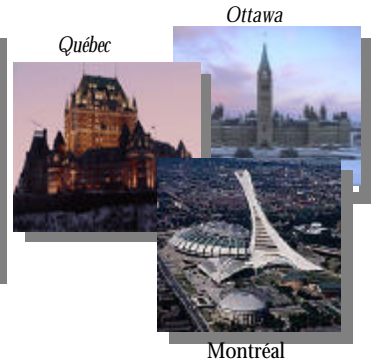


# TRY-CITY NEWSLETTER



## Word from the President Mot du président



J e voudrais tous vous remercier de la grande participation au tournoi de golf annuel SMTA et pour la première fois cette année avec la contribution de l'organisation RIE.

On dirait que le tournoi déclenche l'été, pour un test on devrait essayer le tournoi au mois de Novembre ☺

Il me semble que j'ai entendu les mots « sans Plomb » aux moins deux fois cette année. SMTA a déjà fait 2 séances sur ce sujet cette année et l'on voit aussi que plusieurs autres organisations qui accentuent la visibilité avec séminaires, cours et quand même on trouvera quelque un de nous dans des situations d'urgence et même de panique tout prêt de la date butoir, donc on se prépare tout de suite.

Benoit

## LEAD FREE SEMINAR LAST JUNE

Last June your SMTA Tri-City chapter was hosting a lead free symposium organized in conjunction with a plant tour of the AIM facility in the east end of Montreal. This symposium was held in a cozy environment at the St-Hubert Restaurant on Sherbrooke street east, only a few minutes from the AIM facility.

Considering that more than 30 persons showed up that day, we surely can talk about a successful meeting. Moreover due to the special offer provided by your SMTA executive committee 8 persons became new members that same day.

First, Benoit Giroux our President introduced Mr. Karl Seelig, a well known individual in our industry. Mr. Seelig is a member of

the IPC SPVC (Solder Product Value Council); He provided an update on the position of IPC towards lead free legislations, materials and solder performances.

The symposium then gave way to the main presenter, also a known communicator and marketing specialist for AIM, Mr. David Sureski. David touched on many of the lead free questions commonly raised by Engineers and Employers alike anywhere around the world. Montreal did not differ as many important issues were raised.

Mr. Sureski covered topics such as;

- European, Japanese and North American status on lead free
- Products that are touched by this directive

- Implementation costs
- Materials
- Components
- Circuit Boards surface finishes
- Lead free alloys
- Tin / Lead Vs lead free compatibility
- Reliability
- Process issues.

The process issues and advice period including printing, wave soldering and reworking, were in my opinion the most awaited topics. Many people raised relevant question about the impact lead-free might have on their productions and what could be possible solutions to ensure a smooth transition. All those questions received answers from M. Sureski.

My best advice would be "be prepared by starting your  
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 own testing". This will give you the opportunity to have a feel of what lead free may be at your own company. No companies are the same and a recipe in one company may differ a bit or totally at another company. Variations in equipments, models/options, internal settings

and internal quality requirements are all elements that affect the recipe.

Lead free transition is not only limited to process issues, it also includes logistics with component suppliers, customer requests, personnel training, power consumption and a lot more. It

would be a best practice, in initiating a dedicated lead free group that includes manufacturing, logistic, quality and purchasing personal that would address these issues.

On behalf of SMTA Tri-City Executive Committee, I wish to thank all participants, M.

Karl Seelig, M. David Sure-ski, both from AIM for their respective presentations.

Special Thanks to Claude Carreau also from AIM for his help in organizing a very nice Plant tour.

Your Chief Editor  
 Andre Bisson



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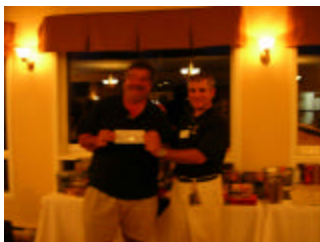
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## SMTA August golf tournament

Hi everyone,

I could not miss this opportunity to talk a little bit about one of my favourite events every year, our SMTA Golf Tournament.

This year we had 44 participants almost double last years'. So my guess is that the later date selected this year (we had August 14<sup>th</sup> last year) might have played a role. At a time where the economy is starting to show some interesting signs it becomes even more difficult to get people out. The reason is simple, the staff was reduced when it went bad but it takes a little longer to restart the hiring process. Because of this everyone's swamped, so the net result is "sorry I cannot go this year!" Well despite this we were a



Winning Foursome

make this event a success and I've named AIM, Stentech, Northtouch, STI, SMTA, and a new sponsor this year Digico. Congratulations to those who won the contest prizes. Special congratulations to the winning team of Sip Akbar, Edgar Eve, Constantin Hudon and Gaétan Pépin.

good bunch that enjoyed themselves, and we had tremendous help from Mother Nature who provided wall to wall sunshine. Not to forget the fabulous dinner we all had, muuumm goooooo!

