



# April 2008

## Chapter News

Mark Your Calendar

### Cupola Melting for Engineers Course

CMI will be offering a Cupola Melting for Engineers course April 23-25, in Birmingham, Ala. This course emphasizes the engineering factors involved in cupola operation. It covers subjects starting with a history of stack-type melting units to the most modern computer-operated cupolas, including cokeless cupolas. A comprehensive examination of the cupola's advantages and disadvantages will be presented. For more information, or to attend this course, contact AFS customer service at 800/537-4237

<https://afs.ebiz.uapps.net/SolutionSite/Default.aspx?tabid=90&action=MTGProductDetails&args=13436>

### Chance for a complimentary registration:

If you would like a chance to win a complimentary registration please go the AFS Birmingham website [www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org) to sign-up. Sign-up will close at 12:00 noon CDT on April 14 and the winner will be contacted by 5:00 pm on April 15. This will cover the course registration only, travel and lodging be the responsibility of the attendee.

As another AFS year begins to wind down please think of co-workers, vendors, and friends at other foundries that you can ask to join the ranks of the Birmingham chapter. As we continue to push toward not only the chapter with the highest regular attendance, but also the highest membership in all of AFS. We want to achieve this milestone to demonstrate our commitment to the foundry industry and continue the support for AFS that the Birmingham foundry industry has provided for over 50 years.



*Special Time and Place*  
Friday, April 11, 2008



**GOLF at HIDDEN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE**



2008 Tuscaloosa Student Meeting



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### 2008 Tuscaloosa Student Meeting Registration

For Pairings send Email to: [krc.crawford@gmail.com](mailto:krc.crawford@gmail.com)  
Or call Kevin Crawford 205-678-7901 office or 205-907-0348 mobile  
Lunch Only - call Reich Companies, Attention Tommy Horton 205-661-0206 ext. 23

#### Student Meeting at University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Lunch and Golf \$50.00 per person  
Lunch Only \$15.00 per person

9:00 – 9:45	Registration – <b>University, Foundry</b>
9:45 – 11:15	Technical Presentations
11:15 – 11:30	Comments by Dean & MTE Department
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch & Door Prices <b>DREAMLAND BAR-B-QUE</b>
1:30 -	GOLF – <b>Hidden Meadows Golf Course</b>

#### Registration for Golf and Lunch – Fax to 256-835-0720

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Teams: Choice of teams will be granted if at all possible  
NOTE: All players must register separately.

2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FORMAT:

- 1: Shotgun start
- 2: Scramble
- 3: Soft Spikes required

#### Directions to University of Alabama – Engineering – Bevill Building

From Birmingham go South on I-59/I-20, go to exit 73, Turn right onto US 82 (McFarland Blvd), go through 6 traffic lights and after the 6<sup>th</sup> light (13<sup>th</sup> Street) go under University Blvd Overpass and get off at the next exit, which is in front of the Hampton Inn. Follow the exit straight to Campus Drive, turn left at the 4-way stop at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Bevill Building is on your right.

#### Directions to Hidden Meadows Golf Course – From the University

Travel North on US 82 (McFarland) to the City of Northport and then take Route 43 North to Route 171 go left to Shamblin Road and the course is straight ahead.



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## From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

**A few thoughts and comments from our March meeting:**

It was great seeing everyone at our meeting - we had approximately 85 in attendance. Thanks to Dave Williams (ASI International) for taking time out of his busy schedule and coming to visit with us! His presentation was both educational and very entertaining - thanks again!

We're down to our last two meetings of the year - April 11th for our **annual student day**; with out technical meeting and luncheon being held Friday the 11th at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa - with a golf scramble afterwards! Please plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship and get a first hand look into the great work the students and faculty are doing to enhance our industry.

May 12th is our annual business meeting & past chairman night... you won't want to miss this meeting (our last of the year)! We will be honoring our past chairman, as well as recognizing those presently serving our chapter - and we will be voting on our new officers and board for the coming year! And if that is not enough to get you out - don't forget ***Kersh will be giving away ALL the remaining monies*** from the years lottery! We hope to see you all at the Wynfrey for the final 2007-2008 Chapter year!

A couple of very important dates to remember - April 9 thru the 11th the annual AFS Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington D.C. A great opportunity to join with foundry men and women from across the nation to take the metalcasting story to capital hill to share with our representatives and senators.

You will not want to miss out on the annual national AFS convention! This year in conjunction with the Casting Congress AFS is presenting the equipment show 'CastExpo' which only happens every third year. This year's events will mark the first time a Casting Congress has ever been held in the Southeast. The convention will meet May 17th thru 20th in Atlanta, GA. This is a once in a lifetime experience to come join thousands of metalcasters, suppliers, researchers and educators from around the world to share the latest in the wonderful world of metalcasting theory, practices, equipment and supplies!

For more details on all these events, as well as all that is going on in the Birmingham AFS Chapter visit [www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org) or [www.afsinc.org](http://www.afsinc.org)

Thanks for the faithful support of our membership, officers and board of directors. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Take care and best wishes!

kindest Regards,  
Kevin Crawford  
AFS Birmingham District Chapter Chairman

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**2007-2008 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule**

Friday, April 11, 2008	Student Night	Hidden Meadows Golf	Tuscaloosa
Monday, May 12, 2008	Past Chairmen's Night	Awards Night	Wynfrey

***CMI Course in Birmingham    April 23-25, 2008    Cupola Melting for Engineers***

AFS Governmental Affairs Conference	Washington, D.C	April 9 - 11, 2008
112th Casting Congress	Atlanta, GA	May 17 - 20, 2008

Regular Meeting Schedule:

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



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