

# The Metal Finisher

**MARCH 2004**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By: Geoffrey Blake, Drilube/All Metals Processing Of Orange County**

March is here and hopefully California is headed in a new direction. Last month MFASC held our Annual Supplier Showcase at Quiet Cannon Montebello. This year the event was spectacular. We had about 70 Suppliers and an outstanding show of our members in attendance. Many thanks to all who helped establish this ongoing event that seems to grow larger each year. Special thanks to Bill Searight, Dan Cunningham and Maria Velarde who set up and organized this program to be a complete success.

Membership in MFASC is very important to the Metal Finishing Industry. MFASC is always looking to provide its members with updated information for the betterment of the Industry. Seminars held from Safety procedures, Storm Water reporting to Hazardous materials training is provided. In April we have one of the most important functions provided for our members. Legislative Action Day will take place on April 13 and 14 in Sacramento. Laws and regulations hit the metal finishing industry every year; which make it sometimes seem impossible to stay in business. This is the reason for an annual Legislative Action Day. We organize as a group in Sacramento to talk face to face with these Legislators and explain our concerns and problems facing our industry. It is so important to get as many members as possible to attend, this gives our organization a larger voice, and Legislative body looks at numbers.

Please set aside these two days in April, for additional information contact Dan Cunningham at MFASC Headquarters. It always seems that we are going uphill, maybe we are but we never give up. Hope to see many of you in Sacramento.

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**Supplier Showcase 2004**

Bob McBride, A.C. Plating; Ron Leiker, MFASC Past President, Mid-Valley Anodizing; Meg Gallagher, M.M. Gallagher Company.

**MFASC PAST PRESIDENTS**

Bruce U Smith *	1967-69
Francis Odell	1969-71
Carl L Lambert *	1971-73
Richard J Wooley	1973-75
Donald Foss	1975-77
William D Wiggins	1977-78
David Anzures, Sr	1978-80
Stan Golnick *	1980-81
Harry Levy	1981-82
Glenn Fitzgerald	1982-83
Sol Naman, Jr	1983-84
Carl Troncale	1984-86
Larry Foss *	1986-88
William F Searight	1988-90
George Derby	1990-92
Daniel Cunningham	1992-94
Sam Bell	1994-96
Tom Gardner	1996-98
Carol McCracken	1998-00
Bob McBride	2000-01
Ron Leiker	2001-03

**STRATEGIC GOALS PROGRAM**  
**By: Carol McCracken, Foss Plating Company**

**THE GOALS PROGRAM CONTINUES**

Annual worksheets for the Strategic Goals Program are now out, and are due back by March 30, 2004. This report is much more than just more paperwork because feedback on your company's data is so readily available. Participating companies have found the facility reports very useful in understanding their environmental performance levels and in finding opportunities to save money by decreasing resource usage and waste disposal costs.

Equally important, the aggregate results have proved quite useful in our continuing lobbying activity nationally with USEPA and other regulators.

Samples of the data available can be found on the web site, [www.strategicgoals.org](http://www.strategicgoals.org). Individual companies are identified only by a number. To view progress reports, use the left hand menu and select "Facility Reports". You can also view benchmarking reports, environmental performance and cost reports. The 2003 facility reports should be available in April 2004, according to George Cushnie, NMFRC.

For further information, contact Carol McCracken at 562/945-3451 or George Cushnie at 703/255-2240.

**MFASC LIFE MEMBERS**

E.B. Wiggins *	1991
Stanley Foss	1999
Luke Fratello *	1999
Fred Richards *	1999
Bob Searight	1999

**REDUCTIONS MAKE SENSE**

The Strategic Goals Program and it's goals still make sense. Regardless of whether you are officially in the program, certain reductions help your environmental footprint, and save your company money. Metal finishers who have already made some of the following reductions are seeing precious cost reductions in this very tough economy. Platers are successfully saving money by finding ways to:

- 50% Water Reduction
- 25% Natural Gas & Electrical Reductions
- Reduction in sludge Generation
- 98% Metals Utilization
- 50% Reduction in Metals Emissions to Water & Air
- Reduction in Human Exposure to Toxic Materials, which can lead to reduction in worker's compensation exposure.

