



Central Minnesota Chapter - P. O. Box 457, St. Cloud, MN 56302 October, 2007
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October Professional Development Meeting/Tour



Tuesday, October 2nd, 2007

Like many successful businesses, Spee-Dee started small—very small. Spee-Dee was founded in 1978 by Donald Weeres, an ambitious 35-year-old farm boy from Richmond, Minnesota. Spee-Dee began as an on-call courier service with Donald using his pickup truck to deliver packages to local businesses. His vision was to build an alternative overnight delivery service that offered customers better services at a lower price than the competition.

The philosophy of delivering better overnight service at a lower price still stands at Spee-Dee more than 25 years later. It has gotten us to where we are today. Since our humble beginnings, we have grown into a company of 1,400 employees strong, and we now operate over 900 pieces of equipment to deliver your important packages daily.

To serve you better, we continue to evolve and expand. We are beginning to offer customized inside delivery from a package to a pallet. We are currently expanding our inbound scanning of packages. And we are also in the process of implementing real time communication with our drivers. All of this is designed with you in mind.

At Spee-Dee, we consider ourselves to be more than your delivery company. We are your business partner. To your customers, our drivers serve as your company representatives, and the quality of our service will reflect positively on your company. By helping you look good, we look good; and you will want to continue to do business with us.

Location:

Spee Dee Delivery
4101 Clearwater Road
St. Cloud MN 56301
www.speedeedelivery.com
Phone: 320-251-6697

Schedule:

Registration 5:15
Tour Begins 5:30
Buffet Dinner 7:00

Cost:

Members and non-members \$25.00
Students \$10.00

Dinner location:

St. Augusta Legion, Chicken Buffet (Directions given at tour)

Please make reservations by Noon, on Thursday, Sept 27th, 2007 with Doris Illies at Wacosa.

Phone: 320-309-0917 ex 203; Fax: 320-259-4679; Email: dillies@wacosa.org

APICS is responsible for all meal reservations, including no-shows. Cancellations and no-shows received after Sept. 28th, 2007 will be billed.

Officer's Corner

By David Gerhardson, VP-Education

I would like to start by welcoming all our new members to the Central MN chapter. I hope you will find our educational offerings, PDM's, and tours to be both interesting and applicable to your careers.

2007 marks the beginning of a new role for me in our local chapter. Previously, I held the position of VP of Marketing and have since moved into the role of VP of Education. I would like to take a few moments to explain the educational offerings that will be available this year.

This fall we will be offering 2 courses. The first is the Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) which will be held at New Flyer beginning September 13, 2007. The BSCM course covers the basic concepts in managing materials in a supply chain. The BSCM course holds relevance for anyone involved with manufacturing. It offers explanations into the roles and objectives of materials management, provides definitions of manufacturing terminology, and touches on the functions of planning and master scheduling.

If you have not had previous exposure to APICS, I highly recommend this information instructional class.

The second offering is Master Planning of Resources (MPR). MPR candidates explore sales and operations processes used to develop production plans. Some of the objectives of the course are to explain the master planning model, explain the concepts of master planning, and identify procedures for measuring forecast accuracy.

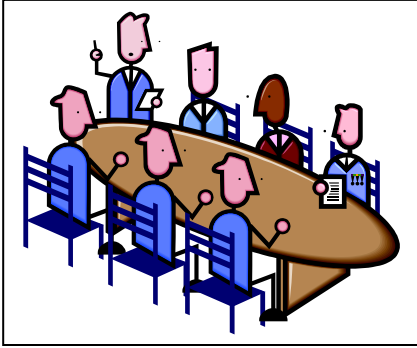
In the winter we will be offering another BSCM course as well as a Detailed Scheduling and Planning (DSP) course. The DSP course will focus on the various techniques for material and capacity scheduling, study detailed descriptions of material requirements planning (MRP), capacity requirements planning (CRP), inventory management practices, and procurement and supplier planning.

Each of the offerings this year will be one of the five modules required to complete the CPIM certification. CPIM certification means you are Certified in Production and Inventory Management. Listed below are a few of the many benefits of CPIM certification.

- Increase your functional knowledge of production and inventory management
- Improve efficiency across the processes of your organization's supply chain
- Streamline operations through accurate forecasting
- Predict outcomes more accurately
- Maximize customer satisfaction by delivering products and services Just-in-Time
- Increase profitability by optimizing your organization's inventory investment
- Enhance your credibility among peers, employers, and customers.

If you are already working on your CPIM certification and would like to see a revision in our winter course offerings, please contact me at David_Gerhardson@NewFlyer.com. I look forward to seeing you this year

Call for Committee Members!



The membership services team, made up of the VP-Membership and VP-Marketing, are recruiting to form a committee to support our initiatives to grow our membership base. Membership is the key to our chapter's success and this is a great opportunity for you to get involved without having to commit to a board position.

The committee will be meeting in October to discuss objectives, goals, and potential projects to help meet our overall strategic membership goals. The committee will be coordinated through our VP-Marketing John Lien. Please contact John (see contact info in the board member section) if you are interested.

Going Paperless by Jan 1st 2008

As we transition to a paperless system, we will be asking for your e-mail addressees and updated contact info to ensure our electronic database is accurate. If you currently receive a paper newsletter, or if you are not on our electronic mailing list, or if your contact info has changed, please send your name, member status, APICS ID # (if a member), company, e-mail address, home or work address, and phone # to Dave Gerhardson mailto:David_Gerhardson@newflyer.com.

Company Coordinators

Company Coordinators serve as the liaison between their company and the APICS Chapter Board of Directors. They are the source of APICS information about the chapter's educational offerings for their co-workers, and provide feedback to the chapter about the educational needs of their company's management. This is a crucial link between our chapter and the companies we serve.

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DeZurik Water Controls
Gold'n N Plump
Hunt Technology
New Flyer
Redball LLC
Suttle Appartus
The Antioch Company
TriVirix

Andrew Pung
Sandy Machula
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David Gerhardson
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Welcome to these new APICS Members:

Timothy Packard DCI Incorporated

Thinking about joining APICS?

APICS members can take advantage of discounts on exam fees, seminar and certification class fees, APICS bookstore items, certification self study materials, and more. As an APICS member, you receive a free subscription to APICS magazine and access to the career center where you can search hundreds of career opportunities. There are many additional benefits. To find out more, check out the membership portion of APICS.org via the website → <https://www.apics.org/Membership> or contact your local CEMN VP-Membership Scott McLaughlin (see contact info in the board member section) to find out how you can become a member.

CEMN Educational Calendar

CSCP Certification Review Class – Spring Course offering:

Certified Supply Chain Professional
Tuesdays (13 sessions – 5-8 pm) - Dates - TBD (Spring 2008)
Instructor – Andrew Pung
Location - Alexandria Technical College – Customized Training Center

For more information:

<http://www.cemnapics.org/> (CSCP page)
<http://web.alextech.edu/web/Default2.aspx?pid=425>



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