

JANUARY 2006**Calendar of Events****January 5, 2006**

CMFI Board of Directors Meeting
 Rosewood Restaurant, Rosemont.
 6:00 PM

January 26, 2006

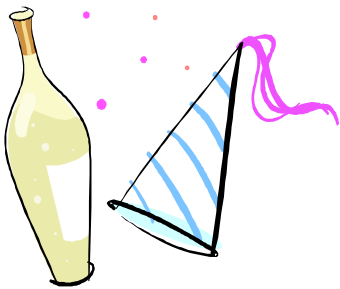
Annual Business Meeting of Members.
 Grazie Restaurant, Des Plaines, IL

March 5-8, 2006

SFIC Industry Convention
 Boca Raton Resort & Club
 Boca Raton, FL

May 23-25, 2006

SFIC Washington Forum
 Washington DC
www.sficwashingtonforum.com



*here's to a peaceful and
 prosperous 2006*

CMFI ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**January 26, 2006****Grazie Restaurant · 1050 E. Oakton · Des Plaines, IL**

A proxy form for the January 2006 Annual Business Meeting is included in this issue of the newsletter. If you have not already done so, please return the pink form **ONLY** if you are unable to attend the January 26 Member meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Cocktails
 7:00 PM-8:00 PM Dinner
 8:00 PM-9:00 PM Business Meeting

AGENDA

Welcome & Call to Order	Bruce Laken, CMFI President
▶ ▶ Chrome PEL Update	Joelie Zak
▶ ▶ NAMF Consolidation Update	Rick Delawder & Becky Bennett
Awards	Bruce Laken
Old Business	Bruce Laken
Election & Installation of Officers & Directors	Chris Nowotarski
New Business	Rick Delawder
Adjournment	

IMA 2006 HOLIDAY REPORT

An IMA report highlights employers' plans on select holidays for 2006. The report is based on responses received on the IMA 2005-2006 Benefits Report and includes responses from both small (1-99 employees) and large companies. Significant highlights include:

New Years Day (1/1/06):

- ▶ Over half (57%) of small employers and 49% of large employers are granting as a paid holiday.
- ▶ While 27% of small employers and 38% of large employers will also grant 1/2/06 as a paid holiday.

Easter (4/16/06):

- ▶ 58% of small employers and 67% of large employers.

Memorial Day (5/29/06):

- ▶ All small employers surveyed and 96% of large employers.

Independence Day (7/4/06):

- ▶ 98% of small employers and 100% of large employers.

Labor Day (9/4/06):

- ▶ 100% of all employers.

Thanksgiving (11/23/06):

- ▶ 100% of all employers.
- ▶ 92% of small employers and 93% of large employers will also grant 11/24 as a paid holiday.

Christmas Day (12/25/06):

- ▶ 36.9% of small employers and 32.5% of large employers are granting as a paid holiday for employees.
- ▶ Additionally, 34.6% of small and 50.4% of large employers are granting both the 25th and Friday, December 22 as paid holidays.

EUROPEAN RULING ON HEXAVALENT CHROME

The Council of the Commission of the European Communities has recently voted on an exemption for the use of hexavalent chromium on end-of-life vehicles (ELV).

The original ELV directive prohibited the use of lead, mercury, cadmium or hexavalent chromium in vehicle materials and components, unless an exemption is

provided for based on technical and scientific progress.

The Council granted the exemption for use of hexavalent chromium in corrosion preventive coatings, based on findings of the Committee on Waste. The assessment showed that for many applications substitutes exist, but for the use of hex chrome in corrosion protection related to bolt and nut assemblies for chassis applications, there are no substitutes available at this time. Therefore, the Council proposed to prolong the exemption for this specific application in order to ensure that no accidental disconnection of essential mechanical parts can occur in the lifetime of vehicles.

NAMF HAS MOVED

The National Association of Metal Finishers has moved its headquarters office to Washington, DC and a new staff will assume administrative responsibilities in early January 2006. Please make a note of the new information.