**MFASC AWARD OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Randy Solganik	2000
Geoffrey Blake	2003
Daniel Cunningham	2003
M.Dean High	2003
Harry Levy	2003
Bob McBride	2003

**MFASC AWARD OF MERIT**

Sam Bell	2003
Alan Olick	2003

**MFASC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

David Anzures, Sr.	1999	Glenn Fitzgerald, Sr.	1999	Francis Odell	1999	Carl Troncale, Sr.	1999
Willard Bell *	1999	Donald Foss	1999	Jack Sheer	1999	Richard Wooley	1999
Robert Coombes, Sr.	1999	Dorrance Leiker *	1999	Bert Sherwood	1999		

\* Deceased

**SUPPLIER SHOWCASE 2004 A GREAT SUCCESS**  
**By: William F. Searight, Supplier Showcase Chairman**

Over 400 Suppliers and members participated in this year's Supplier Showcase 2004 held last month at the Quiet Cannon. Supplier Showcase is our annual table-top display and mini tradeshow, and this year's event was great with nearly 70 exhibiting companies. The room was packed!

The table-top displays opened at 4:00 p.m., and our members were out in force. The night was fun with lots of hors d'oeuvres, and a terrific buffet dinner at 5:00 p.m. The usual activities were on-going; walking the show, talking with friends and suppliers, sitting with friends at dinner, and just enjoying the evening. The night ended with a great prize drawing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Suppliers who participated in the Showcase and support our event (see list of Suppliers below). Your participation is sincerely appreciated. Membership turnout was also strong and all those who attended know what a good time it was. It was very nice to attend a MFASC meeting and not hear about any environmental or political problems. The event was also a fine example of cooperation between metal finishers and the suppliers of goods and services to our industry. It's through this cooperation that we can all prosper in this tough business climate. Thanks again to all suppliers and members who supported Suppliers Showcase 2004. And make sure to attend again next year!

## 2004 EXHIBITOR LIST

ADROIT AUTOMATION, INC.  
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**AFLAC**  
**AIR CLEANING SOLUTIONS**  
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 INC.  
 EQMPT-SOURCE  
 EQUIPMENT MFG. CORP.  
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 G.J. NIKOLAS & CO., INC.  
 GALLAGHER CAPTIVE SVCS., INC.  
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 HERITAGE PRODUCTS  
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 M.M. GALLAGHER CO.  
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 PALM INTERNATIONAL  
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 PRIME ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
**PRO-CHEM CORP.**  
 PROCESS TECHNOLOGY  
 PSC (PHILIP SERVICES CORP.)  
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**PURETEC**  
 RYAN HERCO PRODUCTS CORP.  
 S-1 TECHNOLOGY  
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**STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND**  
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**WEST COAST RACK & MFG.**  
**WORLD RESOURCES COMPANY**  
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*The company names that are in bold are Supplier Members to MFASC.*

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY**  
**APRIL 13-14, 2004**  
**SACRAMENTO, CA**

Further challenges are fully expected from our State Legislature and Governor. Bills that passed, but were vetoed in September may come back to haunt us this year. We need as many different metal finishers, and spouses, as possible to join us on April 13-14, 2004. Your being there gives us a reason to visit the Legislators from all districts in Southern California.

**2004 LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY**

**April 13-14, 2004**

**SHERATON GRAND SACRAMENTO**  
**Sacramento, CA**

**AGENDA**

<i>Tuesday</i> April 13, 2004	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<b>MFASC Board of Directors Meeting</b> Sheraton Grand Sacramento (guests welcome)
<i>Wednesday</i> April 14, 2004	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<b>Joint MFASC/STA Reception &amp; Dinner</b> (Hosted by MFASC/STA)
	8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Legislative Briefing Session</b> Sheraton Grand Sacramento
	9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<b><u>Legislative Appointments—State Capitol</u></b>
	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Legislative De-Briefing Session</b> Sheraton Grand Sacramento
	4:00 p.m.	<b>Shuttle to Sacramento Airport</b>

