



CWA NEWS

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CANADIAN WELDING ASSOCIATION – ACTIVITIES

The CWA National is developing a new Strategic Plan that will significantly grow the CWA membership, including, a National High School Program, a DVD promotional video, Promotional Pamphlets, Website Enhancements and a Job Portal.

Chapters across Canada have resumed the second half of their annual programs. Please get involved or show your support by attending chapter activities in your region.

JOHN LEVI RETIRES FROM CWA AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over the last seven years John played a very critical role in administering activities of the CWA in a very professional and efficient manner. He was very instrumental in managing the merger of the CWA/WPMAC organizations, and the CWA/CWB Group merger last May. He was also involved in the development of the *Chapter Affiliation Agreement* and the *CWA National Hand Book*. He provided great leadership in establishing the *Canadian Welding Association Journal*. John stated that: "I was honoured to work with the Canadian Welding Association and members are in good hands with Dan Tadic at the helm." He has offered his administrative services on a part time basis to our Association and we may take him up on that offer from time to time. We wish John much success in his many enterprises.

THE CWA JOURNAL

The Premiere Bilingual Winter issue is in the mail. Featured articles are:



- "Not Your Average Pageant Winner" featuring Jade Van Den Bosch recently crowned Miss Manitoba. She is working as a young welder for the Manitoba Hydro
- "The Advancement of Aluminum Welding within the Automotive Industry"
- "Arctic Snowplows: Boosting Productivity and Reducing Costs with Robotic Welding"
- "Welding and Design of Mountain Bikes"
- "Welding of Plastics: What you need to know before you get started". This is The first in a series of articles on welding plastics. The complete article can be seen on our web site at www.cwa-accs.org/CWAjournal.html

The theme for the Spring issue is Productivity. We are sourcing articles on Maintenance Welding, Weld Optimization, Weld Preparation and items on Skills Canada and World Skills Competitions. As always, your editorial suggestions and contributions are appreciated. And of course, we are looking for your comments on the content of the Journal, the themes for future issues and any concerns you might have.

CWB – ALUMINUM WELDING SEMINAR

The CWB announces a one-day Aluminum welding seminar to update you on current welding issues.

The seminar will be led by Bruce James and held at the following cities:

- February 25, 2009 – Whitby ON
- March 19, 2009 – Surrey BC

- <http://www.cwbgroup.org/privateCWBimages/Aluminum%201%20Day%20Reg%20Form.pdf> in the “learning” section CWB Group’s website for details.

CWA NEWS

CWA News is your newsletter. It is the vehicle that members of the CWA use to communicate with each other. We use the newsletter to let you know what’s happening with the national activities of the CWA as well as events and activities in the Canadian welding community. I invite chapters, members and anyone interested in welding to let me know about events and news that will be of interest and benefit to CWA members. Appropriate items will be inserted in the newsletter.

ALBERTA’S OIL SANDS BUYER SELLERS FORUM

The Alberta’s National Buyer/Seller Forum will take place in Edmonton from February 10-12, 2009. More detailed information is available at the attached links: <http://www.nationalbuyersellerforum.ca/>

THE SEMI ANNUAL NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

This years National Advisory Council meeting will take place on May 22 in Charlottetown PEI. This meeting will coincide with Skills Canada Competitions being held there from May 20-23, 2009 in Charlottetown, PEI.

REMINDER TO CHAPTER CHAIRS AND TREASURERS

The fiscal year-end for the Canadian Welding Association is March 31, 2009. In preparation for our National Advisory Council meeting, your financial reports must be submitted by April 30 using either of the approved methods – QuickBooks or Excel.

INTERNATIONAL TITANIUM ASSOCIATION

The International Titanium Association in cooperation with CWA/CWB Group is holding a series of Titanium seminars in St. John’s NB on March 3, Laval QC on March 5 and Delta BC on March 11. For registration and additional details please the attached link [http://www.cwa-acs.org/Titanium Registration Canada Forms.pdf](http://www.cwa-acs.org/Titanium%20Registration%20Canada%20Forms.pdf)

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