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## Let the Mayhem Begin! Manufacturing Mayhem.....

The Manufacturing Technology Institute, a partnership of Jamestown Community College and the Manufacturers Association of the Jamestown Area is launching a reality television show title **Manufacturing Mayhem** May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-10pm on Cable Channel 8. The show is a local takeoff of the popular Junk Yard Wars and American Chopper series. Actual production of the show begins this week.

The objective of Manufacturing Mayhem is to generate interest in and a better understanding of manufacturing in our region as well as recruit students into manufacturing technology education and training programs and careers. A white paper published by the National Association of Manufacturers, The Manufacturing Institute and Deloitte & Touche in 2003, titled *Keeping America Competitive: How a Talent Shortage Threatens U.S. Manufacturing* outlines a projected need for 10 million new skilled workers by 2020 as a result of the retirement of the baby boomer generation in the next 15 to 20 years. The Manufacturing Technology Institute is striving to position the Southern Tier Region to address these coming challenges.

Two teams will compete in **Manufacturing Mayhem** each month and will manufacture a product and at the finale of the program they will compete against each other. The teams are composed of employees from area industry and students from area high schools. The pressure is on as each team has 16 hours and \$150.00 budget to complete their projects. Each team is composed of a foreman, engineer, welder, press brake operator, machinist and a high school student.

If you or your employees are interested in participating in future episodes of **Manufacturing Mayhem**, contact MTI at 716-487-9595. In addition, there are sponsorship opportunities. The various levels of sponsorship are attached.

## OSHA Electrical Safety Requirements & Procedures Training to Be Offered

The Manufacturing Technology Institute in partnership with Cummins Inc. and National Technology Transfer will provide OSHA Electrical Safety Requirements and Procedure Training May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Manufacturing Technology Institute. **To register contact MTI at 716-487-9595.** The cost for the program is **\$377.00 per person for MAJA members** and **\$419.00 per person for Non-MAJA members.**

The importance of Electrical Safety training for both new employees and as a refresher for seasoned veterans can not be overstated. According to the US Department of Labor,

electrocution is one of the main causes of on-the-job deaths of industrial workers. Within this group, skilled trades personnel – electricians in particular – are 2 times more likely to be seriously injured or killed than non-skilled trades. With a seven fold increase in OSHA's penalty structure for violations and a much greater emphasis on willful and multiple violations of one standard, organizations cannot afford to be out of compliance.

Attached is an outline of the training and information about National Technology Transfer. **To register contact MTI at 716-487-9595.**

## **Congressman Quinn to Visit Jamestown**

United State Congressman Jack Quinn will be visiting Jamestown Wednesday, April 7, 2004 as the Honored Guest and Speaker at the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation Annual Meeting. Registration begins at 8:00am at the Holiday Inn, Jamestown. If you are interested in attending contact the DJDC at 664-2477.