



Greetings,

Get your bags packed as we are heading to Charter Steel in Cleveland for the upcoming meeting October 7th - 10th. David Light will be the host Member.

Once again our Spring 2009 meeting was a great success thanks to the dedication of our members. I believe that everyone came away from the meeting with some valuable information, either from one of the sessions or just from conversing with each other.

I would like to thank our host company, Gerdau-Ameristeel, for their hospitality. All their employees were very courteous and willing to answer questions. Thanks to Kevin Danner and Tom Burkett for all of the hard work to make this past meeting a great success!

As we continue with our focus on safety we will make this the first item of discussion at all of our upcoming meetings!!

Technical Sessions: We still have some concerns about not having enough papers. Many of you are trying new things, equipment, software, monitoring systems, etc..., so please contact Jim Boyd about a paper and share your experiences with us, the positive or negatives. This is how we all learn. Thanks to all those who presented papers.

Congratulations to Mike Coleman on his paper "Safety During Adjustments to Rolls and Guides" and also John Powell / Lindsey Deal on their paper "Improving Energy Efficiency and Reducing Air Emissions through Utilization of Emissshield technology" on receiving the Edward G. Malan Awards as we had a tie on this award.

Congratulations to Charlie Knight (Nucor Jewett) on receiving the Timothy Z. Jenkins Award for his paper "Safety for the Right Reason".

It has been my privilege over the past two years to serve The IRD as President. I want to thank all of my fellow officers for doing a great job in providing me support to make these meetings a great success. These meetings would not have been successful without their dedication and I truly appreciate everyone's efforts. To summarize the last few years I would like to refer to a Clint Eastwood film that pretty much covers my tenure, The Good, The Bad and the Ugly! We have covered all of these with the economic times over the past few years. I thank all of you for the continued support of the IRD that has allowed us to prevail through all of these times!! Thanks again for allowing me to serve you over the past years and it has been my privilege to serve all of you!

Remember that scholarship applications are due on August 31, 2009

Hope to see you at the Cleveland Meeting!

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