



Greetings!

Ladies and gentlemen, Start your engines, as we head for beautiful Indianapolis, Indiana, home of the brickyard, for the upcoming Spring meeting, May 11th - 14th. 2011. Our host will be Steel Dynamics, Pittsboro. Robert Kibler will be our host Member. We will be staying at the beautiful Hyatt Regency , Indianapolis.

Once again our Fall 2010 meeting was a great success thanks to the dedication of our members. I hope that everyone came away from the meeting with some valuable information, either from one of the committee meetings, the technical session or just from conversing with each other.

I would like to thank our host company, Nucor Steel, Jewett, for their hospitality. All of their employees were very courteous and willing to answer questions during our tour of their plant, and a special thanks for the great lunch we were served after the tour. Thanks to Robert Davis and all the members at Nucor Steel Jewett for all of their hard work in making this past meeting a great success!

We will continue our focus on **Safety** and make this the first item of discussion at all of our upcoming meetings. We had a great turn out for our operators round table meeting in Dallas with over 40 operators present, and I believe everyone who was in attendance took away something positive and valuable from that discussion.

Technical Sessions: We want to continue filling our technical session with both operator, vendor and operator/vendor papers. Many of you are trying new things, equipment, roll materials, tooling, guides, software, monitoring systems, etc...., Doing a joint paper with either a vendor or another person from your plant can make that first presentation easier. So please, contact John Ballani, Keith Bacon, or Michael Chociejj about a paper and share your experiences with us, the positive or negatives. This is how we all learn. Thanks to all those who have presented papers.

Congratulations to Bev Spencer, VP of Sales XT Mill Rolls, on his paper "Titanium Carbide Rings" , and receiving the Edward G. Malan Award.

Congratulations to Randall Selman, Nucor Steel Jewett, for receiving the Timothy Z. Jenkins Award for his safety paper "Achieving OSHA VPP Star Status".

It was good to see everyone that attended in Dallas and I hope our attendance continues to grow. I want to thank my fellow officers for providing me the support needed to make these meetings a great success. I look forward to traveling together over the next year over some familiar trails and forging some new ones. With your help we can continue to improve and strengthen our membership.

Look forward to seeing you at the Indianapolis Meeting!

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