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Programmable Logic Controllers Training

The Texas Productivity Center (TPC) of the College of Business and Technology has been having a very successful year making alliances with local industries by offering training workshops to improve their productivity and competitiveness. Dr. Mark Miller, Director of the TPC, noted that three, 40 hour training sessions were held at the Trane air conditioning plant in Tyler, TX to train maintenance technicians on programmable logic controllers. Fifteen technicians were trained at each session for all three shifts by TPC trainer Kelly Kaemmerling.

Lean Luncheon Series

Several free Lean luncheon mini training sessions have been given this year at the Coyote Sam's Restaurant in Tyler. T. Ron Gewin spoke to attendees regarding the basics of lean and how to effectively conduct a lean waste walk. More lean luncheons are scheduled for the fall.



Ron Gewin, front row second from the left, with the newly certified Lean Champions.

Ron Gewin, pictured with sport jacket, and the newly certified Lean Champions at Sealtite Corporation in Tyler, TX.



Lean Champion Training

The first Lean Champion certification training was taught by T. Ron Gewin at The University of Texas at Tyler on Tuesday evenings during the spring semester. This 12 week, 24 hour certification program ended with eight certified professionals from various industries from across East Texas.

On-Site Lean Certification Training at Sealtite Corporation

T. Ron Gewin led a 12 week Lean Certification class for the leadership team at Sealtite Corporation. The Sealtite leadership team, including the President and COO, participated in training on Lean tools team participated in 12 weeks of training which included real lean tools and techniques including the application of the tools in their factory and offices, along with a comprehensive exam. Future training is planned for Sealtite.

Fall 2016 Lean Champion Training

The third Lean Champion certification training will be taught by T. Ron Gewin at The University of Texas at Tyler on Thursday evenings during the fall semester beginning September 15th and will last for 12 weeks. For more information, visit uttyler.edu/cbt/procenter.

STEMCO Plant Tour

In July, members of the Texas Productivity Center, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and students from the Technology Department at UT Tyler attended a tour of the STEMCO facility in Longview, TX. STEMCO president, Todd Anderson who arranged and assisted with the tour showed all those attending the wide variety of products that his company makes for commercial trucks. All 43 participants enjoyed the tour.



Dr. Mark Miller, fourth from right, and STEMCO President Todd Anderson, in the light blue shirt behind him, along with 40+ attendees at the STEMCO Longview manufacturing facility.



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