



September 2016 Newsletter Milwaukee SPE

HellermannTyton Tour Highlights

Thanks to everyone who attended the September 20th Milwaukee SPE meeting at HellermannTyton's newly expanded plant on W Good Hope in Milwaukee. We had a great turnout of 32 people!

HellermannTyton is one of the leading suppliers of products for fastening, fixing, identifying and protecting cables, tubes and pipe. They also sell pioneering systems in the field of data and network technology. The W. Good Hope Rd plant has over 80 injection molding machines where, among the 60,000 products they sell worldwide, they make billions of cable ties. Up until 2013, HellermannTyton's production injection molding was all done at the N. Faulkner Rd facility.



In 2013, HellermannTyton finished renovating and moved into the facility we visited and toured. In 2015 they completed the new tool room and the Technical Development Center in the Faulkner Rd building and put on another 100,000 feet to the W Good Hope Road facility. We got to learn more about the HellermannTyton's global operations, the product lines, the customers and markets served, employee life as well as a little bit about the research HT does to improve products and processes. We also learned about their acquisition last year by Delphi Automotive

and how it is positioning them for continued growth. We wish HellermannTyton continued success in their state of the art facility! A special Thank You to Mike Miller, Director of Product Development Engineering, HellermanTyton for arranging the tour.



Meet our new Councilor! Todd Menna

Dr. Todd Menna is currently employed at Element Materials Technology in New Berlin, Wisconsin. He is experienced in the field of materials science and engineering focusing on testing and analysis of polymeric, rubber, metallic, ceramic, and composite materials and devices. Dr. Menna's practice areas focus on performing new product review assistance, failure analysis investigations and consulting on a wide variety of consumer products and industrial related accidents involved in litigation, insurance and industrial matters. He

is currently a member of four ASTM committees (F15, F17, F42, E30) and past Secretary and current board member of SPE's Failure Analysis and Prevention special interest group. Dr. Menna has a Ph.D., MSE and BSE in Materials Science and Engineering, all from the University of Michigan. Past work experience involves engineering consulting, material testing, R&D, and failure analysis.

Educational Foundation Funding Reminder

The five-member SPE Milwaukee Educational Fund Board meets in October to determine its annual donations. With about \$50,000 to spend on working projects, we are soliciting projects to review. The purpose of the awards is to further plastics education in Wisconsin schools and colleges and develop possible plastic company employees. Previous grants have gone to fund 3-D adaptive printers, injection molding machines (teaching aids), plastic training videos and travel expenses to the SPE ANTEC conference.

Written applications are required and information needed include a summary of the project, success measurement, a budget and other possible funding sources. An application for funding is attached and can be found on our website here: <http://milwaukeeespe.org/education-foundation/grant-application/>

Respectfully,

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