Chair’s Message

My customers are constantly asking me if I know a good welder who is looking for a job; but they never offer the rate they are willing to pay. Well, I decided to call them up and ask. One by one I called and explained that I was seeking this information for the benefit of our membership and assured that no company names would be used. To my surprise, they enthusiastically cooperated. Here are the results by industry average:

**General Fabrication (Non Union)** – Novice welder with TIG / MIG skills will start at $17.00/hr. and can advance to $28.00/hr.

**Artistic Fabrication (Non Union)** – Novice welder with TIG/MIG/STICK skills will start at $20.00/hr. and can advance to $27.00/hr.

**Manufacturing / Light Fabrication (Non Union)** – Novice welder with MIG skills will start at $16.00/hr. and can advance to $20.00/hr. The senior welder will have developed TIG skills.

**Manufacturing / Light Fabrication (Union)** – Entry level welder with TIG/MIG skills will start at $20.00/hr. and can advance to $25.00/hr.

**Public Utility Pipe Welder (Union)** – Entry level welder with TIG/MIG/STICK skills will start at $22.00/hr. and can advance to $43.00/hr. All position Stick and TIG welding of pipe must be mastered. Rigorous training is required and provided.

**Mechanical Contractor - Plumber / Pipe Fitter (Union)** – An apprentice will start at $16.75 as they begin their training and will advance to $50.00/hr. as a top grade Journeyman. Again, all position Stick and TIG welding of pipe must be mastered and rigorous training is required and provided by the Union.

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March 16th Meeting Info

Family & Friends Night
— Special discount for couples —

“The Magic of Mechanization”

Speaker: Chip Cable, President & CEO
Weld Tooling Corp. Canonsburg, PA
Bug-O Systems / Cypress Welding Equipment

Incorporating actual magic to illustrate the main points, this informative and entertaining presentation will show how mechanizing your cutting and welding applications can help you make better quality products, faster and with less cost.

Chip Cable is the CEO of Weld Tooling Corporation, the parent company of BUG-O SYSTEMS and CYPRESS WELDING EQUIPMENT. Mr. Cable started with the company in 1977, working in the plant and eventually ended up in sales. He played with magic as a hobby and decided to use it in a sales presentation, and things have never been the same! He has been selling for more than 30 years and is looking forward to making this presentation to you.

Bug-O Systems, Inc., a division of Weld Tooling Corporation founded in 1948, is a manufacturer of a system of drives, carriages, rails and attachments designed to automate welding guns, cutting torches and other hand held tools.

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NJ Section thanks to Somerset County Vocational Technical School for hosting the event and to Don Smith, SCTV for handling arrangements. Special thanks to the following exhibitors for providing displays and information:

**AEIS**
American Welding Society, Bob Petrone
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Ironworkers Local 11, Scott Maslow
Morris County Tech. Institute, Herb Browne
Ohio Technical College, Ron Brenner
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Triangle Tech, Allyson Emmanuelli
United States Army, Sgt. Albert Soto
Universal Technical Institute, Mark Faillace
WTTI, Jason Deiter

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More Views from Welding Education & Career Night

(L-R) Vince Murray, AGL Welding Supply; Ken Stockton, PSEG; Sgt. Albert Soto, United States Army

(Right) Jimmy Johnson, Pipefitters Local 475 with interested onlookers

(Center) Scott Maslow, Ironworkers Local 11; (L) Rebecca Jackson & (R) Gavin Costello, Somerset County Vo-Tech

(Left) Paul Lenox, Harris Structural Steel; Steve Dagnall, Praxair. Blue sweater in background Charlie Beelitz, Sheet Metal Workers Local 22

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Construction – Heavy Fabrication (Union) – Entry level at $17.00/hr. Top rate $26.00/hr. (shop welding – not field work) (Stick/MIG/Flux Cored skills)

Ironworkers Local (Union) – An Apprentice will start at $22.00/hr. when they begin training and a top grade Journeyman will make $45.00/hr. (Stick/MIG/Flux Cored skills)

In general, a skilled TIG welder will command a higher wage than a MIG welder in general fabrication or manufacturing business, and a Union welder will command a higher wage than non Union; but more skill and experience will always equal higher pay.

Vince Murray
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Coming Events
AWS NJ Section Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, September through May except for December.

Unless otherwise posted, the meeting location is: Pantagis Renaissance/Snuffy’s Clambar, 250 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

March 16, 2016  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
Family & Friends Night
“Magic of Mechanization”
Technical talk mixed with magic.
Mr. Chip Cable, Bug-O-Systems

April 20, 2016  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
Nominations
“Cutting Machines”
Mr. Timothy Joslin, Koihe-Aronson, Inc.

May 18, 2016  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section
Annual Meeting & Elections
Student Recognition Night
Location: Somerset County Voc-Tech.

Note: Programs & speakers are subject to change.
If your company would like to present a technical program on a welding related topic, please contact us: weldnj@optonline.net

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