



Mission Statement: Helping the manufacturers
Of North Central Ohio prosper through
Education and Networking

NEWSLETTER
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President's Message

RMC Members,

The summer seems to be flying by with many families taking trips and many events happening with local businesses. Crossroads Original Designs held a business before hours tour with over 20 participants learning more about the business and processes in candle making, and several making purchases too!

Steve Cummins, co-founder along with Jerry Miller of the Manufacturing Museum announced that they have received a sizable grant and are close to being fully funded. It's a very exciting time for the area as plans are under way working towards an opening.

The RMC sponsored a Spill Response training with many local manufacturers taking advantage of the training taught by Nate Holmes with excellent feedback. The RMC will continue to serve our membership with focused training helping you understand the ever changing government requirements, improve your safety processes and be more productive.

Technical training and education continues to be a huge need in the area and Greg Timberlake with NCSC shared with the executive committee that they now have several mobile labs that can be taken on the road to your company for training in Piping, Power Distribution systems, Electrical Wiring Systems and Motor Control Systems. Give Greg a call if you have a need.

We have a few new members that we'd like you to welcome

Emerson Process -

Appleseed Realty -

Also, make sure you mark your calendars with the upcoming events including the Manufacturing Matters event on June 24, The Quarterly meeting in July, Annual Stimpert Golf Outing on August 12th and State House trip in November. Check out our extensive calendar of events included in this month's newsletter...

Enjoy your summer and stay safe.

Hank

Website

Have you checked out the website? If you would like to have your company in the spotlight, I would like to start including one at a time on the website. I'm still looking for companies to spotlight. Don't be shy – let me know if you want to participate.

Check us out at www.rmc-ohio.com

What is missing from the website that you would like to have included? It is a work in progress, so send your feedback to

rmc.ohio@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

June 24, 2016

Mfg. Forum

Manufacturing Matters,

Trend Lines v Headlines

July 15, 2016
Quarterly Meeting
State Rep. Mark Romanchuk

August 12, 2016
Stimpert Memorial Golf Outing
Shelby Country Club

September 15, 2016
Business B4 Hours
Next Gen Films

October 6 & 7, 2016
Manufacturing Days

November 2016
Trip to the State House

MAGNET

Hello,

This is Jan Miller, your local Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) representative, coming to you with a new and exciting story of Northeast Ohio manufacturing!

As the leading nonprofit for manufacturers in the region, MAGNET offers a wide range of connections to help companies get off the ground and take the next step. In some cases, these resources can help save lives. MAGNET was recently contacted by Emergency Products and Research, a Kent-based manufacturer who needed help developing new technology to decontaminate ambulances and public health spaces. The company was later referred to NASA, whose subject-matter experts and scientists provided technical assistance and helped take their product to the next level. Want to know what happened next? [Read the success story on MAGNET's website to find out more.](#)

MAGNET has also embarked on a new thought leadership event series focusing on current and future trends that affect the manufacturing landscape in Northeast Ohio. I highly encourage you to join us for these events to learn what's influencing your market and how to prepare for what's to come. [Click here for more details and registration.](#)

If you would like to learn how MAGNET can help your business, contact me at jan.miller@magnetnetwork.org or call me at 419.755.9018.

If you would like to learn how MAGNET can grow your business, contact me at jan.miller@magnetnetwork.org or call me at 419.755.9018.

Jan Miller

Manufacturing Forums

We are always looking for topics of interest to you, our members. Please drop me an e-mail if there is any particular subject you would like to have covered in a future event.

Melanie

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Interesting information from the Ohio Manufacturers Assoc.

[Bureau of Workers' Compensation chief eyes efficiency](#)

Ohio's Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the state-run insurance fund for injured workers, hasn't always been the easiest bureaucracy to navigate, but it wants to change that, its top administrator said Monday in Toledo.

Toledo Blade - 6/14/2016 Reporter **Jon Chavez**

[Cheap natural gas is here, where is the new industry?](#)

MARIETTA -- Five years after Ohio Gov John Kasich's energy summit concluded shale gas production would create a new manufacturing boom, business leaders in the Mid-Ohio Valley have launched a private campaign to make it happen.

Cleveland Plain Dealer - 6/11/2016 Reporter **John Funk**

[Area politicians plan meetings, work on opioid abuse](#)

LIMA - While state legislators may not be voting on new bills for a while, they are still eager to hear from voters on important issues, with Sen. Keith Faber, R-Celina, being one example.

