



March 2010 Chapter News

Upcoming Events

AFS CAST EXPO
March 20 to 23rd
Orange County
Convention Center
Orlando, FL



[The Wynfrey Hotel-](#)
[Birmingham, AL](#)

March 8th
Meeting Topic:
“Energy Savings in
Foundry Melting



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**
March 5th.

**Be sure to leave your name
when making your reservation.**

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the latest chapter and national info...**

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Professor Kent Peaslee is the F. Kenneth Iverson Chair of Steelmaking Technology, a Curators Teaching Professor and the Associate Chair of the Materials Science and Engineering Department at Missouri University of Science and Technology. Professor Peaslee joined the Missouri S&T faculty in 1994 and was named a Curators Teaching Professor of Metallurgical Engineering in 2006 and the F. Kenneth Iverson Chair of Steelmaking Technology in 2007. Kent received the Governor of Missouri’s Excellence in Teaching Award in 2007 and J. Keith Brimacombe Memorial Award from the Association for Iron and Steel Technology in 2008. Kent has research interests in steel melting and casting optimization, development of new steel processes and products, waste and metals recycling, and environmental improvements in metal manufacturing. He earned a bachelor’s degree in metallurgical engineering from Colorado School of Mines in 1978 and after working for 13 years in the steel industry attended graduate school at Missouri S&T where he earned a Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering in 1994.

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

AFS Student Casting Competition Entries Include:

- UAB_Card Holder**
- UAB_Dragon Claws**
- UAB Dragon**
- MSU Paperweight**
- UA Elephant Book End**
- UA Picture Frame**

May Meeting: Annual Business Meeting & Past Chairman’s Night
Keynote Speaker: David Drake,
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From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

I want to thank everyone for coming out to the February AFS Birmingham Chapter meeting. Simon Adlington and Shane Allen of Synchro32 presented a lot of useful information on things to look for to "Know Your Foundry's Costs". In these trying economic times everyone can use costing and estimating principles in an effort to sure up their bottom lines by knowing exactly what their products are actually costing them to produce. Hopefully everyone in attendance came away with something they can apply in their work.

The 77th Southeastern Regional in Cherokee, NC hosted by the Tennessee AFS Chapter is in the books now. The entire Tennessee Chapter regional team did a great job organizing and hosting the event at Harrah's Cherokee Casino. The technical sessions were outstanding and provided useful information on topics that face the foundry industry such as OSHA, greenhouse gas emissions, cap and trade legislation, and labor issues. If you couldn't make it, you missed out on a good time. And outside of the conference, if you won big in the casino you had a better time than I did...

We have a lot of good stuff coming up in the next few months. Our chapter meeting will be March 8th at the Wynfrey so go ahead and make your reservations NOW. We will have an Energy Summit with practical solutions for the foundry. So come out and join us. The Cast Expo is also coming up in Orlando, FL March 20-23. If you haven't made plans to go, you can check out more information on www.afsbirmingham.org. Our April Casting Competition meeting is shaping up to be even better than last year. The students from Alabama, UAB, and Mississippi State are already working hard on many designs that are sure to impress all of us.

Thanks for all your support of the AFS Birmingham Chapter and making it the best chapter in the country. 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 March 8th. Social time starts at 6:00PM.



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2010 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 8, 2010	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Saturday, March 20, 2010 - March 23, 2010	AFS CAST EXPO Orlando, FL	Orange County Convention Center
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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