

# Excellence in the Southeast

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Happy New Year to all AME Southeast members. Here we are with a new year and the resolutions that always seem to get attached. So, what does this “new” year mean to us as Lean practitioners? To answer that we must ask our-

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selves what being a Lean practitioner has meant to us during this past “old” year. Today we know a Lean practitioner as someone that is “focused on identifying and eliminating waste by applying specific best practices and/or Lean Enterprise Tools”. Can we look back and see former “current states” and, when contrasted with present “current states”, do we realize a difference - both visually and organizationally?

So, have we been on the path to being the practitioner that we hear about at the many AME events, or, for 2008, do we need more focus and more “eye-time” with other AME practitioners that are “on the journey”? Wherever we find ourselves in our

individual journey(s), we have an available resource that will take us to that next step, that next level - AME Regional and National Events. Please make these available as we will assuredly be able to contrast our 2008 current, future, and ideal states. Again, hoping the best for you in this New Year in your individual endeavors and your professional development. **See you at an event.**”

Respectfully, Dewey Smith

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## AME SE REGION 2008 SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

PROGRAM TITLE	NO. OF DAYS	DATES		LOCATION			NO. OF SPOTS
		FROM	TO	COMPANY	CITY	STATE	
Batesville Excellence	1.5	1/17/08	1/18/08	Batesville Casket	Manchester	TN	20
Continuous Improvement	2	2/19/08	2/20/08	Pall Corp	Pensacola	FL	
SMED Event	2.5	2/18/08	2/20/08	Plymouth Tube	West Monroe	LA	20
JIT Logistics	4	2/18/08	2/21/08	Toyota	Lexington	KY	30
Lean Bronze Cert Review	2	Apr	Apr	FedEx	Memphis	TN	
TPM	1.5	Apr	Apr	Freudenberg-NOK	LaGrange	GA	15

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### What is AME?

**The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME)**, founded in 1985, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to cultivating understanding, analysis and exchange of productivity methods and their successful application in the pursuit of excellence. We are practitioner-based, and our events and workshops focus on hands-on learning. AME publishes the award-winning Target magazine and puts on several regional and national events each year.

**THE MISSION of the ASSOCIATION FOR MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE IS:** To inspire a commitment to global enterprise excellence through shared learning.

## Creating JIT Logistics Flow Workshop Lexington, KY—February 18-21, 2008

Toyota is the most profitable and fastest growing automobile company in the world. It produces nearly 50% more automobiles than it did in 2001. Toyota's earnings are more than all other major automakers combined and the average logistics cost per vehicle is about one half that of the other big three automakers. Because Toyota is so successful in a highly competitive industry, most manufacturing, service, and logistics service companies are trying to emulate Toyota by implementing lean manufacturing and/or just-in-time (JIT) logistics. This is your chance to learn about just-in-time inbound supply chain, JIT internal materials management and JIT outbound product distribution principles and practices. The just-in-time logistics principles and methods we will discuss are applicable to any business system, product manufacture, or services provided for a profit. You are invited to a four-day (*i.e., noon Monday through noon Thursday*) AME, "hands-on" Workshop and "bonus" 90 minute motorized tour of the manufacturing areas of Toyota's Georgetown, Kentucky assembly plants # 1 & # 2. REGISTER NOW for this benchmarking workshop before it's sold out!

Our objective will be to describe and discuss how Toyota's "just-in-time" Production System (TPS) principles can be applied to create and orchestrate flow throughout an organization's supporting inbound supply chain, internal materials management, and outbound product distribution channels.

## Batesville Casket Continuous Improvement Journey Manchester, TN—January 17 & 18, 2008

### WINNER AME 2006 "MANUFACTURING EXCELLANCE AWARD"

This is an outstanding manufacturing facility that has been on a Lean Journey for over a decade. In recent years it has focused on continuous improvement that has allowed them to reduce the required floor space for manufacturing, tighten and redesign their goals in terms of productivity and quality, and benchmark and redesign a new quality database which enables them to have both visual and text description of the subtle differences in their many new product designs recently introduced.

The Manchester team will demonstrate how they have used these "Manchester's Guiding Principles" to achieve outstanding results for the past nine years.

## Board Member Spotlight—Danny Jones—Georgia

Danny has been the Factory Manager Line 3 Vertical File since 2005 for The HON company in Cedartown, Georgia. His responsibilities include managing a two-shift factory that totals 120 members which he manages through four group leaders, three engineers, one RCI Tech, and four member maintenance staff; he is responsible for profit and loss of the factory. This includes staffing, budgets, policy deployment measures, and lean improvements; and he drives improvement in Safety, Quality, and Cost through project development and implementation. Danny is certified as an instructor for Lean Bronze Certification Review. Contact Danny at [jonesd@honcompany.com](mailto:jonesd@honcompany.com).

### **Achieving a High Involvement, Continuous Improvement Culture**

#### **To Power the Lean Sigma Workplace**

#### ***A Structured Approach for Building a Team-Based Workplace***

#### ***In Conjunction with Lean Implementation***

**Pensacola, FL—February 19-20, 2008**

Many organizations have long been on the Lean journey, with excellent results. But, is that enough? How do you sustain and build on these results? How do you further involve the workforce in continuous improvement to power your Lean investment to the fullest? This is the real challenge of the day.

In this “how-to”, case-based workshop, learn a structured “whole system” approach to developing a high-involvement, continuous improvement workforce, and specific strategies for implementing this approach within an already existing Lean/Sigma initiative.

#### **Workshop Presenters**

**Barry Rubin**, TeamPath, Inc., has been working with organizations to increase performance by more fully utilizing the potential of their people for over two decades.

**Michael Donovan Ph.D.**, TeamPath, Inc., has over 25 years experience as a consultant specializing in the design and implementation of high-performance organizations.



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