

Chapter News

October, 2004



MEETING LOCATION

This Year's Regular Meetings Will Be At:

***THE WYNFREY
HOTEL
I-459 / US-31
Located At
The Galleria Mall***

PARKING: Parking is available within the hotel's gated parking deck, or in any of the mall's available parking.

Parking vouchers will be distributed during meeting registration. With a voucher, there is no cost for hotel parking.

The logo for The Wynfrey Hotel, featuring a stylized 'W' above the text 'THE WYNFREY HOTEL' in a serif font, all on a black background.

**THE WYNFREY
HOTEL**

Meeting Notice

**The Wynfrey Hotel
I-459 / US-31**

Monday, October 11th

**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**

***Make your reservations
before 12:00 Noon on
October 9th
to be eligible for a
Special Drawing.***

**Be sure to leave your
name!
Price of Meal—\$25.00**

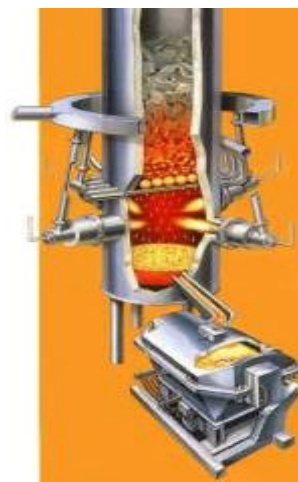
October Meeting Topic

***Cokeless Cupola Technical
Developments.***

**Reiner Graf
Technical Manager
Düker
Laufach, Germany**

Mr. Graf graduated from the University of Duisburg in Germany with an Engineering degree in Foundry Technology. Since 1969, he has been active in the German Foundry Industry, he served many consecutive years as a President of Bavarian Region of Foundry Association. He is presently a Technical Manager at Düker, where he oversees foundry operations. Düker developed and matured the energy-saving cokeless cupola furnace with superheater. This environmentally friendly melting procedure, which works successfully in their own foundry, has roused world-wide interest.

Mr. Graf and his wife Margerit live in Germany and have three grown children. Come join us on October 11th to hear this interesting presentation.



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**PICNIC
RECAP**



The picnic was a huge success again this year. There were 140 in attendance, with good food & fellowship shared by all. The AFS Birmingham Chapter would like to especially thank those individuals & companies who helped make this year's event a huge success.

Individuals include Mike Petrus (ACIPCO) who organized the event; Ken Griffin and Randy Adair (Foundry Supply Group) who coordinated the golf; Brant Ferguson, Alabama Copper & Bronze, Birmingham hot Metal Coatings, Alloys & Coke Trading Co., Associated Foundry Supply and WJ Bullock who sponsored the horseshoes; Carol Brandon (Hill & Griffith), Mike Sexton (Pangborn), & Specialty Foundry Products who handled the bingo; Bill Steadman, Kerry Styron, Jim Wigley, Randolf Fowler and Molly Stewart (ACIPCO) who handled the registration and ticket sales; Cahalan Mackin (Bermco), student relations; Tommy Horton (Reich Co.), Gordon Kimball (Ford Meter Box), Diane Kirkley (Vulcan Eng.), Todd Lyles ((Pryor Giggey), Jeff Fowler (Citation Marion), Jarek Olszak (Laempe+Reich Co.) Ralph Lyles (Miller and Co.), and Jim Frost (ACIPCO) for their behind the scenes work, and the UAB Student Chapter for driving the beverage carts.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR HORSESHOE
CHAMPIONS**



**Brant Ferguson
&
Kenny Thompson**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR GOLF WINNERS**

Team Gross Score

**1st Place (54) -Nelson
McCulley
Hale
Sims**
**2nd Place (56) -Griffin
T. Lyles
Berthiaume
Kirk**
**3rd Place (56) -Hoffman
Hinton
Johnson
Steele**

Team Net Score —Callaway

**1st Place (66) - C. Rowan
D. Rowan
Frost
Mackin**
**2nd Place (66) -McMellon
G. Boyd
D. Gaertner
E. Boyd**
**3rd Place (66)- Sparks
Yates
Gill
Bailey**

Closest to the Pin

**White Frank Stubs
Blue Stan Hand**

Closest to the Line

**White Frank Whaley
Blue Ben Berthiaume**

Longest Drive

**White Ed Boyd
Blue Billy Smith**

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The 2004 Ben Dunning Memorial Picnic was a great success again this year. Thanks to everyone who attended, and to everyone who helped make it happen. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding group of officers, directors, and committee members, who contribute their time and talents to run our chapter and coordinate these events.

This year promises to be an eventful year, as there are 5 regular meetings in addition to the Christmas party (December) and the Tuscaloosa meeting (March). Also, we will host the Southeastern Regional Conference this year, February 2-4, at the Wynfrey Hotel. Mr. Ron Kern is Chairman of the 2005 Southeastern Regional Conference. The Regional Committee has been formed and things are coming together very well.

The Board of Directors met for their Annual Planning Meeting in June, and the wheels are in motion to make this year one of the best for the Birmingham Chapter. There are active committees for Arrangements, Attendance/Ticket Sales, Awards, Education, Environmental/Safety, Finance, Long Range Planning, Membership, Newsletter, Publicity/Public Relations, Program, Student Relations, Website, and Welcome. The Arrangements Committee has lined up our meetings to be held at the Wynfrey again this year. The Education Committee is planning to host mini-seminars again this year, and co-sponsor a CMI course in the Birmingham area. The Finance Committee has adopted a budget for this year, and is well on their way to achieving the goal for contributions. The Membership Committee is concentrating on members who have been dropped from the roster, or on the pre-drop list. The Program Committee is lining up some excellent Technical Programs for our regular meetings. The Publicity Committee is concentrating on getting pictures and information from the Birmingham Chapter in every Modern Casting. The Student Relations Committee will be working with the student chapters at UA and UAB to promote and continue active student participation within our chapter. The Website Committee will be promoting all of the AFS activities and posting information from the committees. The Welcome Committee will be concentrating on making our new members and guest feel comfortable at our meetings. I have a lot of confidence in our entire Board this year, and am looking forward to a great year.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions for the chapter, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Upcoming Mini-Seminar! *Managing MACT Compliance*

In conjunction with our regular November 8th meeting, we will be conducting a mini-seminar during the afternoon. Mark your calendar, and watch for additional details in next month's Newsletter.

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This Year's Meeting Schedule

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| Saturday, August 28, 2004 | Picnic & Golf Outing (Mountain View Golf) |
| Monday, October 11, 2004 | The Wynfrey Hotel |
| Monday, November 8, 2004 | The Wynfrey Hotel |
| Monday, December 13, 2004 | The Wynfrey Hotel (Christmas Party) |
| Monday, January 10, 2005 | The Wynfrey Hotel |
| February 2-4, 2005 | Southeastern Regional (Birmingham, Wynfrey) |
| Friday, March 11, 2005 | Student Night & Golf (Tuscaloosa) |
| Friday, April 8, 2005 | The Wynfrey Hotel |
| April 16-19, 2005 | CASTEXPO '05 (St. Louis, MO) |
| Monday, May 9, 2005 | The Wynfrey Hotel |



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