NAMF

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NEW CMFI WEB SITE

Thanks to Matt Delawder (SWD, Inc.), CMFI has a brand new web site. Visit us at www.chicagometalfinishers.org and see our updated membership directory. Our new web presence should generate lots of new customers for our members and is definitely a wonderful new member benefit.

DOT HazMat REVIEW CHECKLISTS

Thank you to JOELIE ZAK, Scientific Control Laboratories, for providing the following DOT Checklists on pages 3 and 4 for the use of our members.

DOT HazMat Shipper's Review Checklist

Company Name _____	Date _____		
Items to be checked		Yes	No
* Possession of Current 49 CFR and H.M. Regs.			
* Proof of Registration:			
USDOT Hazardous Materials Registration	copy		
2 previous years' certificates			
USDOT Number (either shipper or carrier)	copy		
* Proof of Registration with Emergency Service	copy		
* Company Specific Hazardous Materials Security Plan			
In-depth Security Training			
* Hazardous Materials Training (employees)			
Evidence of General Awareness Training			
Evidence of Safety Training			
Evidence of Function Specific Training			
Evidence of Security Awareness Training			
Evidence of Driver Training for dock staff			
Certificates in File for each employee	copy		
Copies of Training Materials Available			
* Proper Shipping Description Requirements	copy some		
Proper Shipping Names correct			
NOS Descriptions with Technical Names			
Hazard Class correct			
UN/NA Number correct			
Packing Group listed correctly			
Technical and Group Names			
Exemptions/ Ltd. Qty./ Haz. Substances	copy exps		
Marine Pollutants/Poisonous Materials			
Shipper's Certification/Emer. Resp. Phone #			
* Packaging Requirements and MSDS Info.			
Specification Markings on Packages	Docu- ment		
All Proper DOT Markings on the packages			
Necessary sides has proper DOT labeling			
Shipper can document DOT placarding			
Shipper has packaging properly segregated			

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Hazardous Materials Shipper Review

USDOT	State Census	State ID #	Date of

Corporate Legal Name: _____

Doing Business As (C/B/A): _____

Corporate Physical Address: _____

Is physical Address the same as mailing address? Yes No

Is above address the same as this terminal address? Yes No

If NO for either, Corporate Mailing Address: _____

Name _____

Title _____

Hazardous Materials are: Carried (C) Shipped (S)
in Tank (Bulk) (B) in Package (non-bulk) (N)
(Circle below all that apply based on your products and packaging
shipped)

1.1	Explosives (Mass Haz)	C	S	B	N
1.2	Explosives (Proj. Haz.)	C	S	B	N
1.3	Explosives (Fire Hazard)	C	S	B	N
1.4	Explosives (No blast Haz)	C	S	B	N
1.5	Very Intense Explosive	C	S	B	N
2.1	Flammable Gas	C	S	B	N
2.2	Non-Flammable Gas	C	S	B	N
2.3	Poisonous Gas	C	S	B	N
3	Flammable Liquids	C	S	B	N
	Combustible Liquid	C	S	B	N
4.1	Flammable Solids	C	S	B	N
4.2	Spontaneously Combustible	C	S	B	N
4.3	Dangerous when Wet	C	S	B	N
5.1	Oxidizer	C	S	B	N
5.2	Organic Peroxide	C	S	B	N
6.1	Poisonous Mtrl (Lqd)	C	S	B	N
6.1	Poisonous Mtrl (Solid)	C	S	B	N
6.2	Infectious Substances	C	S	B	N
7	Radioactive (placard req)	C	S	B	N
7	Radioactive (no placard)	C	S	B	N
8	Corrosive Mtrl	C	S	B	N
9	Misc. Hazardous Mtrl	C	S	B	N
PIH	Poison Inhalation Hazard	C	S	B	N
RQ	Hazardous Substance	C	S	B	N
	Hazardous Wastes	C	S	B	N
ORM	Other Regulated Mtrls	C	S	B	N
	Marine Pollutants	C	S	B	N
	Other	C	S	B	N

Notes: