

Madison APICS
Professional Development Meeting
Tour of Electronic Theatre Controls
Thursday, January 17th
11:00 - 1:30 p.m.

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Please join us for a tour of Electronic Theatre Controls (ETC) state of the art facilities in Middleton, WI. ETC was started 30 years ago with the conviction that there was a better way to make a lighting control console. They developed one of the first microprocessor-based systems, which boasted the then blindingly fast 2MHz 8080 CPU! Now the popular lighting control consoles are thousands of times more powerful than those ground-breaking early versions.

ETC is constantly changing, adjusting to fit your lighting needs. They have grown from a few college-student entrepreneurs, in 1975, to over six hundred talented people in offices worldwide.



Timeline: 11:00 - Meet & Greet
11:30 - Tour
12:45 - Lunch and Discussion

Location: Electronic Theatre Controls
3031 Pleasant View Road
Middleton, WI 53562

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Please RSVP by noon on 1/14/08 by registering on line at www.madisonapics.org. Cost: \$10 per person, includes lunch. The Student Chapter is covering the cost for all full-time students. The APICS board challenges all members to bring a guest. Each member that brings a guest will be entered to win a great prize.

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The Potential Value of APICS

I have been a member of APICS for about 13 years. I got started back in college when my professor got me involved. I had just decided to major in Business Administration and took a class for Operations Management. I did not realize at the time that this class was going to shape my career.

Professor Gunderson began by teaching our class some basic principles of operation management. He started with the text book but soon got into the APICS dictionary. He taught us how we could apply this information to the real world. By the time I was done with this first class, I was involved with the student chapter and began studying for my first APICS exam. Soon I changed my academic advisor to Professor Gunderson. He kept me involved in APICS and at the time of graduation, I had passed two APICS exams.

Still, all I thought I was doing was adding another bullet point to my resume. Now as I look back to those beginning days, I remember Professor Gunderson talking about the potential of APICS and that it is more than a bullet point. He was right in so many ways. APICS has become the backbone to my career. I use the principles and the tools from APICS on almost a daily basis. I try to show others in my organization how to use and apply them to improve our

company. But recently APICS has had larger impact on me than I ever thought it would. I started a new career about 4 months ago. The main reason I was offered the position is because of APICS. Not only did I have the APICS knowledge they were looking for but I had a connection through APICS. My networking was the APICS tool that got me the position. Now in my new role I am applying all those old tools and techniques as in the past.

So I encourage you to get involved in APICS as well as getting others involved. You will gain valuable knowledge that you can use to help you in your current role. You can also develop relationships that help you get your career to where you want it to be. You will get so much more than just a bullet on your resume.

I look forward to seeing you at our January PDM.

Sincerely,

Don Peters
Madison APICS President

Madison APICS Classes

Execution and Control of Operations

February 22-23, 2008

Focus on the areas of prioritizing and sequencing work, executing work plans and implementing controls, reporting activity results, and providing feedback on performance. The course explains techniques for scheduling and controlling production processes, the execution of quality initiatives and continuous improvement plans, and the control and handling of inventories.

Topics include: Prioritizing and Sequencing Work, Executing Plans and Implementing Controls, Authorizing and Reporting Activities for Push and Pull Systems, Evaluating Performance and Providing Feedback.

Strategic Management of Resources

March 28-29, 2008

Explore the relationship of existing and emerging processes and technologies to manufacturing strategy and supply chain-related functions. The course addresses three main topics: aligning resources with the strategic plan, configuring and integrating operating processes to support the strategic plan, and implementing change.

Topics include: Competitive Market Issues, Choices Affecting Facilities, Supply Chain, Information Technology, and Organizational Design, Configuring and Integrating Internal Processes, Evaluating and Managing Projects.

Basics of Supply Chain Management

April 18 -19, 2008

Explore the basic concepts in managing the flow of materials in a supply chain. In the Basics, you get a complete overview of material flow, from internal and external suppliers to and from your organization.

Topics include: Elements of Supply Chain, Just-in-Time (JIT), Total Quality Management (TQM), Manufacturing Resources Planning (MRP II), Demand Planning, Capacity Management.

**For registration information please go to the web site at:
www.madisonapics.org**



2008 Calendar

February 20

Topic: Theory of Constraints, Lean, and Six Sigma
Location: Wolf Appliance LLC
Meet & Greet: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Presentation: 6:30 - 7:30

March 12

Topic: International Sourcing
Location: Wolf Appliance LLC
Meet & Greet: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Presentation: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

April 16

Topic: TBD
Location: Wolf Appliance LLC
Meet & Greet: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Presentation: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

May 21

Topic: Tour & 2007-2008 Awards Banquet
Location: Capitol Brewery
Meet & Greet: TBD
Tour: TBD
Dinner: TBD
Presentation: TBD

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