



Upcoming Events

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It was quite an honor to host the President of the American Welding Society, John Mendoza. Our thanks to Nick Pickney and the staff at GRCC M-TEC for hosting our first meeting. We would like to make West Michigan an annual stop for the AWS President. Hopefully next year we can get more students out to see and hear about the American Welding Society. John spoke about the involvement of community colleges in the welding industry and how important they are to our industry. We have several fine community colleges right here in West Michigan. One of the goals this year of the West Michigan Section is to increase our interaction with them. We would like to encourage educators and students to attend our technical meetings and events. The contacts you make and the information you receive can be invaluable.

John also spoke about CWI certification and the history and role of AWS in this process. Did you know you Professional Development Hours (PDHs) may be earned by attending local Section meetings? Currently, a maximum of 20 PDHs may be accepted for 9-year CWI and SCWI recertification. Please contact a board member or visit www.aws.org for further information.



2011/2012 Calendar of Events

- Oct 11th—Tour of Louis Padnos Iron & Metal Holland Plant
- **Nov 14th-17th—FABTECH McCormick Place, Chicago, IL**
- Jan 10th—Technical Meeting—TBA
- Feb 7th—Student Night/ Ferris State University Student Presentations
- Mar 13th—Technical Meeting -MFDC Technology
- Apr—National Welding Month—Further info to be announced
- May 8th—Technical Meeting—TBA
- June 13th—AWS West Michigan Golf Outing

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Louis Padnos Iron and Metal Company Tour

**October 11, 2011
Holland Facility
185 W. 8th Street
Holland, MI 49423**

Since the turn of the twentieth century, the Padnos name has become synonymous with dedication, hard work, and fair dealing. What began as a simple, service-orientated, scrap peddling business built from scratch by Louis and Helen Padnos, has since grown into a sophisticated, environmentally aware institution with world wide influence. This realization of the American dream began in 1905 when Louis Padnos, a young Russian emigrant, settled in Holland, Michigan. Through two world wars, the depression in the 1930's, the company survived and has ultimately thrived, as a reflection of the Padnos' strong belief in the value of scrap as a renewable resource, and the importance of customer satisfaction.

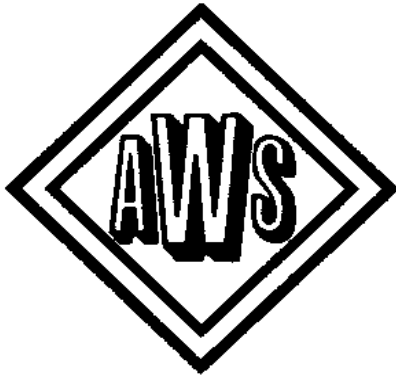
Visit www.padnos.com for more information.

We will be touring the Holland metal reclamation facility (fancy word for scrap yard!). The tour will be inside and out so dress appropriately. PPE recommended includes hard hat, steel toed shoes, and safety glasses. Some of this may be provided by Padnos, but please bring your own if you have.

**Time: 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

Dinner will be at the Beechwood Inn following the tour. The cost of dinner will be \$15.00. You may attend the tour at no cost.

RSVP's MUST be received by October 6th. Please indicate whether you are attending dinner and tour or just tour when you reply. Please reply to Kris Post at: kpost@romanmfg.com or 616-530-8641



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