



**Central Alabama Chapter
April 2005 Newsletter**

April Professional Development Meeting

Plant Tour: Twitchell Corporation – Dothan, AL

Since its beginning in 1922, the Twitchell name has represented quality in yarns and fabrics across a multitude of industries. For almost a century Twitchell yarns and fabrics have been improving the looks and performance of our customer's products. Today, Twitchell is a multi-national manufacturer of some of the world's most innovative fibers, textiles, profile extrusions and coatings.

As a major manufacturer of some of the world's most recognized brands of yarns and fabrics, our fabrics have helped pioneer the growth of the outdoor casual furniture industry. Now in a changing global marketplace demanding a new world of textiles and applications, Twitchell continues to pioneer new yarns, fabrics and coatings, and develop new manufacturing capabilities to meet the needs of its customers.

Twitchell manufactures products for applications for casual furnishings, contract interiors, awnings, canopies, sun shades/screens, marine, building products, medical disposable, industrial packaging, industrial covers, automotive, agricultural, specialty composites, and military.

Date: **Thursday, April 7th, 2005**

Location: Twitchell Corporation
Dothan, AL

****Chartered Transportation****

Agenda: 10:30 – 11:00am Meet at old Dillards Home Store (Eastdale Circle)
11:00am – 1:00pm Travel to Dothan
1:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch at Twitchell
1:30pm – 3:00pm Plant Tour
3:00pm – 5:00pm Travel back to Montgomery

Cost: **\$20.00/person**

Reservations are required by Tuesday, April 5th, 2005

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New Certification Announced...

APICS LAUNCHES NEW INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION CERTIFIED SUPPLY CHAIN PROFESSIONAL

Alexandria, VA (March 8, 2005) APICS The Association for Operations Management announced today the creation of a new industry certification to meet the rapidly changing educational needs in the field of supply chain management. The Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) designation is designed for professionals interested in increasing their knowledge of supply chain management, those currently working in the field of supply chain management, and for those individuals working with enterprise resources planning (ERP) systems.

“The APICS CSCP designation validates a unique skill set and reflects the expanding role supply chain management plays in today’s increasingly competitive global marketplace,” stated Thomas J. Krupka, CFPIM, Jonah, APICS President. “In the past, companies focused primarily on manufacturing and quality improvements within their four walls to gain a competitive advantage. World-class supply chain management drives a broader view, extending efforts to encompass the entire network of companies throughout the supply chain that work together to meet customer demands. The APICS CSCP designation will equip today’s professionals with the credentials to improve their company’s competitive success and their own professional advancement and earning potential.”

APICS currently administers two internationally recognized certification programs—Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) and Certified in Integrated Resource Management (CIRM). Since 1974, 80,000 professionals have earned the CPIM designation and more than 4,000 have earned the CIRM designation. With the addition of the CSCP designation, APICS enhances its validation of the disciplines within operations management, specifically production, inventory, enterprise, and supply chain management.

APICS retained the services of The Holmes Corporation, specialists in the designing, marketing, and distributing of educational products for association certification programs, to develop the CSCP learning system.

The CSCP learning system will consist of a blended learning approach incorporating self-directed study courses, Web-based learning, and classroom-based education offered through colleges and universities, corporations, and the APICS network of local chapters throughout North America.

The CSCP program will be launched in conjunction with the 2005 APICS International Conference and Exposition, October 16-18, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

APICS International Conference and Exposition

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Dates: October 16-18, 2005

Location: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana

The 2005 APICS International Conference and Exposition is the educational and networking event of choice for operations management professionals. The conference is the premier source for operations management education with a concentration on production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing, and logistics.



Free APICS Webinars On-Demand

APICS offers its members free access to a selection of recorded APICS Webinars. APICS Webinars are online presentations featuring an expert speaker on operations management topics such as, supply chain management, manufacturing, enterprise resources planning, production and inventory management, accounting, management, and more. These informative and interactive sessions enable you to connect with industry experts for specialized topic-focused education. Each 60-minute event features an educational discussion, case studies, and a Q&A session. Participate in an APICS Webinar On-Demand from your home or office—all you need is an Internet connection and computer speakers.

There are more than 25 APICS Webinars On-Demand covering operations management subjects such as [Accounting](#), [e-Business](#), [Inventory](#), [Lean](#), [Management](#), [Six Sigma](#), [Supply Chain](#), [Theory of Constraints \(TOC\)](#), available to APICS members free of charge. Begin exploring one of your key APICS member benefits today!

National Workshops Schedule-at-a-Glance

Date	Title	Location
April 19 – 21	Detailed Scheduling and Planning	Alexandria, VA
May 17 – 19	Execution and Control of Operations	Alexandria, VA
June 14 – 16	Basics of Supply Chain Management	Alexandria, VA
July 12 – 14	Master Planning of Resources	Alexandria, VA
August 16 – 18	Detailed Scheduling and Planning	Alexandria, VA
September 13 – 15	Execution and Control of Operation	Alexandria, VA
October 25 – 27	Strategic Management of Resources	Alexandria, VA
November 15 – 17	Basics of Supply Chain Management	Alexandria, VA

Individual		Team	
APICS Member	\$995	APICS Member	\$895
Nonmember	\$1,140	Nonmember	\$1,040

The Central Alabama Chapter offers CPIM and CIRM Certification review courses, Lean Manufacturing workshops (7), Inventory Management workshops (5), and much, much more!

For more information about local course offerings, please contact Melissa Grant, CPIM or Tommy Olsen, CIRM.



Certified in Production and Inventory Management

The Internationally Recognized Standard for Excellence

CPIM provides a common basis for individuals and organizations to evaluate their knowledge of the evolving field of production and inventory management. The program has helped individuals and their organizations become more productive and competitive because it is designed to test candidates' in-depth knowledge of a variety of subjects specific to production and inventory management.

Introduced in 1973 and reconfigured in 2000, CPIM continues to live up to its mission of educating individuals in the concepts, tools, terminology, and integration of topics across operations functions.

CPIM has helped more than 66,000 professionals

- learn to predict outcomes more accurately and take actions that achieve results
- gain peer and industry recognition
- contribute to their organizations' success through increased efficiency across the processes of the supply chain
- earn college credit.



Certified in Integrated Resource Management

Take your professional education and hands-on knowledge to the next level!

APICS integrated resource management education lives up to its name! Certified in Integrated Resource Management (CIRM) education integrates your understanding of organizational resources such as information technology, materials, human resources, production and supporting equipment, facilities, and capital to meet the goals of your organization. In other words, you will gain an understanding of all the functions within your company, giving you a competitive edge!

The success of any business in the 21st century will increasingly depend on its ability to adapt to rapidly changing conditions—taking swift action to maximize the opportunities presented. CIRM is a comprehensive program designed to develop managerial and leadership skills. With CIRM education, you will develop your fullest potential and solve a wide range of business problems across the enterprise—spurring future innovation and discovery for you and your organization.

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