



Thursday Feb. 17 Meridian MS

This month the meeting will be at Meridian MS in the Magnolia and Dogwood Rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn-Meridian. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm. Dinner is \$30.00 per person. Make your meeting reservations online at www.AFSBirmingham.org or call 205-661-0206 ext 23 (see map on back page)

Free Shuttle

There are still a few seats open on the FREE SHUTTLE from Birmingham to Meridian and back.

To reserve your seat call or email Mark Cotton:
Tel. (770) 380-3335 or
markcotton@mindspring.com

News & Notes

AFS Southeastern Regional Conference

It is still not too late to register for the AFS Southeastern Regional Conference being held at Litchfield By The Sea on Pawley's Island, SC on March 3 & 4, 2011. See the website for more details.

March 2011 Meeting

We are headed back to the Wynfry for the meeting on March 14. Be sure to mark you calendar now and join us for an update on the state of Homeland Security.

Meeting Reservations

Dinner is \$30.00

Reservations made on or before Monday February 14, 2011 make you eligible for one of two \$25.00 early registration rewards.

Ten Trends for the Next Decade

Raymond W. Monroe has been with the Steel Founders' Society of America as Executive Vice President since 1988 on whose behalf he has been active in the metal casting industry and the steel foundries.

Raymond has authored and co-authored many technical papers and publications, including the AFS book, Expendable Pattern Casting, published in 1992; and a comprehensive review of the steel casting process called Making Quality Steel Castings: A Review of 20 Years of Literature. He has been selected to present the AFS Sand Division Silver Anniversary Paper this year on Iron Oxide in Mold and Cores.

Ray serves on several boards, including the Cast Metals Coalition and the American Metalcasting Consortium. He serves as a panelist for the Joint Defense Manufacturing Technology Panel- Metals Sub-panel and on the industrial advisory board for trade in ferrous materials (ITAC 12) for the Department of Commerce.

This year he is the Chairman of the Alliance for Materials Manufacturing Excellence (AMMEX) representing the energy intensive industries in developing public policy in Washington, DC.





Chapter News

February 2011

From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

With a little patience and perseverance the AFS Birmingham Chapter pulled off the January meeting....albeit a week later. I want to thank everyone that joined us this month. Stephanie Salmon, with the AFS Washington D.C. office, presented an informative overview of the issues that confront the American foundry industry and the steps our leaders are taking to help the industry thrive. Most notably, Stephanie highlighted the issues of Greenhouse Gasses, National Air Quality Standards and Particulate Matter Dust. For OSHA, a revised noise standard, crystalline silica, injury prevention and combustible dust will be important topics to be addressed by the new congress. Anyone wishing for more details, please contact Mark Cotton for a copy of the report. Stephanie made several requests for AFS Birmingham Chapter volunteers to speak directly with state representatives and task force leaders.

The AFS Birmingham Chapter Travel Meeting will be held in Meridian, MS on February 17th at the Hilton Garden Inn-Meridian. Raymond Monroe, Vice President of the Steel Founders' Society of America will present an overview of the steel foundry industry.

TRANSPORTATION/ACCOMODATION DETAILS

On a first come first serve basis, a FREE 14 seat shuttle bus has been arranged for members to ride roundtrip from The Wynfrey Hotel to Meridian...as of today, there are 8 remaining seats!!!! The shuttle bus will depart promptly at 3:30 p.m. from The Wynfrey and return at 10:00 p.m. Those that wish to stay overnight in Meridian, MS, an AFS Group rate of \$99.00 at the Hilton Garden Inn-Meridian will be available. Please reserve your room by February 1st.

Mark your calendar for the 78th Southeast Regional Conference at Litchfield By The Sea, Pawley's Island, South Carolina on March 2 - 4, 2011. The conference program will be "Doing More With Less". Go to the AFS Piedmont Chapter website: www.afspiedmont.org for more details.

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 in Meridian on Thursday night February 17th. Social time starts at 6:00PM.

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Listed below as of 01/14/2011 are those who have contributed to the Birmingham Chapter of AFS for the 2010—2011 year. If you are interested in making a contribution please contact Diane Kirkley, Vulcan Engineering, Tel. (205) 663-0732, kirkleyd@vulcangroup.com

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News and Notes (cont'd)

The Education Committee needs your help

The Education Committee has been busy presenting the “Foundry-in-a-Box” demonstrations and area schools, but they still need your help. If you know of a school that would like to participate or would like to volunteer to help with the demonstrations please contact Molly Cameron at mcameron@acipco.com. Or 205-281-1997.

Map to the Hilton Garden Inn—Meridian MS

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2010/ 2011 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

February 17, 2011**

March, 14, 2011

April 11, 2011

May 09, 2011

- ** Note this is a Thursday

Ray Monroe

**Alabama Homeland Security
Student Casting Competition
Past Chair / Awards**

Meridian, MS

**Wynfrey Hotel
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Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL

5:00pm - Board Meeting

6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour

6:30pm - Dinner & Technical Presentation