Chair’s Message

“BOMB” CHINA

Going back to my glorious days at Temple University, I can remember making it through Economics 101 with a strong “C”. This meager understanding of economics and free trade doesn’t prevent me, or any fair-minded person, to see that trade with China is a war that we are losing, and losing badly. Today, I am in the mood to take a few shots back at them.

According to Industry Week, from 2000 - 2015, the total trade deficit with China has reached 3.5 trillion. During that same period, our country has lost 5 million manufacturing jobs. The U.S. free trade approach is being beat up by Communist-Capitalism that plays the game by its own roles:

1. According to the American Steel Institute, U.S. steel mills had to lay off 13,500 employees because of China’s steel dumping tactics. Chinese mills are state owned, and subsidized by the government. (This is know as mercantilism — look it up). In May of this year, the U.S. Commerce Department affirmed that China has been dumping cold rolled steel.

2. China consistently averts industrial slow downs at home by exporting its over capacity in steel, ship building, chemicals, paper plastics and even solar panels.

3. Have you heard Trump ranting about their currency manipulation? China devalues their currency, which cheapens the price of all that they export. This policy gives China a 30—40% cost advantage, and is a direct export subsidy for their products (again, mercantilism).

Did I mention patent infringement? Did I mention price fixing? Did I mention the U.S. does nothing about it? It is time to launch our counter attack. Are you with me?

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October 19th Meeting Info

“Changes made to AWS D1.1 Structural Steel Welding Code—2015”

Speaker:
Mr. Jeff Wiswesser Industrial Services Division Director,
WTTI—Welder Training & Testing Institute, Allentown, PA

Some of the major changes that have been made to AWS D1.1-2015 will be highlighted:
- Scope
- Prequalified
- Qualified
- Fabrication
- Inspection
- Tubular

It would be beneficial to have a copy of AWS D1.1-2015.

Jeff has been with WTTI for 20 years. He is the Director of the Industrial Services Division which includes a destructive and nondestructive testing lab accredited by the AWS as an ATF, and by A2LA to ISO 17025. The nondestructive lab houses liquid penetrant, magnetic particle, visual, ultrasonic and radiography inspection. There is also a state of the art digital radiography lab. The destructive lab performs bends, tensiles, charpy impact tests, chemical analysis, macro and microetches, and failure analysis. The lab also manufactures pipe and plate coupons for welder training and welder and procedure qualification.

Jeff holds a Welding Technician degree, current CWI, CRI, and is an AWS member. He is an ASNT National Level III in PT, MT and RT. He performs weld quality audits, testing, and consults with several large customers on welding and testing related issues.

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In Memoriam  Pat Belsole

With sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Pat Belsole, we share the following letter from Jeff Staton, Region Manager, Hypertherm, Inc.

“I am writing with my deepest regrets to announce the passing of Pat Belsole, on July 25th. Pat was a DSM for Hypertherm in Pennsylvania and New York for 19 years. As some of you may know, Pat struggled with Stage 4 cancer and was simply unable to keep what was an extremely valiant fight against this disease. Pat loved working with all of you, and he loved working for Hypertherm. He will be terribly missed.

Donations in Pat’s honor can be sent to: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266”

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At the Meeting

May 18, 2016  Annual Meeting

Student Recognition Night
Four New Jersey welding students were presented with recognition awards from the AWS NJ Section.

“Careers in Welding”
Attendees were treated to multiple presentations of actual case histories from those involved.

Election of Officers
At the May 18, 2016 AWS NJ Section Annual Meeting, as no further nominations had been received within 10 days of the April meeting, the AWS NJ Section Secretary cast a single vote to elect the original slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Chairman: Vince Murray, AGL Welding Supply
Vice-Chair: Larry Abernethy, BASF
Secretary: George Sheehan, Retired
Treasurer: Alfred Fleury, A.F. Fleury Associates

Installation of officers for the 2016-2017 season followed.

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On Saturday, May 28, 2016, the Patriots’ Path Council Boy Scouts Welding Merit Badge practical workshop was held at the Morris County School of Technology, 400 E. Main Street in Denville New Jersey from 8:00am to 2:30pm. Twelve Boy Scouts had completed their online written assignments making them eligible to participate in the practical assignments towards obtaining their Welding Merit Badge.

The AWS New Jersey Section was represented by Jim Dolan, George Sheehan, Charles Dominguez, Herb Browne and Justin T. Dolan, Jim Dolan’s grandson.

The scouts were provided with an overview of safety precautions, orientation of safety practices, and were equipped with the proper personal protective equipment before shop activities.

Though the Merit Badge handbook outlined that students may select from a range of welding processes, we felt that the GMAW process was a much more suitable process for the scouts. The facility had at our disposal eleven GMAW units and one GMAW Real Weld simulator/welding unit.

Jim and George worked consistently, offering guidance to each participant to initiate and maintain an arc with the GMAW process. Students inscribed their names on ¼” thick carbon steel plates, tacked and made welds on lap and tee joint as outlined in the scouts’ merit badge handbook.

Thanks to Charlie, one of MCST adult evening instructors, for volunteering his time when asked just a couple days before the workshop. He was able to complement a rotating system which Jim Dolan created to assist scouts to complete their assignments along with Justin Dolan.

The scouts, along with several of their officers and Justin, asked that we convey sincerely appreciations to the AWS New Jersey Section for providing an opportunity to actually weld; an experience which will be an everlasting memory that each can relive. In addition, they were also grateful for the refreshments and lunch provided by the New Jersey Section.

In conclusion, this was a win-win situation for all. Justin was able to gain community hours for his high school summer assignment, the scouts were able to acquire their Welding Merit Badges, the school was able to exposed youths to a great career path and possibly gain prospective students in the next future, and the AWS New Jersey Section received thanks along with some recognition and publicity.

The next Patriots’ Path Council Merit Badge introduction workshop will be held:
November 05, 2016
Brooklawn Middle School
250 Beachwood Rd
Parsippany, New Jersey.
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