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MTI Fires Out Third Project: Literally Battle of the Tanks at JCC, July 14th

(July 10, 2004) The Manufacturing Technology Institute will film the event portion of the third episode of Manufacturing Mayhem, Wednesday, July 14th, 5pm, at the Jamestown Community College parking lot. **The community is invited to watch the battle.**

In this the third episode the two teams in a 16 hour format have built man powered tanks and manufactured their own paint ball guns. The tanks will compete against each other in three competitions. The tanks will have to fire upon moving targets, stationary targets while moving in a timed event and then the teams will battle it out ATARI tank style. It is rumored as well that Todd Trantum, the Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association and Manufacturing Technology Institute as well as Dr. Tim Piazza, Program Developer of the Manufacturing Technology Institute and JCC Professor may serve as targets as well. With no blue prints, only a few parts and a pile of steel the teams attempted to engineer, weld, fabricate and machine their way to victory. With the clock running, each team worked together to build the vehicle and now they will compete.

“We have had great interest and feedback from the first two shows and look forward to airing this episode in the month of July,” stated Todd Trantum. “Manufacturing is the backbone of this region and this program brings together those who are part of our regions industrial engine to demonstrate the many aspects of manufacturing.”

“This program demonstrates what manufacturing is all about,” stated Dr. Tim Piazza. “The teams have to exhibit strong team work, ingenuity, creativity and hard work.”
“These are the elements of success and this program projects those qualities.”

MTI is a partnership of Jamestown Community College and the Manufacturers Association of the Jamestown Area. The mission of the Institute is to provide services to businesses and individuals throughout the Southern Tier in the form of hands-on technical training as well as technology assistance. MTI offers Industry Approved Diploma and Certificate programs in Machining, Maintenance and Welding. MTI will offer both Diploma and Certificate programs again, beginning in August. MTI also works with industry in the region to meet their customized training needs.

Studies are reporting that 4-6 million skilled jobs will be vacated by the baby boomer generation in the next 5-10 years. In response educational institutions such as MTI are tooling up to address these needs and encourage participation in technical education and training programs. MTI is positioning itself to be at the forefront of this challenge.

Remember to tune into Time Warner Cable Channel 8 at 9pm. For more information regarding the Manufacturing Technology Institute call 716-487-9595.

Team Participants:

Green Team:

Max Krug, Team Foreman,
Colecraft & the Western New York Technology Development Center

Matt Dell, Team Engineer
Rochester Institute of Technology, Engineering Student & Intern at Ulrich Planfiling

Mathew Caples, Student
Falconer Central School Student

Spencer Johnson, Team Press Brake Operator
Spartan Tool

Don Davis, Team Machinist
Johnson Machine

Kevin Gates, Student
Corry High School, Technology Student

Blue Team:

Ben Pierce, Team Foreman
Bush Industries

Stewart Richard, Team Engineer
Spartan Tool

Nick Canady, Team Welding Technologist
Blackstone Business Enterprises

Chad Ruhlman, Team Press Brake Operator
Spartan Tool

George Anderson, Team Machinist
Producto Ring

Bob Benson, Student
Corry High School, Technology Student