

## Reminders

- This month's meeting will be on a Friday night. This Friday meeting was scheduled at the request of many of our members who have a difficult time making the Monday night meetings.
- This month's topic on the Vulcan restoration project may be of interest to your spouse. If you would like to bring your spouse, just make a reservation.
- Be sure Friday March 12th is on your calendar. The students at the University of Alabama are making plans for our visit to the foundry that morning. We will golf in the afternoon, followed by our dinner meeting.
- The 2004 AFS Southeast Regional Conference will be held March 31-April 2, at the Chattanooga Marriott, Chattanooga, Tennessee. See the insert in the newsletter for more information, and the reservation form.

## Meeting Notice

The Wynfrey Hotel  
I-459 / US-31

Friday, February 13th

Board Meeting  
5:00 p.m.  
Social Time 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Leave your reservation request at  
205-661-0206 x23  
or via the internet at  
[www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org)

*Make your reservations before 12:00 Noon on February 10th to be eligible for a Special Drawing.*  
**Be sure to leave your name!  
Price of Meal—\$25.00**

## February Meeting Topic

*Ginseppe Moretti's Vulcan Bringing Back the Magic*

**J. Scott Howell**  
Robinson Iron Corporation

Scott received his BS degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1975, and his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1977. Since 1975 he has served as



Vice President, General Manager and Co-owner of Robinson Iron Corporation, a recognized authority in the restoration and custom casting of architectural metalwork and

historic preservation. The company was created in 1976 as a spin-off of Robinson Foundry Inc., a large industrial foundry established in 1946 by Joseph H. Robinson, Sr. Since 1976 the company has exhibited consistent growth from three employees to approximately sixty-five.

Scott is active in several professional organizations, including the Association for Preservation Technology, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Alabama Historical Society, and the Alabama Preservation Alliance. His articles have been published in several magazines and journals, including *The Construction Specifier*, the Association for Preservation Technology's *Bulletin*, and *The Fabricator*.

Scott is very active in the Alexander City community. He is married to Jane Benton Howell and has two children.

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### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

Everyone who has submitted an E-mail address to AFS National **OR** AFS Birmingham will STOP receiving a hard copy via USPS mail, effective March, 2004. Those without E-mail will continue receiving the traditional mailing.

For this month **Only**, All members in the database should have received a hard copy, an E-mail copy, or both of this Newsletter.

If you experience problems, want to continue receiving a hard copy, or sign up for E-mail copy, please contact:

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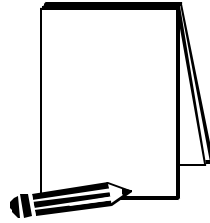
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## NOTES

Attendance at the January meeting was 107. There were 12 students from UA and UAB present.

The Birmingham chapter is proud to have such good participation from our students in the Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Programs.

Special thanks to **Dr. Charles Bates, Research Professor in the Materials Engineering Department at UAB, for speaking at our January meeting. Dr. Bates gave a very informative presentation about technologies that UAB is developing to aid the industry. Copies of his presentation are available on CD. If you would like a copy, contact Dr. Bates at 205-975-8120, or email cbates@uab.edu.**

**AFS National Membership –9,941. Birmingham Chapter Membership – 517. The National Member Sponsor a Member campaign continues until March 31. When all the entries are in there will be a drawing for a nice laptop computer. Make sure your name is in the drawing! Be sure to put your name as the sponsor on the application and should you have any questions contact our membership committee: Carol Brandon (Hill and Griffith) 205-328-4050, or Kathi Strickland (Citation—Bessemer) 205-424-4030.**

### Ginseppe Moretti's Vulcan Bringing Back the Magic J. Scott Howell

Scott's first presentation to the Birmingham Chapter was in October 2001, in the middle of the restoration project. This month's presentation will give us an overview of the completed restoration project. Vulcan was re-erected in June 2003, and Vulcan Park is scheduled to re-open in March 2004. The formal re-dedication (Vulcan Fest) will be in June 2004.



## Vulcan Statue

Vulcan is the unique and enduring symbol of the City of Birmingham. Standing 56 feet tall and weighing over 100,000 lbs, Vulcan is the largest cast iron statue in the world. Conceived by civic leaders to showcase Alabama's rich mineral and manufacturing resources at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, The St. Louis World's Fair, this colossal statue was created to make a statement to the world. After being returned to Birmingham, he spent 32 years at the Birmingham Fairgrounds, and in 1938 was transported to the top of red mountain and placed atop a 120 ft. stone pedestal. Today the original pedestal is hidden behind a marble facade that was placed around it in 1971 when an elevator and enclosed observation deck were also added. The deterioration of the statue forced closure of the park in 1999, and Robinson Iron was commissioned to remove and restore the statue.



J. Scott Howell stands atop the recently re-erected Vulcan Statue.



***72<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Southeast Regional  
Registration Form  
"A Move In The Right Direction"***

***Hotel:*** Chattanooga Marriott Hotel, 2 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402.

***Phone:*** 423-756-0002 for reservations.

***Room Rate:*** \$90.00/ night. Must make reservations prior to March 15, 2004 and mention AFS- Tennessee special rate.

***Where:*** Chattanooga Trade and Convention Center, adjoining the Marriott Hotel.

***When:*** Wednesday, March 31, 2004-10:00 a.m.  
AFS Tennessee Tech Student Chapter Golf Outing,  
see [www.afstennessee.org](http://www.afstennessee.org) for details and registration.

***3:00-5:00 p.m. Registration at Chattanooga Convention Center***

***5:00-7:00 p.m. Joint Hospitality***

***Thursday, April 1, 2004- Technical, Management Sessions,  
and Banquet***

***Friday, April 2, 2004- Plant Tour: Waupaca Foundry, Etowah,  
Tennessee.***



***72<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Southeast Regional  
Registration Form***

***Name:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Pre-registration @ \$225*** \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*Registration after March 14, 2004 @ \$250*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Guest for Banquet:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Spouse/ guest @ \$30*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Company:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Total:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Company Address:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***State:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Zip:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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***\*Banquet tickets for spouse/ guest are \$30/ each.***

***Please indicate if you will be attending the plant tour so we can arrange adequate transportation.***

***Yes or No***

***Please return completed registration form and check payable to:  
AFS Tennessee Chapter to: Mr. Dave Shouse, 8218 Bay Berry  
Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421.***

***Hope to see you there! For more info visit: [www.afstennessee.org](http://www.afstennessee.org)***



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- Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004**    **Regular Meeting - Scott Howell, Robinson Iron  
Ginseppe Moretti's Vulcan, Bringing Back the Magic**
- Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004**    **Tuscaloosa Meeting - Student night & Golf**
- Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004**    **Regular Meeting - Doru Stefanescu  
Research Professor, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, UA  
Update on AFS Research at UA**
- Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004**    **Regular Meeting - Awards Night  
Bill Sorensen, Executive Director, Foundry Educational Foundation  
Update on FEF**



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