



Greetings,

We are committed to “Safety in Roll Shops and Rolling Mills” is the theme for Spring 2009 meeting!

Once again our Fall 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, Morgan Construction, for their hospitality. All their employees were very courteous and willing to answer questions. Thanks to Ron Walker, Rick Stanard and Barry Bourgeois 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!! We will have two presentations on safety at this meeting. We will have a supplier paper given on the topic of (Lock out – Tag Out) by MTS Safety Supply Company – Dave Coffaro will be giving this presentation. We will also have an operator paper on the topic (“Safety for the Right Reason – The Nucor Jewett Story”) given by Charles Knight from Nucor Jewett, Texas.

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 Robb Schmidt (Johnstown Specialty Castings) on receiving the Edward G. Malan Award. Congratulations to Tom Seyfert (Charter Steel) on receiving the Timothy Z. Jenkins Award.

Remember that scholarship applications are due by the Fall registration deadline.

Hope to see you at the Atlanta Meeting!

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