

Manufactured in the USA - The pitfalls and hidden costs of off-shore manufacturing. Please join Jim Curley and ASQMV on October 2nd.

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October 2014 Newsletter

Education

Next Exam Date:
October 4, 2014

CQE Class

Registration extended to 10/1 by Noon!

When:
Wednesdays
10/1 to 12/3

Class Time:
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Instructor:
William O'Brien

Location:
Radisson Hotel
10 Independence Dr.
Chelmsford, MA

Cost: \$750
[Register Here](#)

CQA Class

When:
Thursdays
10/9 to 12/4

Class Time:
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Instructor:

October 2nd Section Meeting

Manufactured in the USA - The pitfalls and hidden costs of off-shore manufacturing

Moving manufacturing of goods to a low cost region may be a margin panacea for some companies, but for many companies the hidden costs in dollars, time, quality, and employee satisfaction may have an impact that is too tall an order. The speaker will explore and discuss his experience with manufacturing in China and Taiwan, and how he made the case to 'Right-Shore' and bring product manufacturing back to the States on a cost neutral basis.

[Speaker Biography](#)

Jim Curley

Jim joined Crossbeam Systems in 2006, and most recently served in the role of Sr. Director, Manufacturing and Technical Operations when Crossbeam was acquired by Blue Coat Systems in 2013. Jim previously was the Plant Manager for a GE Refurbishment division in Southborough, and was the Director of Operations for Nortel's CVX division based in Chelmsford. Jim spent 10 years in various Quality Engineering and management roles at Intel

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(Digital Semiconductor) prior to joining Nortel.

Jim holds a BS in Organizational Behavior, and an MS in Applied Management, both from Lesley College-PMBI. Jim is a member of APICS Boston Chapter, is a long time ASQ Member (CQM in 2000) and an even longer time member of Toastmasters International.

[Schedule](#)

5:30-6:00 Registration

6:00-7:00 Dinner Buffet

7:00-8:00 Presentation

[Buffet Menu](#)

Fresh rolls and butter

Soup du jour

Mixed greens salad

Garlic whipped potatoes

Green beans and carrots

Harvest chicken

Roast sirloin of beef with demi mushroom sauce

Chef's selection of desserts

Coffee service

[Location](#)

Radisson Hotel and Suites

10 Independence Drive

Chelmsford, MA 01824

[Cost:](#) \$25

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Upcoming Events

60th NEQC Conference

[Details Here](#)

Location:

Springfield, MA

Conference:

October 21-22, 2014

Seminars:

October 20, 23-24, 2014

Section Leadership Team Opportunities

In accordance with ASQ and section bylaws we are taking ASQMV section nominations for [Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary](#) to serve in 2015. Nomination will close in October with elections at our November meeting.

The Section Leadership Team is also looking for a [Membership](#)

[Chair](#) who is responsible for section recruitment and retention efforts. Develops and implements plans to maximize membership renewal and encourage interested persons to join ASQ. For additional details visit this [link](#) at our website at www.asqmv.org.

The team is also seeking [expertise in digital/social networking](#) to help expand our outreach and engagement of people. If you or know of anyone that may be interested, please send us a message at the email below.

Please email chair@asqmv.org with interest or any questions.



Featured Section Leadership Team Member

Chris Gehring - Education Chair

Chris has been the Education Chair of ASQ Merrimack Valley since July 2014. Prior to this, Chris served as an Education Team member along with former Education Chair Gary Belt, who remains active on the team. In his new role, Chris is responsible for the planning and execution of all educational programs for the section, including the delivery of educational and exam prep classes, instructor development and qualification, and class venue development.

Chris's professional career covers seven years in the defense and industrial product realms, where his roles and responsibilities have included systems engineering, test engineering, technical project management, equipment operations management, quality auditing, and safety compliance. Chris has been an ASQ member for three years, holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in mechanical engineering, and is an ASQ Certified Quality Engineer (CQE), Quality Auditor (CQA), and Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB). Earlier this month he joined Keurig Green Mountain, Inc. in Burlington, MA as a Quality Engineer supporting new product development.

Besides his volunteer work with ASQMV, Chris is active in the Boston Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and his local church. In his free time he enjoys running, cross-country skiing, sailing, and trying to keep up with his two young nephews.

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