Thanks to all of our sponsors, who year after year collaborate generously to

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**S P E C I A L  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Tournament which coincides with the my 10<sup>th</sup> year as the organiser (Actually 11 tournaments in 10 years). Next years tournament will be our first charity fund raiser. I would like to have suggestions for a charity accompanied by the reason why this charity should get the money raised. The winning charity will be selected by an independent group on the merit demonstrated in your

letters, so go ahead MAKE YOUR CASE.

For this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary I am aiming high, I want 144 golfers, and I am sure that if we work together we can do this. Anybody wanting to participate in the committee can communicate with me at 514-863-2416

Thanks in Advance and.. enjoy the winter, Brrrrrr!

Richard Thibodeau  
Treasurer and golf organiser

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**UPCOMING EVENT**

November 2004 – Lead free conference (see next page)

**PROCHAIN ÉVÉNEMENT**

Novembre 2004 – Congres sur le sans plomb (voir page suivante)

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**"SMTA participe au congrès sans plomb tenue par le groupe RIE le 24 Novembre".**

Parmi les différents conférenciers, Specnor présentera les trousse de convertissement au sans plomb pour machine a vague.

Pour plus d'informations [www.specnor.com](http://www.specnor.com).

Pour plus d'informations sur le congrès [www.rie.ca](http://www.rie.ca)

Le tarif pour membre SMTA \$295

SMTA will participate to the lead free conference of November 24th held by the RIE group.

Specnor will be one of the speakers and will talk about lead free retrofit for wave machines.

For information on Specnor : [www.specnor.com](http://www.specnor.com)

For information on the conference [www.rie.ca](http://www.rie.ca)

Price for SMTA member: \$295

*Pour de plus amples information, visitez le site internet de la RIE au*

[www.rie.ca](http://www.rie.ca)

*For more information visit RIE website at*

[www.rie.ca](http://www.rie.ca)

## CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are planning a certification program for the month of May during the TEQ show in Montreal. It is a 3 day program with workshop and examinations.

A survey will be sent to evaluate if we can meet the minimum attendance.

For all the details: <http://www.smta.org/certification/certification.cfm>



## PROGRAMME DE CERTIFICATION

Nous planifions un programme de certification pour le mois de mai pendant le show TEQ a Montréal. C'est un programme de 3 jours avec évaluations.

Un sondage sera envoyé pour évaluer si nous pouvons rencontrer les demandes minimums d'assistance pour un tel programme.

Pour tout les détails : <http://www.smta.org/certification/certification.cfm>

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**Mission Of The SMTA**

The SMTA membership is a network of professionals who build skills, share practical experience and develop solutions in electronic assembly technologies and related business operations.

**Benefits Descriptions**

*Networking, Access to Experts, Educational Opportunities, Journal of SMTA news Membership directory, SMTA bookstore*  
just to name a few, see SMTA web site for more detail.

**Membership Fees**

Individual Membership (\$60 annually)

This category is available to persons at company sites/locations and qualify for the full range of SMTA benefits.

User Corporate Membership (\$395 annually)

A corporate membership in SMTA provides discount to employees located in the same location/division where the Corporate Membership is held.

Participating Membership (\$35 annually)

Employees at sites which already have a corporate membership are eligible for a participating membership and qualify for the full range of SMTA benefits.

Student/Retirees (\$5 annually)

Student/Retiree Memberships are for persons who are either 1) currently enrolled in a full-time post-secondary education or training program or 2) fully retired and no longer in the industry.

**To join contact;**

- your local chapter
- SMTA Headquarters (952) 920-7682
- On-line at [www.smta.org](http://www.smta.org)

## VOCATION DU TRY-CITY NEWSLETTER

Le journal ce veut être d'une part, un média d'information des activités passées ou futures organisées au sein du chapitre Try-City, et d'autre part de permettre une liberté de communication, propre à l'écrivain. Vous retrouverez donc à l'intérieur de ce journal des textes français, anglais et bilingue. Les règles, d'utilisation de la langue, sont les suivantes:

- 1- Tout communiqué fait par le président du chapitre ou s'adressant au membre seront bilingue.
- 2- Tout les articles ou descriptions d'événements seront présentés dans le choix de la langue de l'écrivain.

Ces directives ont pour but de permettre une diversité culturelle à laquelle nous somme habitué.

The newsletter is a media of communication to keep you inform about past activities and relevent information on futur activities. The newsletter has also another vocation, which is related to the language use to communicate. You will find english, french and bilanguale text inside this newsletter. The language rules are simple and explain

as follow:

1- All press release written by chapter president or aimed to member will use bilangual

2- All articles or event description are presented as the writer language choice.

The goal of those rules are to allowed a cultural diversity.

André Bisson  
Editeur du journal