

Greetings Everyone,

Lace up your boots and cinch up your belts to get ready for an incredible mill tour in Reading, PA, May 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We will be staying at the Crowne Plaza in Reading, PA. Our host company will be Carpenter Technology Corporation. Our host member will be Lynn Eckert and they will be showing us three mills on one tour.

The first stop on the mill tour is the Hand Mill. A 1930's Vintage Mill with no automation. This mill uses manpower passing the hot bars through various mill stands.

The second stop on the tour is the #4 Mill. A 1950's Vintage Mill which is a cross country style mill with 22 stands and repeaters in a low real-estate layout. Also in the background is a 6 stand hot band line.

The third stop of the tour is the #5 Mill. A 1980's Vintage Mill with 2008 Electronic Upgrade. This in-line style mill has 17 stands, combination bar and coil mill.

Our Fall 2011 meeting was a great success thanks to our host company Cascade Steel and our host member Chuck Berrier. The courteous people of Cascade Steel had a warm welcome and were willing to take the time needed to answer any questions.

We will continue to focus on **Safety** and make this the first item of discussion at all of our upcoming meetings.

Congratulations to Jason Styron, FLIR Commercial Systems with his paper "Thermal Imaging Cameras for Wire Rod" on receiving the Edward G. Malan Award.

Congratulations to Dru Silva, Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc. on receiving the Timothy Z. Jenkins Award with his Safety Paper.

It was great to see everyone in Portland and I look forward to seeing everyone in Reading.

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