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Chair’s Message — Our Structure

Carefully, with commitment and endurance, our predecessors forged a
strong foundation for our Section. As with any structure, the years have
had their effects on personnel and membership commitments. Many things
have changed since our structure was formed, due to migration, loss of sev-
eral prominent companies, outsourcing, and relocation of key industries —
the perfect storm for any organization.

However depressed that period may now seem, there were many smaller
businesses at that time that were doing well in the tri-state area, and are
still doing well at present. Members like Jerry Cotter, Harry Ebert, Gus
Manz and others whom I was not fortunate enough to have known, stepped
up to the plate and contributed greatly to the success of the NJ Section. We
must also remember and recognize the trio of Bud, Bill & Doc — Bud
Peterson, Bill Scarince and Doc Winsor — for their valuable contributions,
and for weathering storm after storm, to leave us in very good standing.

Al Fleury; Jim Dolan; Ken Stockton, Bob Petrone, Vince Murray, Gus
Manz, George Sheehan, Steve Dagnall, Seann Bradley, Bill Dallas, Dave
Griep, Dennis Mead and others also deserve recognition for bridging the
gap between the us and our predecessors to strengthen the Section. We owe
thanks to these individuals that we still are able to meet every third Tues-
day between September and May (excluding December) for Executive
Meetings, Membership Dinners and Technical Presentations, and to pro-
vide members with Professional Development Hours for attending.

As we look toward the future, Paul Lenox, Eric Dolan and Don Smith are
major players stepping up to the plate at this moment, and I have no doubt
that they will have amazing batting averages season after season.

But, what good is the team without the support of a good defense? Jerry
Cotter, Harry Ebert and Gus Manz are still gifted players. Bud, Bill and
Doc were gifted players as well. Time has taken its toll on our Section; but
with our combined individual talents, we can harness our knowledge and

Member News

Changed companies? Received a pro-
motion? Share your news and achieve-
ments with other NJ Section members by
sending it to the newsletter:
Email to: grillonpkg@comcast.net
Subject: AWS NJ Section News
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experience to commit to encouraging more young, talented individuals to join and continue to strengthen our Section. The NJ Section is still strong, but as good stewards, we must consider scouting and recruitment as a vital part of our ongoing plans if we want to sustain a consistent drive as a strong and vital Section into the future.

Undoubtedly, there will be stormy weather ahead, and we as trustees must fortify our structure with an array of talent. This will allow us to possess the ability to withstand and repair our Section whenever adverse conditions occur in the future. Our primary objective at present is to find ways to attract more young members to become actively involved in our Section.

Herbert Brown, AWS NJ Section Chairman
Morris County School of Technology
Welcome New Members

The AWS NJ Section welcomes the following new members:
Ahmed Ali, Tutor Perini Corp.
Christopher S. Bahlmann, Tutor Perini Corp.
Gary Burdick, SFA Steel Enterprises
Wade Clark
Tom Cole
David Daoust, Tutor Perini Corp.
Jason A. Dayboch, Tutor Perini Corp.
Fereshteh Hajihassani, Haks Engineering
George R. Hurley, Ocean County Voc-Tech
John Jackson, Local 28, SMWIA
Sevag Mouradian, Tutor Perini Corp.
Robert Reid, Tutor Perini Corp.
S. D. Reynolds, Jr.
Ross E. Szlasa, Tutor Perini Corp.
David Vinson
Magdy Youssef, MP Engineers, P.C.

We’ll look forward to seeing you at the meetings. Remember, dinner is complimentary at the first meeting that a new member attends.

The Top Five Questions about Hard Hats

Conclusion

Note: This Series began in the January, 2013 issue. View it on the NJ Section website.

Question #4 Can I paint the shell of my hard hat?

MSA V-Gard: “Never paint a V-Gard helmet. Paint may attack and damage the helmet’s shell, thereby reducing the degree of protection originally provided.”

Bullard: Question not specifically addressed on their web site.

North/Fibre-Metal: “Do not paint … without the written permission of North Safety Products. Paint can attack the shell and cause degradation…”

Question #5 Can I put stickers on my hard hat?

MSA V-Gard: “It is permissible to use pressure-sensitive stickers or tape with self-adhesive backing AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT closer than 1/2 inch from the edge of the helmet. According to MSA’s testing, such stickers or tape in such a location will not affect the burn through (i.e. dielectric classification) or the structure of an MSA helmet. However, because it is impossible for us to test all pressure-sensitive adhesives, caution should still be taken when making use of such materials. Also, be sure that when these are applied that you are no covering any damage on the helmet.”

