

THE 2006 RWMA WELDING SCHOOL GOES TO ATLANTA



The Next RWMA Welding School is scheduled in conjunction with the FABTECH International & AWS Welding Show, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. Each year this 2-day course is taught by leading experts in the industry and this year proves to be no different. Whether you are a seasoned professional or just starting out, this school has something for you. So, join us, won't you?

RWMA Welding School
 Georgia World Conference Center
 Atlanta, Georgia
 November 1 & 2, 2006

To register visit the website at:
www.aws.org/expo

WANT TO EXHIBIT?

Become an Exhibitor at RWMA's Welding School - a perfect opportunity to network with students, welders and industry customers one-on-one during a social period after the first day's program. To find out more visit the website at www.aws.org/rwma.

RWMA TO EXHIBIT AT 2006 SHOW

RWMA will be exhibiting at the FABTECH International and the AWS Welding Show on October 31 – November 2. Visitors to the RWMA booth will come away with a better understanding of the industry and have their technical questions answered.

RWMA literature and materials, such as membership packets, membership listings and RWMA literature will be available at the booth. We will also provide a list of those RWMA members exhibiting and their booth location.

We need volunteers to help staff the RWMA booth at the Show. Your expertise in providing industry insight and technical assistance to perspective members and interested show attendees is needed. Please keep in mind that the RWMA booth is intended for the promotion of the Committee and the resistance welding process. Won't you help out?

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RWMA AND AWS JOIN FORCES

The Resistance Welding Manufacturing Alliance (RWMA), formerly Resistance Welding Manufacturers Association, has become a standing committee within the American Welding Society. RWMA's Executive, Education, Marketing, Membership, and Technical subcommittees will exist within the RWMA standing committee. AWS staff and volunteers will support these committees, and the RWMA will have access to AWS' electronic meeting infrastructure.

RWMA membership will be open to companies that manufacture resistance welding equipment. Three new membership categories have been added to the existing membership categories: Sales and Marketing, Consultants, and Suppliers. RWMA members must be AWS Supporting or Sustaining members. New RWMA members will pay joint RWMA/AWS dues.

Publication inventory and RWMA financial reserves have been transferred to AWS. RWMA established two perpetual \$50,000 scholarships under the AWS Foundation umbrella. Each fund will grant one \$2,500 scholarship per year. RWMA will determine the selection criteria for its scholarships. The function of the scholarship subcommittee has been transferred to the AWS Foundation.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As I write this message, we are wrapping up final last minute details for our spring meeting in Indianapolis. Our RWMA committee services group at AWS in Miami has been working hard to make this a great meeting. We have been very fortunate to bring together some great speakers for the technical presentations along with speakers for the business side of our industry and our economy. Along with our meeting, we will be touring Nonferrous Products in Franklin, Indiana, just south of Indianapolis. We are very appreciative of them to host this tour. We are expecting a very good turnout and look forward to meeting some of our new members.

I would like to take this opportunity for both those who will be attending and others of our membership who cannot, that now would be a great opportunity to become involved. We need your help to make this committee successful and benefit all who belong. I speak for all of the Governance committee in thanking those who volunteered at the fall meeting for subcommittees and projects.

I look forward to a successful meeting and seeing everyone in Indianapolis.

Larry E. Moss

**HELP US,
HELP YOU.**



RWMA still needs photos for our Photo Library. If you have any photos of the resistance welding process in action – please let us know!

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ITEMS OF NOTE

CMW Adds Account Manager

CMW Inc. is excited to announce the addition of William (Bill) Love to our Resistance Welding Team as an account manager.

Jennifer Sniderman
CMW Inc.

RoMan Manufacturing Adds to Staff

RoMan Manufacturing is please to announce the addition of two key individuals to its corporate sales staff, Dennis Martin and Jamie Benson. RoMan Manufacturing acquired Ample Plastics a fabricator of insulating materials and plastics such a Lexan, Plexiglas, UHMW, and Nylon and has enhanced its manufacturing capability with the addition of a water jet cutting system.

Robert W. Roth
RoMan Manufacturing, Inc



Hot Off the Presses

The 2006 Membership Directory has been completed and will be delivered at the Spring Meeting. We will begin work on a 2007 version soon, so if you need changes to your company's profile, let us know.