Reservations: (800) 325-3535  
 Room Rate: \$149.00—Under STA (Surface Technology Association)

**Make your plans now!!!**

*Mark Your Calendar*

**12th ANNUAL LARRY FOSS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

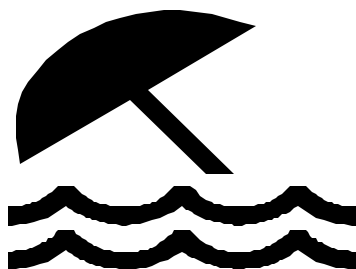
MALIBU COUNTRY CLUB—MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2004

# 2004 NAMF CONVENTION

## March 28-31, 2004

### Wyndham El Conquistador Resort Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

Registration packets have been mailed from NAMF. For more information please call NAMF (407) 281-6445.



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#### WORKERS COMPENSATION

By: **Francis Odell, Insurance Chairman**

Benefits are up in 2004 and the plaintiff lawyers are hungrier than ever so it is more important than ever before for you to aggressively handle every injury claim that occurs. You only have 30 days of medical control before an attorney can convince your employee that he can get more money by handling your case with his very friendly and expensive medical friends.

Litigated cases cost, on the average, 300% more than one without an attorney. All insurance claims representatives are greatly overworked and State Fund claims people have an excessive number of claims to handle, so most claims are the victim of unintentional neglect that costs you money. You have to be proactive from minute one of an accident to final closure. You shouldn't have to do the claim department detail work, but if you don't, it either will be delayed or never done. Most platers have lots of higher priority worries than handling details of an accident claim. That is why MFASC has endorsed and recommended M.M. GALLAGHER to handle our INSTANT CLAIMS ASSISTANCE program.. A phone call at the time of accident to (714) 447-9449 can get you the advice you need on how to keep the claim expedited from an experienced professional claims expert that is on your side. Don't delay because once a claim gets out of hand, it only gets worse.

# 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MFASC

<u>March 17, 2004</u>	<b><u>CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR</u></b> Stevens Steak House 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm
<u>March 17, 2004</u>	<b><u>SANITATION DISTRICTS</u></b> Stevens Steak House 5:30 pm
<u>April 21, 2004</u>	<b><u>CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR</u></b> Quiet Cannon Montebello 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm
<u>April 21, 2004</u>	<b><u>JOINT MFASC/AESF MEETING</u></b> Quiet Cannon Montebello 5:30 pm
<u>May 19, 2004</u>	<b><u>STORM WATER WORKSHOP</u></b> Stevens Steak House 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm
<u>May 19, 2004</u>	<b><u>DINNER MEETING</u></b> Stevens Steak House 5:30 pm
<u>September 13-14, 2004</u>	<b><u>NAMF LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE</u></b>

**For MFASC meeting information call:**

MFASC Headquarters  
Maria Velarde - (818) 367-0234

**HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION**

**By: Francis Odell, Insurance Chairman**

State Fund are starting a small pilot operation with a Health Care Organization and the MFASC Group will be included. Why an HCO? The biggest advantage is that the employer gets either 90 or 180 days of medical control before your injured employee can get to the lawyers medical influence. Any medical activities that are not provided or authorized by the HCO are not chargeable to your claim .

The HCO is not a part of State Fund but a an outside contracted activity that provides good care to your patient. With 180 days of control you can get most employees cured and back to work before they can be influenced by outside people. The program is still being developed and we expect it to start in April or May. Full details should be available by next month. It is not new to California, but this is State Funds first test and we expect it to get employees back to work quicker and with greatly reduced claims cost.

## AESF

<u>March 9, 2004</u>	<b>O.C. BRANCH MEETING</b>
<u>April 21, 2004</u>	<b>JOINT LA/OC - MFASC MTG.</b> Montebello, CA
<u>June 28-30, 2004</u>	<b>SURFIN 2004</b> Chicago, IL

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**MFASC BOARD REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS**

**By: Daniel Cunningham, Executive Director**

The following are some highlights of the February 7, 2004 MFASC Board of Directors meeting:

- The Insurance Committee is investigating Workers Comp alternatives for MFASC members.
- Recent award certificates were mailed to all current MFASC members.
- The 2004 Facilities Guide information is being compiled and tabulated.
- In the near future, the newsletter should be mailed electronically (via e-mail).
- "Certified" fume suppressant testing has been completed by SCAQMD.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 13, 2004 in Sacramento.

