturing Department, very impressive school working on turning out manufacturing engineers with some real work experience, we established contacts that could help chapter members recruit or hire young engineers that have a real passion for making things.

June the annual Golf Outing took place in Charlton MA and once again a great time and opportunity to meet and connect with friends and colleagues in the industry.

September we were able to secure a presentation by an OSHA Compliance Officer on the new Silica Regulations, this meeting took place in Andover, MA and was very well attended as members attempted to make certain they are following the new regulations.

October had a presentation and tour of the 3D Sand Printing and Foundry at D.W. Clark in Taunton, MA, very exciting to watch the mold being printed and get a good understanding of the new process and watch it in action. Also my first look at the Centrifugal Casting process so a double dose of foundry excitement for me.

Plans are in process for next year’s meetings and presentations, I really would like to hear from you about any topics or ideas you may have that we can possibly address, after all the Chapter belongs to the members and should provide some benefits to you.

We have also been asked if we would be willing to sponsor another AFS/CMI course, so if you could take a moment to look at the possible courses listed on the AFS website and let me know if there is any course that you would be interested in, we can then follow up with the National and see if we can make it available.

The Chapter is also looking for nominations for vocational, associate or 4-year degree programs that would benefit from student involvement in FEF. If we can build a strong base of FEF schools in our Chapter area, it will benefit the foundries as we look for the next group of engineers, designers and managers.

Finally, on behalf of the Officers and Board members of the New England Chapter I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving Holiday, remember to take a moment to be thankful for all the blessings and friends and family.



## **Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Events Schedule:**

November 30, 2018 Friday 5:30 P.M.

Chapter Holiday Dinner & Show  
Dinner location: Gelston House  
8 Main St. E. Haddam, CT  
Show location: Tetris Theater 33 N.Main St. Chester, CT  
“A Connecticut Christmas Carol”

Mark Twain, P.T. Barnum, William Gillette and more make spirited appearances in this tuneful adaptation of the Dickens’ holiday classic that’s back with new surprises for 2018!

There will be limited seating available, and the cost for the dinner and show will be \$80.00 per person.

The National AFS has several Webinars and courses available to our members and I am adding them on here for your review and possible participation.

### ***News to share with your chapter members***

- Your chapter members can learn about the fallout from the midterm elections
- AFS Advocacy: more important to your chapter members than ever
- Your chapter members can continue their education with these courses
- Here are conferences your chapter members will appreciate hearing about

**Your chapter members can learn about the fallout from the midterm**

## **elections**

What do the midterm elections mean for your chapter members? Please tell them they're invited for a Nov. 8 AFS Members Only Webinar on the midterm election results.

Stephanie Salmon of the AFS Washington office will answer your chapter members' questions on how election results will shape labor and employment matters, infrastructure, tax reform, and other issues important to our industry. The webinar begins at noon CT. [The registration link is here.](#)

## **AFS Advocacy: more important to your chapter members than ever**

Do you have less than five minutes to watch a video? Advocating for metalcasting is vital to all of us. Because metalcasting is critical to manufacturing, it's important to stand for metalcasting. Here's a look at how AFS advocates for metalcasting in Washington and through events and publications. Without your support as a chapter leader, none of the advocacy work we do would be possible. Thank you.

You can watch the [AFS Advocacy video here.](#)

## **Your chapter members can continue their education with these courses**

- [Gating & Riser Design 101](#), Nov. 14-15, Schaumburg, Illinois
- [Coldbox Process 101](#), Dec. 4, Schaumburg, Illinois
- [Green Sand Molding 101](#), Dec. 5, Schaumburg, Illinois
- [Nobake Molding and Coremaking 101](#), Dec. 6, Schaumburg, Illinois
- [Introduction to Metalcasting](#), Jan. 15-16, Schaumburg, Illinois
- [Iron Melting 201](#), Jan. 29-30, Schaumburg, Illinois
- [Gating & Riser Design 201](#), Feb. 6-7, Schaumburg, Illinois
- [Improving the Effectiveness of Visual Inspection](#), Feb. 26-27, Schaumburg, Illinois

**Here are conferences your chapter members will appreciate hearing about**

- **AFS Marketing & Sales Conference**, Dec. 11-12, Rosemont, Illinois  
***Seats are limited to the first 100 people!*** You have the opportunity to learn from leading figures in sales and marketing and explore new ideas about industry best practices. Your sales staff needs to attend! [See this video here.](#)
- **Metalcasting Management and Development Summit**, Feb. 7-8, Charleston, South Carolina  
Advance your leadership skills with a new, dynamic summit just for metalcasting leaders. You and your chapter members can grow your skills for motivating talent, enhancing work culture, and identifying your own leadership gaps. This is the prime event for supervisors, HR professionals and all leadership levels in metalcasting.

### **About the bulletin**

The AFS Chapter Bulletin provides a critical information tool for chapter leaders to share with your chapter members each month. If you know of news items or have pictures from your events that would benefit other chapter leaders across the country, please call 800-537-4237 or email Rich Jefferson at [rjefferson@afsinc.org](mailto:rjefferson@afsinc.org).

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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 can't connect on either, please let me know and we'll get you set up.

Thanks for your continued support,  
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