

NCFA Distributor Social a Huge Success

The North Coast Fastener Association (NCFA) held its 12th annual Distributor Social in July. The venue was held at a new location, the Holiday Inn in Strongsville, Ohio. Attendance was strong, with somewhere between 225 - 250 in attendance. As one of the first industry events to take place since COVID-19, expectations were high but guarded. The event did not disappoint.

As has been the case with past Distributor Social gatherings, the festivities began the night before with fastener industry members gathering at the Brew Garden, also in Strongsville. Approximately 30 - 35 people showed up for some pre-Social networking.

Then, on July 8, Solution Industries got the day started by sponsoring a training class on Hydrogen Embrittlement conducted by Carmen Vertullo and Rob Lapointe of AIM Testing Labs. It was attended by approximately 50 people. Lunch and guided tours of Solution Industries followed.

Before heading to the Distributor Social at the Holiday Inn, there was a quick stop at Johnny J's, a local watering hole, but the Social started on time and no one was lost on the way! Fastener industry people have an uncanny way of finding these types of establishments.

After skipping this event last year due to COVID-19, this event has proven to be an industry networking success story with consistent high attendance and a daytime filled with interesting fastener-related activities. Attendees came from across the country, from California to Massachusetts to New Jersey and many locations in between. The Midwest Fastener Association (MWFA) always promotes this event with their members, and attendance from that area was strong. They also contributed door prizes that were handed out at the NCFA event.

If this event was any indication of whether fastener industry personnel are ready to return to social gathering, our upcoming shows and conferences should be great events.

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