# COMPLIANCE CALENDAR 2004

2004	DAY	REQUIREMENT	REGULATION/ AGENCY
March	Daily Weekly 1st 1st 1st 1st	Daily Facility Inspections Weekly Facility Inspections Monthly Facility Inspections Monthly WET Season Insp. Monthly Safety Inspections Monthly Fire Extinguisher Check	PBR PBR and Storm Water Storm Water Storm Water Cal/OSHA Cal/OSHA
April	Daily Weekly 1st 1st 1st 1st	Daily Facility Inspections Weekly Facility Inspections Monthly Facility Inspections Monthly WET Season Insp. Monthly Safety Inspections Monthly Fire Extinguisher Check	PBR PBR and Storm Water Storm Water Storm Water Cal/OSHA Cal/OSHA
May	Daily Weekly 1st 1st 1st 1st	Daily Facility Inspections Weekly Facility Inspections Monthly Facility Inspections Monthly WET Season Insp. Monthly Safety Inspections Monthly Fire Extinguisher Check	PBR PBR and Storm Water Storm Water Storm Water Cal/OSHA Cal/OSHA
June	Weekly 1st 1st 1st 1st	Daily Facility Inspections Weekly Facility Inspections Monthly Facility Inspections Monthly WET Season Insp. Monthly Safety Inspections Monthly Fire Extinguisher Check	PBR PBR and Storm Water Storm Water Storm Water Cal/OSHA Cal/OSHA

## ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW CHECKLIST

The following is a list of compliance programs, reports, training programs and other regulatory issues which must be reviewed, amended, updated or checked annually and **documented**. Some of the items on this list do not have a specific review date, so each company must have its own schedule.

Employee Notification of Exposure and Medical Records  
 Annual Compliance Status Report Rule 1469  
 OSHA 300 Log  
 Closure Plan Tiered Permitting  
 Biennial Report (Every two years, even numbered)  
 Annual Update Tiered Permitting  
 Form R SARA Title III  
 Storm Water Annual Report  
 DOT Registration Form  
 Review Injury & Illness Prevention Plan  
 Air Emission Report  
 PBR Annual Update Form  
 Submit Underground Storage Tank Fee Return  
 Storm Water Facility Inspection  
 SB 14 Source Reporting Plan (Plus submitted every 4 years)  
 SWPPP Review  
 Contingency Plan  
 Hazard Communication Training  
 Airborne Contaminants Control Plan  
 Haz Mat Training  
 Forklift Training (Every 3 years)

Cal/OSHA  
 SCAQMD  
 Cal/OSHA  
 DTSC  
 DTSC  
 DTSC  
 EPA  
 SWRCB  
 DOT  
 Cal/OSHA  
 SCAQMD  
 PBR/DTSC  
 BOE  
 SWRCB  
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January 1  
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 October 1

# MARCH 17 SEMINAR

**Department of Transportation  
HAZMAT EMPLOYEE  
TRAINING  
49CFR PART 172.200**

**Stevens Steak House**  
5332 E. Stevens Place  
Commerce, CA  
(323) 723-9856

**2:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

**\$100 per company**

*For registration information please see the flyer included in this newsletter or contact **MFASC Headquarters** at (818) 367-0234.*

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# MARCH DINNER MEETING

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

TIME: 5:30 pm Cocktails, 6:00 pm Dinner/Program, End 8:00 pm  
TOPIC: **Sanitation Districts—Future Trends**  
LOCATION: Stevens Steakhouse, 5332 E Stevens Place, Commerce, CA. (323) 723.9856  
FEE: \$30 in advance of meeting date, \$35 at the door

**ACT NOW!** Return this form to: MFASC, P.O. Box 923695, Sylmar, CA 91392-3695. Or phone (818) 367-0234. Or fax (818) 367-0904.

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