

October, 2011

Hi UP IMA Chapter Member!

We did not earn an IMA National Banner this year, but still a respectable finish for our small chapter. We finished in 29th place out of about 90 chapters. It's remarkable what a handful of people can do! Thanks to all who continue to support our chapter by taking the CMA and CFM exams, attending IMA's Annual Conference, and participating in our technical meetings and on our board of director!

Our first activity this year is a **tour of the Systems Control division of Northern Star Industries** in Iron Mountain, MI on Friday afternoon, November 4, 2011. Systems Control is an electrical construction company that produces relay and control panels along with custom built substation control buildings and other facilities. The U.S. Navy is one of their customers (see systemscontrol.com for more information). If possible, we will also tour Northern Star's Boss Snowplow division. Earn CPE by touring this successful UP business. See the next page for more details.

Our annual Holiday Dinner is tentatively planned for Friday, December 9, 2011. More details will follow in the next newsletter. I hope that you can attend this fun event.

We're planning at least one tour/meeting after the New Year. If you have an idea for a meeting or would like to tour a particular business or organization in the Upper Peninsula, please send your ideas to me via e-mail at jothomps@nmu.edu or give me a call (227-1803 or 228-8052).

I hope to see you at the Systems Control tour, and save the date for our holiday dinner on December 9, 2011!

YOUR President,

Joel Thompson

PLANT TOUR: Systems Control Division of Northern Star Industries
3201 East Industrial Drive
Iron Mountain, MI

HOSTED BY: Jon Harry, VP of Operations
Jessica Mindok, Staff Accountant

WHEN: Friday, November 4, at 2 pm (Eastern Time).

WHAT: A tour of Systems Control and possibly Boss Snowplow. These are divisions of Northern Star Industries. Timing should be two to three hours – a great way to earn CPE!

DIRECTIONS: (from Google) From Marquette, go west on M-28 W/US 41 N (24.9 mi). Turn left on M-95 and head south (49 mi). Turn left on M-95/US 141/US 2 E (1.4 mi). Turn left on E Frank Pipp Dr. (.2 mi). Take the first right onto Quincy St. (121 feet). Take the first left onto N. Industrial Dr. Systems Control is on the left (.1 mi). Visitor parking and main entrance are located at the top of the hill near the flag pole. Driving time is about 1 hour, 30 minutes.

CONTACT: Mary Beth Reed (227-2960 or mreed@nmu.edu) by 2 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2011, if you plan to attend! Please give her your name and affiliation (employer or university)

SPECIAL NOTES: This is a plant tour, so please dress appropriately.