



Palmetto Section News

September 2009

Palmetto Section 1111

The Palmetto Section of ASQ holds informational meetings the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to ASQ members as well as professionals and students interested in the pursuit of Quality. Come join us!!!!

The registration fee is reduced if reservations are made by 5:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Register early and help us with the planning.

Register on-line at
<http://www.PalmettoASQ.org>

Time
6:00 pm Networking
6:45 pm Dinner - Buffet Style
7:15 pm Meeting

Place
Holiday Inn
4295 Augusta Rd
Greenville, SC 29605
(864) 277-8921

Cost
\$23 Members with Reservations
\$25 Guests or Members
without Reservations
\$8 Students / Retirees
\$150 for full year in advance



Letter from the Chair

Hello Palmetto Section

Welcome to the 2009-2010 ASQ Palmetto Section season. 2008-2009 has been a very difficult time as many of us have either lost employment or lost sleep worrying about our job security and financial future. Developing and applying our quality skills is even more important now as businesses need our quality expertise and leadership. Participation in ASQ is a great way to learn, meet others in our profession and develop our quality skills.

Your section board has worked hard to line up a variety of interesting and educational meeting topics. This year we will have two site tours, one at BMW Manufacturing and one at North American Rescue (manufacturer of emergency medical and rescue equipment). Due to positive feedback we will continue our tradition of having two of our meetings as joint sessions with the Upstate Supply Chain Coalition.

Our pre-meeting training sessions were very well attended last year and we plan to continue to offer them in the coming year. They will start at 5 pm just prior to our monthly dinner meetings in November, January, February, March and May. Thank you to ASQ Palmetto Section member Shrikant Kulkarni for teaching statistical training and offering us a free option to acquire REUs.

Please join me in giving a big thanks to Adam Caldwell for his leadership as our section chair last year. We all enjoyed the energy and enthusiasm that Adam brought to the section dinner meetings.

We will kick the season off at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday, Sep 8th with an insight into Lean Manufacturing practices at BMW delivered by Jeff Stephens, Value Added Production Systems Manager at BMW. Don't forget to register on our web site (www.palmettoasq.org) for this and all monthly meetings before 5 pm on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Walk-ins are welcome but it would be greatly appreciated if you would pre-register to help us with planning and cost control. You can still save money this year by paying for all dinner meetings up front in September and October.

Your local board is committed to improving our section in order to make each one of us more effective in our jobs and in the community. Please contact any board member with your ideas for improvement. I look forward to seeing each of you at our 1st dinner meeting on September 8th.

Sincerely,
Glenn Hicks
2009-1010 Chair, Palmetto Section 1111

Our Calendar Year

2009-2010

Sept. 08, 2009	VPS Continuous Improvement at BMW	with Jeff Stephens
Oct. 13, 2009	BMW Transforming Factory – Plant Tour	with Rich Morris
Nov.10, 2009	The Resume You Need Now	with Lori Braswell
Dec. 08, 2009	Pritchard Distillery	with Phil Pritchard
Jan. 12, 2010	No Substitute for Quality Dentistry	with Dr. Chris Hoskins
Feb. 09, 2010	External Audits – Myth vs. Fact	with George Covington
Mar. 09, 2010	Quality in Politics	with Dr. Eric Hayler
Apr.13, 2010	Quality & Supply Chain	with Dr. John Surak
May 11, 2010	BIB Standard / 5S at Michelin	with Mike Ungar
Jun.08, 2010	NA Rescue Plant Tour	with Teresa Dupuis

Looking for a Job



Check out the website ASQ website for the most current job postings.

ASQ Palmetto Section will list the description and location of any job postings we receive. Click on the link for more information for each job. If you would like to have jobs posted, please mail send the information to: Placement@asq.org.

Training Opportunities in the area

Charlotte, NC ASQ Section is planning a Quality Conference on April 20th, 2010. You may be interested in planning this into your schedule, more details to be available in the future.

September Meeting Topic

VPS – Continuous Improvement at BMW

Jeff Stephens is Lean Manufacturing Program Manager at BMW Manufacturing Company in Greer, South Carolina, the sole manufacturer of BMW's X5 Sports Activity Vehicle and X6 Sports Activity Coupe. He is responsible for building a culture of "lean and continuous improvement" in this BMW location. He has been with BMW for 12 years with experience in Supplier Development, Supply Chain Quality, Material Planning and Physical Logistics before taking this role as Lean Program Manager. Prior to BMW, he worked for 3 years at Sinclair Associates, an international consulting company specializing in customer focused process management, and at ALCOA for 9 years in Industrial Engineering, Total Quality Control and Operations Management. He has a bachelor degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering and a Masters in International Logistics, both from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

You can reach Jeff at:

Jeff Stephens

Mgr. of Continuous Improvement

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October 13th, 2009 – BMW Plant Tour

Come hear Richard Morris, VP of Assembly speak about

“Expanding for the Future, Plant Spartanburg the Transforming Factory”

Limited to the first 60 who register for the tour event...

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