Bullard: “The use of self-adhesive stickers by individual users to “personalize” their hard hats or for other marking or identification purposes is a common practice. Because of the type of adhesive used in typical pressure-sensitive stickers, there is very little potential for chemical interaction between the adhesive and the helmet shell, and their use would not be expected to negatively affect the performance of the helmet under

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Nominations

In accordance with AWS NJ Section Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will present the following proposed Slate for the 2012-2013 season at the April 16, 2013 meeting.

2013-14 Proposed Slate

Officers:
Chairman: Paul Lenox, DCM Erectors
Vice Chair: Vince Murray, AGL Welding Supply Co., Inc.
Secretary: George Sheehan, Union County Voc-Tech
Treasurer: Alfred Fleury, A.F. Fleury Assoc.

Executive Committee through 2014:
Steven Dagnall, GTS Welco/Praxair
August Manz, A.F. Manz Associates
Robert Petrone, AGL Welding Supply, Inc.
Kenneth Stockton, PSEG
Senior Past Chairman:
James Dolan, Dolan Associates

Executive Committee through 2015:
Larry Abernethy, BASF Union Engine Labs
Eric Dolan, Dolan Associates
David Grieb, Passaic County Tech. Inst.
Donald Smith, Somerset County Voc-Tech
Junior Past Chairman:
Herb Browne, Morris County Technical Inst.

Once the slate is presented, nominations will be opened to the floor. Nominations may also be made by Petition signed by ten members in good standing and received within 10 days of the April 16th meeting.

Mail Nominations by Petition to:
AWS NJ c/o James Dolan
169 Clover Hill Rd., Millington, NJ 07946

Voting will take place at the May 21, 2013 Annual Meeting. Installation of 2013-14 Officers will follow.

Upcoming Events
April 16, 2013  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
Pantagis Renaissance/Snuffy’s
Nominations
“Manufacturers Night”
It’s not just for Manufacturers!

May 21, 2013  6:00pm
AWS NJ Section Meeting
Annual Meeting & Elections
Student Recognition Night
Somerset County Voc-Tech
14 Vogt Drive., Bridgewater, NJ
American Welding Student Chapter
of Morris County School of Technology (MCST)
Celebrates
National Welders Appreciation Month
April 20, 2013
1-4 PM

MCST American Welding Student Chapter and related programs (Auto Body and Auto Service) will host a Welding Open House in conjunction with the American Boy Scouts Merit Badge activities.

Join us for an afternoon of cars, food, music, and demonstrations in Welding, Auto Service Tech, and Auto Body.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
Festivities located in Building 4
(Rain or Shine)

Morris County School of Technology
400 East Main Street ~ Denville, NJ 07834
Tel: 973-627-4600 ext. 277 ~ WWW.MCVTS.ORG
...About Hard Hats

Question #5 Can I put stickers on my hard hat?  (continued from page 3)

normal conditions. Adhesive stickers should be placed at least 3/4” away from the edge of the helmet and the area of the helmet covered in this way should be kept to a practical minimum to permit regular inspection of the helmet shell for signs of damage from use or aging. If any surface cracks, however small, should appear on the shell surface, either in the vicinity of the stickers or elsewhere, the helmet should be removed from service and replaced immediately. The best practice is always to use the helmet as it was received from the manufacturer, or to consult the manufacturer before making any product modifications.”

North/Fibre-Metal: “Do not...apply decals or stickers without the written permission of North Safety Products. ...Stickers can cover cracks or damage on the shell.”

So, there you have it, the current recommendations from three of the major hat manufacturers in response to these frequently asked questions.

I found it interesting that for some questions, their answers were essentially the same, but on a couple of questions, one of the manufacturers would take a stance that is the polar opposite of the other two.

Hopefully this information will prove helpful when you conduct OSHA training and/or worksite safety inspections. And keep in mind that these web sites also answer a few other questions about hard hat care and use, including their policies and prohibitions against unauthorized modification of hard hats (like drilling holes in the shell...)

Of course, always check the manufacturers’ websites for updated information about their products. And information about all other brands and/or models of hard hats will have to be obtained from the manufacturer of that specific brand and/or model of equipment.

Here’s a link to the entire blog post: http://oshatrainingservices.blogspot.com/2012/10/answers-to-top-five-questions-about.html