

Efficiency Extra Edition

Happy Engineer's Week!

T2E3, Inc. Newsletter
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Performance Training Opportunities

It's less than one month to the next [LM6000 Performance Seminar](#). This year the seminar will be in Palm Springs **March 17 & 18**, the Thursday and Friday prior to the WTUI conference.

During the two days, we'll discuss the performance aspects of the LM6000 including expected output, heat rate, exhaust energy, and the benefits of inlet cooling and SPRINT systems. By the time you leave on Friday afternoon, you'll know what instrumentation you need to calibrate to get better performance, how best to collect data and run the calculations to track corrected output & heat rate, compressor efficiency and evaporator effectiveness.

Seating is limited, so **call or e-mail now to reserve your space:** 425-821-6036/tinat@t2e3.com. The seminar is \$1275 per person for the two days, with multi-attendee discounts available – so bring a friend!

If you're interested in learning more about performance for frame units and combined cycle facilities, I'm working with ASME to present a **one-day combined cycle workshop at the 2011 ASME Power Conference**. Please contact me if you're interested. More details will be posted on the conference website later. Currently it's listed as track 8-4: **Workshop 8-4 Combined Cycle Plant Thermal Performance**

This week (Feb 20-26, 2011) is Engineer's Week, according to The National Engineers Week Foundation (www.eweek.org). This week - as every week - is a good time to mentor a young student and encourage them to pursue a career in power & engineering. I encourage you all to get involved in the local schools to share what you enjoy best about working with power equipment. I routinely visit the local universities to share my experiences with the incoming freshmen and am always amazed at the interest I see when I show pictures of facilities in action – such as the one below.

From this one picture, I can draw students into the need for civil, thermal, material, construction, start-up and design engineers. Just look at the number of axles on that trailer – and they still had to re-build the road from the rail station to the plant (it started out as a small county lane) in order to handle the weight of this HRSG section.



Announcements

- **Training Available**
- **Read & Comment at Tina's Blog:** www.t2e3.com/blog
- **Next LM6000 Seminar** March 17 & 18, 2011 Palm Springs, CA see details on page 2
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(cont. from front page) In my continuing pursuit of bringing more ME's into the power industry, I will be teaching a class at Seattle University starting next month on power generation performance issues (the title of the class is "Applications in Power Generation"). I'll be including some sections on alternative energy (solar, wind, geo-thermal, etc.) – which will be a learning experience for me, as well. I'm looking forward to it.

If you have any stories that you can share and think students would be interested in – I'd love to hear them. I may be looking for lecture material by the end of the 10 week term!

If you're an ASME member, you can send free Engineer's Week e-cards to all your friends and family at go.asme.org/ecards.

On The Blog

[February 22nd's post](#) was a short overview of an article in this month's Power Engineering magazine regarding methods to improve Gas Turbine Availability. The article goes back to a paper presented at PowerGen 2010 by a group from MHI, but the results are applicable to many aspects of power plant operation.

LM6000 Performance

Characteristics, Testing and Long-Term Condition Monitoring Seminar

When: March 17 & 18, 2011

Where: Palm Springs, CA

Near the WTUI Venue: <http://www.wtui.com>

Additional information on the seminar, including an agenda, can be found on at www.t2e3.com/LM6000.php.

Green Beer for St. Patrick's Day included!



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