



February 2010 Chapter News

Upcoming Events

**77th Southeastern Regional Meeting—Hosted by Tennessee Chapter
“Survival and What To Expect”
Harrah’s Cherokee Casino & Hotel
February 10-12, 2010**

**Regional Meeting Registration:
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March Meeting: ENERGY SUMMIT: Practical Solutions for the Foundry: Kent Peaslee, F. Kenneth Iverson Steelmaking Chair Curators Teaching Prof. & Assoc. Chair-Undergrad. Materials Science & Engineering Department Missouri S&T (formerly Univ. of Missouri-Rolla)

April Meeting: AFS Student Casting Competition Featuring Entries from University of Alabama; University of Alabama-Birmingham, Mississippi State University

May Meeting: Annual Business Meeting & Past Chairman’s Night

**AFS
Birmingham**

**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
January 29th.**

**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
or
www.afsinc.org**

February 1st Meeting Topic:

**“Foundry Finance
101:Knowing Your
Foundry’s Costs**

Simon Adlington, Synchro32 world-wide Implementation Manager, based in the U.K., has over 25 years of experience in the metalcasting industry. Simon has assisted metalcasters in realizing the benefits at the bottom line by implementing a costing and estimating system for their facility. He has published numerous papers on costing and estimating.

Shane Allen, Synchro32 North American Operations, has 20 years of manufacturing experience in chemical processing at Vista Chemical, cosmetics at Maybel-line, and metalcasting. Shane was previously with Citation Lufkin Texas Foundries facility for twelve years as the Information Systems Manager. Shane's area of focus within the metalcasting industry segment is on costing and estimating, production control, accounting, and quality systems.



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From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

We just had one of the best attended regular meetings we have had in 7 YEARS!!!!!! Van Richey gave an interesting overview of products made by ACIPCO, the philosophy of the company, and history that shaped the ideology of the business through the Golden Rule. Thanks for the incredible turnout of 101 attendees. We had to set up additional tables to make room for everyone but, I'm sure Tommy would agree that is a good problem to have. Let's keep that up for the next 4 months and finish out the chapter year on a high note.

The AFS Birmingham Chapter presented scholarships to two very deserving students at the January meeting. Amanda Haglund of UAB and Larry Summerville of UA were awarded \$1000 scholarships. Giving scholarships to deserving students interested in the foundry industry is just another great thing the chapter can do because of generous donations from our supporters. Thanks also to Molly Cameron and the Education Committee for their hard work to select the recipients.

Our February 1st meeting is a week earlier than usual because of the upcoming Southeastern Regional. Our meeting speaker will be Shane Allen and Simon Adlington of Synchro32 who will be presenting on foundry estimating and costing. I hear that he is an entertaining speaker so it should be an energetic meeting.

Don't forget about the 77th Southeastern Regional hosted by the Tennessee AFS Chapter at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel in Cherokee, NC to be held February 10th-12th. You can check www.afsbirmingham.org or www.afstennessee.org for more details. There will be presentations on OSHA, greenhouse gases, Cap & Trade legislation, labor issues, and more. Don't miss out on "Survival and What to Expect Next" and help support the TN AFS Chapter.

As always, we ask that you **PLEASE** call or send your reservations in online at www.afsbirmingham.org as soon as possible so Tommy can get an accurate count. See everyone at the Wynfrey on Monday night February 1st. Social time starts at 6:00PM.

John Kersh
Chairman



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2010 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

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| Monday, February 1, 2010 February 10-12, 2010 | Regular Meeting 77th Southeastern Regional Meeting | Wynfrey Harrah's Casino & Hotel Cherokee, NC |
| Monday, March 8, 2010 | Regular Meeting | Wynfrey |
| Monday, 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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