



DINNER MEETING NOTICE



MONDAY
January 28th, 2002



SARNIA GOLF & CURLING CLUB
 500 Errol Road West, Sarnia

Phone: (519) 336-2201

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

All Guests are Welcome!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Vendors are invited to display their products at the Dinner Meetings. 2 tables are available. Contact Program Committee Don Murch or Brian Patterson. Cost \$50 + GST per table.

GUEST SPEAKERS...

CHARLES SUMMERS

CEO & Co-Owner, Thermal Fluid Systems, Kennesaw, GA.

Topic: "Valve Applications In Thermal Heating Systems, Do's & Don'ts"

BOB BAKER

National Sales Manager, ARI Valve Corp

Topic: "Design Of Thermal Systems And Where They Are Used; Why They Are Being Chosen Over Steam Systems"

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Cream of Broccoli Soup
 Baked Ham with Honey Mustard Sauce
 Scalloped Potato • Vegetable Medley
 Warmed Apple Pie with Ice Cream

** For special dietary needs contact Hilda White at the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club 48 hours prior to meeting date.*

NOTE: KINDLY BOOK BEFORE DEADLINE INDICATION.

Please phone in or E-Mail your reservation by... Thursday, January 24th, 2002 to... MAUREEN LYNAS
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MEMBERS \$15 ▶ GUESTS \$20

NOTE: ALL Members and guest are requested to reserve in advance. Please oblige... we need your support to plan your evening!



*Have a Happy
 New Year!*

ISA Upcoming Dinner Meetings

- ▶ January 28, 2002
- ▶ March 25, 2002
- ▶ May 27, 2002

ISA 2002 Golf Tournament

- ▶ Friday, June 7, 2002

ISA Sarnia Section ISA Dinner Meeting

Below: Our thanks to November's guest speaker Harold Schiff from Unisearch Associates, shown here with Aldo Desantis.



Above: NWMI Ltd. Booth on Display

ISA Holiday Greetings to all ISA Members

As we enjoy this Holiday Season, I am nearing the end of my term as President of ISA. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your President. This has been a good year for ISA and for me. I hope it has been good for all of you.

Our operating theme for 2001 has been "Reinventing ISA for the 21st Century." We have progressed very well on the reinvention during the year. We expanded the scope of ISA and redefined the brand identity of the Society to reflect this broader scope. To reinforce the "New ISA", we are mailing every Member a membership pin with the new logo. We implemented

a new governance structure, expanded and improved many of our products and services, and we greatly increased ISA Member benefits. All in all, the reinvention is ensuring that ISA remains the world's pre-eminent membership organization for instrumentation, systems and automation professional and practitioners.

But even with all our progress, we still have challenges ahead of us. The tragic events of 11 September and the slow-down in our industry and the global economy have put a damper on this year, but I am optimistic that things will improve in 2002. To those who have been negatively affected by this

year's events, I wish you recovery and success in the coming year. To all ISA Members, I extend best wishes for a very joyous holiday season and happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Bob Bailliet
ISA President



ISA Membership Application

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- MAIL** this form to: ISA, PO Box 3561, Durham, NC 27702-3561, USA **OR,**
- FAX** to (919) 549-8288 (credit card required) **OR,**
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ISA President's Message

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their Christmas holidays with his or her families and friends. By the time this message reaches you, we will be into the new year and I would like to take this belated moment to offer all of you, members, friends and prospective members a "Very happy, healthy, and prosperous challenging achievements in the New Year." I also wish to leave you with this Irish toast "May your glass be ever full. May the roof over your head be always strong. And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead". HAPPY NEW YEAR

As you are reading this, the new 2002 ISA Sarnia Directory will be in circulation. We hope that you use it frequently and that you support the product advertisers in the directory. As always we ask you, our members, and users to inform the advertisers that you have seen them in your directory and if they are not there, they should consider supporting the directory by placing an advert.

We are beginning a new year and this will be a trying year for the Sarnia ISA Section. We need to begin getting new members into the executive branch of our section. As I mentioned in my last message the avenue does offer a lot of training to the member without a high participation. It is a gradual training program that one gets out as much as he wishes to put into it. However the amount of training one gets is rewarding. Please consider the opportunity to work within the section and consider submitting your name as an executive candidate. We are in need of recruitments.

Hope to see you all at our January dinner meeting, January 28, 2002

Regards... Randy Dennie
President, ISA Sarnia Section

ISA 2001 Directory

STILL AVAILABLE!

The 2001 Sarnia ISA Directory is still available.

Call...
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for details.



The Sarnia Section has a domain on the internet.
Next time you're on the net give us a look at:
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As written by Howard Hobbs, 11/52,

Editor ISA Sarnia Section

Everyone who is on the mailing list for the Sarnia Bulletin is associated with Instrumentation in some form or other. Most of us make our living through instrument work, whether it be by installing or maintaining instruments; or perhaps we are numbered in that misguided and ungifted few who purchase our machines from Rube Goldberg and Company.

Be that as it may, it is safe to assume that most of us are, as a result of the type of work we are doing, a little twisted mentally. Of course, we don't notice it ourselves, and our fellow workers don't either because they have the same affliction. No doubt our wives do notice it, but as they consider us a little unbalanced anyway, they are content to observe the effect without searching for the cause.

I believe that the chief symptom of our peculiar dementia is a tendency to solve problems in an oblique way, that is, to avoid the frontal attack. As an example, the far-gone cases would rather use a cat on a hot plate instead of some type of commercial time delay relay.

A friend of mine, who has been maintaining instruments for longer than is good for anyone to have done so, is typical of those who prefer the circuitous route. I asked him recently what qualifications or attributes went to make up a successful instrument mechanic. His reply, which follows, displays his curious mental attitude. (I quote).

- 1) *He must have a strong sense of humour and a loud spontaneous laugh. This will be invaluable when he puts one controller on Manual, and walks out and zeros another. He may even get the operator to think it is funny too!*
- 2) *He must have a thick skin to resist all process men's hints that he is incompetent and bungling. A quiet sneer is usually enough to squelch any theories they may have.*
- 3) *He should be secretive. If he does repair an instrument, he should never tell the process men how he did it. Just scribble something illegible on the chart and they will be too proud to ask what it means.*
- 4) *He must have a ready stock of reasons why instruments don't work. Education, training, mechanical ability and hard work are all less valuable assets than this. A first class alibi man is worth several hard workers who are handicapped by honesty.*
- 5) *His regard for process men should be one of carefully concealed contempt. Concealment is difficult, but very necessary. They always blame their trouble on the instruments. Blame yours on the pumps and vessels (in a loud voice).*
- 6) *He must be quick witted. When process troubles straighten themselves out, as they often do, jump right in and assume credit for it. The operator will find it nearly impossible to prove you are wrong. The cheap publicity may do you quite a bit of good too.*

(End of quote)

Perhaps my friend has been working on self-operating valves too long. What he says may be true: we should be training ourselves as spellbinders and hypnotists, rather than mechanics. I am sure he must have it wrong, aren't you?

As recorded from the Transcripts of Howard Hobbs