Lima News - 6/13/2016

[ECONOMY Air pollution could cost global economy \\$2.6 trillion a year](#)

Toxic air isn't just bad for human lungs and the environment, it's also terrible for the global economy, according a new report.

Toledo Blade - 6/10/2016

[Patients see new medical marijuana law as best option to manage pain](#)

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Governor John Kasich signed a bill to legalize medical marijuana into

law Wednesday, making Ohio the 25th state to approve its use.

WBNS Columbus (CBS) - 6/10/2016 Reporter **Kevin Landers**

[Questions up in the air about medical marijuana law](#)

Ohio's new medical marijuana law is on the books, but many questions are unanswered.

Columbus Dispatch - 6/10/2016 Reporter **Alan Johnson**

[Ohio's new medical marijuana law explained](#)

COLUMBUS: Republican Gov. John Kasich signed a bill Wednesday legalizing medical marijuana in Ohio, though patients shouldn't expect to get it from dispensaries here anytime soon.

Akron Beacon Journal - 6/10/2016 Reporter **Ann Sanner, AP**

\$8 Billion in Above-Market Charges, Already

Take a look at [this infographic](#) that shows that FirstEnergy and AEP have collected – or will collect - more than \$8 billion in above-market charges from their customers from 2001-2018 as the generation market moved through the deregulation process. That is, by regulatory fiat their customers paid, or will pay, \$8 billion above the market.

This is no way to have a competitive, job-producing industrial economy.

Now, as you know, FirstEnergy and AEP Ohio continue to attempt to secure more non-bypassable customer

subsidization of the utilities' uneconomic power plants. What they asked for would have resulted in another \$6 billion in above-market charges.

Isn't it time to stop punishing customers and allow the markets to work? *6/9/2016*

Ohio's Fiscal Health Strong

A new report, "[Ranking States' Fiscal Health](#)," puts Ohio as 11th best among the states in fiscal health.

The Mercatus Center of George Mason University reviewed audited financial reports for fiscal 2014 for all 50 states and Puerto Rico. It evaluated the reports on five metrics: cash solvency, budget solvency, long-run solvency, service-level solvency and trust fund solvency.

Alaska, Nebraska, Wyoming and both Dakotas were the top five states. Puerto Rico, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Illinois and Kentucky were the stinkers. *6/7/2016*

How Does Ohio's Medical Marijuana Law Impact Your Drug-free Policy?

Here's a post from OMA Connections Partner, [Working Partners®](#): "... Governor Kasich signed Ohio H.B. 523 into law, legalizing marijuana as "medicine under certain circumstances." The law will officially go into effect in 90 days, but the bill allows two years for the state to complete the infrastructure and specifications to grow, sell and regulate the use of marijuana.

"It is important for you to know there are SEVERAL elements in law that protect you, the employer, and your drug-free workplace (DFWP) program:

1. Employers do NOT have to permit or accommodate an employee's use, possession, or distribution of "medical" marijuana.
2. Employers are NOT prohibited from refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining or otherwise taking adverse action against a person who uses "medical" marijuana.
3. Employers CAN drug test and have a drug-free workplace program, even if it is a zero tolerance policy.
4. The law will NOT interfere with or change: alcohol/drug testing requirements mandated by the Department of Transportation (DOT); the BWC Drug-Free Safety Program, including H.B. 80; Ohio HB 223 (rebuttable presumption for workers' compensation
5. Nothing in the law permits a person to sue an employer for refusing to hire, discharge, disciplining, retaliating or otherwise taking an adverse employment action related to "medical" marijuana.
6. A person who is discharged from employment because of their medical use of marijuana is considered to have been discharged "for cause" if their use violated an employer's policy." *6/9/2016*

What Employers Should Know about Drug Tests (video)

Here's a good [3 minute video](#) from OMA Connections Partner, Working Partners®, that explains the various drug tests

employers might consider. Good to know! 6/9/2016

More Good News for the R&D Tax Credit

OMA Connections Partner, Tax Credits Group, posted that: "The recent wave of favorable developments for the R&D tax credit continued earlier this month as a new bill, H.R. 5187, was introduced and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means to increase the Alternative Simplified Credit (ASC) rate from 14% to 20%.

"This bill follows on the heels of the PATH Act of 2015 which granted the R&D tax credit permanent status, after thirty-plus years as a temporary incentive, and introduced several other changes allowing small to mid-size businesses to utilize the credit against Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) or payroll taxes."

[Read more from Tax Credits Group about the ASC method.](#) 6/6/2016

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