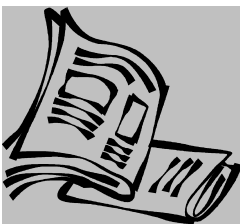
Contact Susan at susan@aws.org

Unitrol Applies for SOFT TOUCH System Patent

Unitrol Electronics, Inc. has just added the ability to use the passive SOFT TOUCH spot welder safety system on multi-gun welders, frequency converter welders and 3Ø DC welders. This patent-applied for system protects against serious operator injury from being caught between electrodes, and is built into all SOLUTION controls (requires pneumatic components). It is the first system to retain protection even if electrode spacing and electrode force has been changed. The system does not require any modification of the welder's cylinder(s), and there are no operator adjustments.

Roger Hirsch
Unitrol Electronics, Inc.

WE'RE IN PRINT



Jim Dally, President of Standard Resistance Welder Co. and member of RWMA, has recently contributed to the resistance welding industry through print media. Dally's article, [A Look at Rocker Arm Spot Welding Machines](#), was published in the May edition of the *Welding Journal*. In this article some of the features and concerns of rocker arm machines are discussed. Article begins on page 60.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER



The recipient of the RWMA Scholarship for the 2006 academic year is Kenneth D. Camling. Kenneth is a junior at Ferris State University in the Welding Engineering Technology program.

FALL ANNUAL MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2005

The RWMA Fall meeting originally scheduled for October 27-29, 2005 unfortunately had to be postponed when Hurricane Wilma hit the Miami area. However, all was not lost, as RWMA held their Annual meeting concurrently with the WEMCO Annual Meeting on January 10-13, 2006, at the Sonesta Beach Club Resort in Key Biscayne, Florida. The members were able to enjoy guest speaker, Alan Beaulieu, of Institute for Trend Research, talk on "Economic Forecasting," along with a joint social event on the evening of January 12th.

FALL ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 2006



RWMA will be holding their Annual Fall Meeting on October 5-7, 2006 at the beautiful Naples Grande Resort & Club in Naples, Florida. Mark your calendars now as you won't want to miss this very special event!

About the venue

Experience the evolution of this timeless Naples resort - which blends modern luxury and laid-back style with a host of upgraded features. Enjoy endless ways to spend the day - among them tennis, golf, sailing, shopping, and a wealth of nearby cultural offerings. Our newly-renovated accommodations, attentive staff and full-service spa make this Naples Florida hotel an exquisite retreat for both mind and body. Escape to the quiet seclusion of our white-sand beaches and discover the new standard of hotels in Naples, Florida.

RWMA 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17 - 19 RWMA Spring Meeting Crowne Plaza - Downtown Union Station Indianapolis, Indiana	October 5 - 7 RWMA Fall Annual Meeting Naples Grande Resort & Club Naples, Florida	Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 FABTECH International & the AWS Welding Show Georgia World Congress Cntr. Atlanta, Georgia	November 1 - 2 Emmet A. Craig Resistance Welding School Georgia World Congress Center Atlanta, Georgia
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SPRING MEETING

MEET YOUR SPEAKER



Morton J. Marcus, Director Emeritus of the Indiana Business Research Center at the Kelley School of Business, Indiana University will be guest speaker at the 2006 Spring Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 18th. Mr. Marcus will speak on the topic, "If everything is so good, why do we feel so uneasy?"

Morton Marcus has a B.A. in Economics from Roosevelt University and a Masters degree in Economics from Washington University.

SIT BACK, RELAX, AND TAKE A TOUR

Nonferrous Products in Franklin, Indiana will be hosting a tour of their 12-acre facility to those in attendance at the RWMA Spring Meeting. The tour will take place, on Friday, May 19th.

Nonferrous Products ("NF") produces and distributes copper-based and aluminum bronze custom components. Hot working metal into plate, disks, tubes and rings with open-die hammers and a 1500-ton press is NF's principal business. NF also has a nonferrous metal distribution center. A captive machine shop and full heat treat facilities enhance these operations providing finished and semi-finished parts.

Most of NF's sales are forgings which are split between RWMA welding wheels and large plate, block and rings used in the plastic and metal mold industries as well as aluminum bronze components. It sources its forging billet and slab from four domestic mills and two non-U.S. sources. The product range is from OFHC coppers to copper alloys such as chrome and beryllium coppers to aluminum bronze alloys. NF sells to mills, distributors and end users. About 40% of sales are to RWMA customers in the form of welding wheels and bar/rod products. As a welding wheel forger since 1968, it believes it is the lowest cost producer in the U.S. with a solid market share. Thank you Nonferrous Products for your generosity!



ANYTHING TO ADD?

If you have news for us, we'd be glad to print it. Send a copy of the information in electronic format to susan@aws.org, and we'll make sure it gets in the next issue.

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PHOTO GALLERY

RWMA/WEMCO Joint Social Event at 2005 Fall Meeting

