



February 2008

Chapter News

Pictures On Our Website

A big thank you goes out to Bill Steadman for the picture updates on our website covering our monthly meetings. Especially the fantastic Christmas Extravaganza photos! If you haven't already checked them out, go to the website and do so!

Mark Your Calendar

A couple of very important upcoming events you won't want to miss – mark your calendar now!

April 9-11, 2008 – AFS Governmental Affairs Conference, Washington DC. For Information and Registration visit the national AFS website <http://www.afsinc.org>

May 17-20, 2008— AFS CastExpo, Atlanta, GA. The **first ever CastExpo in the Southeast**. For more information see the ad in Modern Casting or visit the AFS website <http://www.castexpo.com>

February 18, 19, and 20, 2009 – AFS Southeast Regional, Birmingham, AL. Stay tuned for more details.

Also visit the redesigned Modern Casting website and visit the all new Metalcasting Career Center. This should prove to be a valuable resource for job seekers and companies seeking to fill openings. <http://afsinc.org/careercenter>

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The Wynfrey Hotel
Galleria Mall
US-31 & I-459

Monday, February 12th

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 ext. 23
or via the internet at
www.afsbirmingham.org

Be sure to leave your name!

Make your reservations before 12:00 Noon on February 7th

Price of Meal—\$30.00

February 11th Meeting:

“Barium In Nodularizers”

Eli David
Globe Metallurgical

Eli David is currently employed by Globe Metallurgical Inc. as Senior Technical & Foundry Products Manager.

Prior to joining Globe, Eli worked for 10 years at The Quality Castings Company in Orrville, Ohio as Chief Metallurgist and Technical Director.

Eli has a Bachelor's Degree in Materials Engineering from The Israel Institute of Technology – Haifa Israel and an MBA in Finance from The Kent State University – Kent, Ohio.

He has made numerous presentations at AFS and DIS meetings on various metallurgical and other cast iron foundry related topics.

His presentation will deal with the effects of barium in nodular iron production, with particular emphasis on the role barium plays when part of the master alloy composition.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the most knowledgeable metallurgists in the foundry industry today.



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On behalf of all the officers and the Board thanks for the great start to our second half of the chapter technical year! We had 80 in attendance for the January meeting! Let's build on this and set a new attendance record for our February meeting! Brian, in a continuation of the fantastic programs so far this year, has another great speaker and topic for us this month... and has packed in an extra surprise visit from our friend at FEF Bill Sorensen!

The Chapter is on the move membership wise, we stand as the second largest chapter needing only a handful of new members to become the largest - so please ensure your membership is up to date, and lets all work at getting some new members!

We thank each of you for your support of the meetings and your service to the chapter... Your willingness to serve and your dedication is what makes our chapter the best around. We also wish to thank our corporate sponsors for so freely giving of their finances and allowing their employees to give of their time and service. With this in mind a big thank you goes out to Peter Reich of Reich Companies for his efforts in providing us with two new ways of thanking our supporters... a Corporate Sponsorship table card and the PowerPoint presentation listing our wonderful contributors/sponsors. This presentation will be shown at each meeting during the social hour and dinner, along with a table card setting on each table! Thanks Peter for your help in helping us to honor all the wonderful companies that so generously give us their support!

It was great seeing everyone at our last meeting and I look forward to visiting with you all the 11th. Be sure to call in your reservation or make it on the web to ensure your spot! Our arrangements committee does an outstanding job of forecasting how many meals we need - and the chapter has to pay for all meals we forecast - so help Tommy do his thing by making your reservation today!

So mark your calendars now and make your plans to enjoy the the fun, food and fellowship with the best AFS chapter!!!! We look forwarding to seeing you all on the 11th.

Best Wishes,
Kevin Crawford
Chapter Chairman

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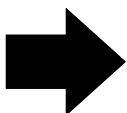
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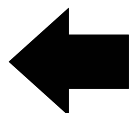
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2007-2008 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Monday, February 11, 2008	Regular Meeting	Eli David	Wynfrey
Monday, March 10, 2008	Regular Meeting	David Williams	Wynfrey
Friday, April 11, 2008	Student Night	Hidden Meadows Golf	Tuscaloosa
Monday, May 12, 2008	Past Chairmen's Night	Awards Night	Wynfrey



Regular Meeting Schedule:
Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL
5:00pm - Board Meeting
6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour
6:30pm - Dinner & Technical Presentation



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!



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