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**Welders Night**

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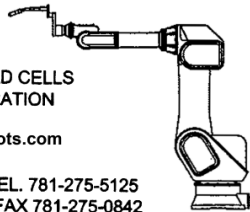
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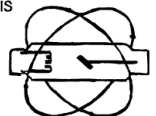
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4. Continue on Rt. 140.
5. Take exit 6 Acushnet Avenue exit
6. Continue to the second traffic light
7. Bear right at the junction
8. GNB Voc Tech is on the right across from the Pine Grove Cemetery.

### **Message from District Director Tom Ferri**

Section scholarship applications are due March 1, 2011. We have scholarship money please have your student apply. The Certified Welding Inspection Exam for Boston closing in fast. The date is March 26, at the Four Points Sheraton in Revere, MA. 9 year rectification and Certified Welding Sales Representative exams are here as well.

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