

Solution Industries Open House

As part of the daytime activities of the North Coast Fastener Association's Distributor Social, Solution Industries threw their doors wide open and hosted a day filled with technical classes, taco trucks, facility tours and some good-natured videos highlighting some of the Solution staff members.

Starting at 9 a.m., Solution sponsored a class on Hydrogen Embrittlement that was conducted by Carmen Vertullo and Rob Lapointe of AIM Testing Labs. Approximately 50 people attended the class and were treated to some great technical training in addition to some nifty dancing by Rob Lapointe as he used his dance moves to visually depict how grain flows as materials move if they are heated or cooled. Unfortunately, no video of this dancing display was captured, or it would be liberally shared on social media.

After the class, members of Solution's sales staff and management team guided approximately 110 visitors through their new facility and shared some of what is new and exciting at Solution Industries. Following these tours, tacos were served out of a Barrio Restaurant food truck, and guests caught up with Team Solution and other visitors while enjoying the sunshine. Lunch was served to more than 160 guests, and a few people ended up using various Solution Industries conference rooms as personal offices to return phone calls and jump on their laptops to catch up on emails before they headed off to the NCFCA Distributor Social.

Additionally, Solution ran a series of videos in their common room during the event. Some were clips from previous events, and some were recorded specifically for the open house with several self-deprecating, humorous clips that involved just about everyone in the building. These clips will continue to be shared on social media, so make sure to tune in if you come across them. Let's just say, on one of them, General Manager Frank Devito goes out on a limb to give us a different outlook of what casual Friday might look like with a little bit of pressure from ownership. I am sure they will send you a clip if you contact your inside sales representative at Solution Industries.

Solution Industries rolled out the red carpet to fastener industry customers, suppliers, friends, and yes, competitors. The event was a great success and was part of an overall great day for the NCFCA and Solution. However, like most things, there were other companies and organizations that contributed to the success of the event.

Raffle winners of Brighton Best International (BBI) and Solution gift baskets included:

Atotech – Andrew Pfeifer

R.L. English – Marty Nolan

Parker Fasteners – Matt Boyd

Nucor – Sandra Plummer

FTI – Mike McNulty

FTI – Tom Hutchinson

Forest City Technologies – Duane Droblich

G.L. Huyett – Dan Harriger

Solution Industries' owner, John Radel, openly shared that he was more than happy to open the doors to all visitors.

“I don't even care if people are doing business inside our building that does not even involve Solution,” John said. “I am just happy to facilitate a gathering of fastener people after such a long time of not being able to meet in person.”

Hats off to John Radel, Shelly Radel, Frank Devito, Tim Vath and Laura Vath for coordinating a great event and getting their entire staff involved in the day's activities.