



November 2009 Chapter News

News & Notes

FEF College Industry Conference Awards Luncheon - AFS Birmingham Chapter will sponsor a table. Special recognition of our Chapter will be announced during the lunch through a PowerPoint program as well as coverage by our industry major publications. At least 3 students from our chapter will attend.

Scholarship applications are available, they need to be turned in by November 30th at the latest to Molly Cameron (mstewart@acipco.com). Applications have been sent to UA, UAB and Miss State.

Foundry-In-A-Box is ready to demonstrate again – send Molly Cameron local school contact information.

Wanted: UAB Materials Engineering students seek your support for resources or donations for a Cupola Project to benefit the UAB Art Department. See Steven Williams of UAB for more info.



The Wynfrey Hotel-
Birmingham, AL

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

Cost of Dinner is \$30.00

You may make your reservation requests at...
(205) 661-0206 ext. 23
or via the Internet at
www.afsbirmingham.org

Make your reservations before 12:00 noon on October 11th.

Be sure to leave your name when making your reservation.

Please visit our chapter website or the AFS National website frequently to get the latest chapter and national info...
www.afsbirmingham.org
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November 9th Meeting Topic:

MAGMA Casting Simulation & Analysis

Roy Stevenson is a Project Engineer at MAGMA Foundry Technologies, Inc. in Schaumburg, Illinois where he utilizes casting process simulation to eliminate scrap, rework, and other sources of waste in the metal casting process that cause foundries to lose revenue. At MAGMA, Roy has worked with foundries that produce steel, iron, aluminum, cobalt, and copper based alloys. Typical project objectives include the design of gating and risering systems for new products, trouble shooting and analysis of casting defects, and making yield improvements to existing jobs.

Prior to his current position, Roy worked as a Process Engineer at Wollaston Alloys, which is a stainless steel and high alloy job shop in Braintree, MA. While at Wollaston Alloys Roy was responsible for designing, implementing, and leading a continuous improvement program that was aimed at improving casting quality and reducing process variability in all departments.



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From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

I want to thank everyone that made it to the October meeting. Bradley Byrne, the former Chancellor of the Alabama Department of Post Secondary Education, served as Chief Executive Officer of Alabama's Two-Year College System prior to announcing his campaign for as Republican Candidate for the 2010 Governor of Alabama. Bradley spoke to the Birmingham Chapter about his experience in Alabama Politics and the difficult task of cleaning up corrupt administrators in our State educational system.

Our next meeting will be on November 9th at our regular meeting place at The Wynfrey Hotel in Hoover at the Galleria. Our speaker will be Roy Stevenson, a Project Engineer with MAGMA Foundry Technologies. Roy will be speaking on the benefits of casting simulation to help achieve the best quality part with the lowest overall cost to the foundry.

We certainly want to thank all of the companies that sponsor our chapter, without your generous donations we wouldn't be able to provide the chapter with the best resources we currently offer. We can't say enough to show our appreciation for sponsor companies, but we do try to acknowledge the appreciation by displaying the sponsor logos during the meetings and giving mention to those companies. We encourage anyone to give whatever they can to make this chapter the best it can be.

Please keep in mind that the Alabama Blues Brothers will entertain us at the Christmas Party on December 7th. Please plan to bring your spouse or significant other to enjoy some good blues music.

So please make your reservations now (www.afsbirmingham.org) and plan to be at the next meeting on November 9th!!!!!!

**John Kersh
Chairman**



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2009-2010 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Monday, November 9, 2009	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, December 7, 2009	Christmas Party	Wynfrey
Monday, January 11, 2010	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, February 1, 2010	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, March 8, 2010	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Friday, April 12, 2010	Student Night	Wynfrey
Monday, May 10, 2010	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



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