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Boston Section News

Who could have thought 2011 would be here so soon. It seem like just yesterday we were worried about the year 2000 Millennium knocking out all of our computers. What percentage of people even had personnel computers back then? Now everyone has a computer. It could be laptop, iPad, iPhone, Droid, Blackberry Curve, 3G, and 4G. I like the name of the Blackberry Torch, if only it cut some steel. You can receive messages almost any way you choose. The difficult decision may be "should I wait a month or two because a new model may come along and make the one I'm looking at now an antique." I purchased a 3G iPhone myself for \$200.00 in April 2010 and now it's on sale for \$49.00. It's old technology now. I guess the fact is "The Times-They-Are-A-Changing."

AWS National has given us the ability to post newsletters to your email. The Boston Section has not tested the system yet, but other sections have done so and are claiming it works very well. Any AWS member that already has their email listed with AWS National can be sent the email version. It will not look like the traditional newsletter that has been mailed out to Boston Section Members. The Boston Section will continue to mail our traditional newsletter out until we are sure the electronic version is working perfectly. The hard facts are this is the future, we can hold it off for only so long.

The AWS National web site has a link to all of the twenty one districts and each and every section that has their own web site. There are over two hundred sections. AWS National has employed a full time webmaster to help section officers build their site with information pertaining to its own section. So in addition to receiving an email notification of pending meeting, members can go to there local section's website and see what section's events are planned or read about past events. We even have the ability to post pictures of those events. Soon you can go to www.awssection.org/boston and see what is posted. This is going to take a little time to take hold and for everyone to catch one. If your struggling, then get help from one of your kids, grandkids or someone who is texting and talking to you at the same time.

The Section Officers have the greatest respect for our members and ask for patience as we move into the next millennium.

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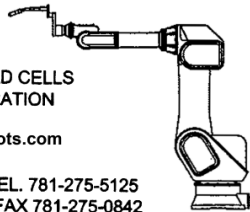
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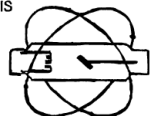
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Reminders to All Members

A message from District Director Tom Ferri

Scholarships applications are due. National applications need to be in by February 1, 2011 and the section scholarships need to be in March 1, 2011. The District One Conference will be held in West Yarmouth this year. The Meeting date is May 6, 2011 at the Hampton Suites and Inn. 99 Main Street West Yarmouth, MA. The meeting will start approximately 9:00 AM.

The next scheduled Certified Welding Inspection Exam for Boston will be March 26, 2011 at the Four Points Sheraton in Revere, MA. You only have a few weeks left to sign up for the course or nine year recertification. If you miss the six weeks before application deadline, then National will charge an extra \$200.00 late processing fee to get you in. Fill out the form and send it in NOW!

When I was at the AWS FABTEC show in November, I was able to get together with District One members from Mass, Central Mass, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. We managed to get together for the AWS Grand Gala event where all members get to meet the incoming President John Mendoza, outgoing President John Bruskotter and several past presidents of AWS. Also greeting and shaking hands was executive Director Ray Shook. This combined with a selection of great food and beverages made for a memorable event for all who were there. If you go next year call me or send me an e-mail.



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