



Monday March 14 Wynfrey in Birmingham

This month we return to the Wynfrey in Birmingham. 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

Program Change

We will have a program change this month. Due to the recent elections the office of Homeland Security is not able to provide a speaker. We appreciate the offer from ECS to provide the technical presentation this month.

News & Notes

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April 2011 Meeting

The April meeting will be our annual Student Casting Competition. Be sure to come and see what the students have achieved.

Meeting Reservations

Dinner is \$30.00

Reservations made on or before Thursday March 10, 2011 make you eligible for one of two \$25.00 early registration rewards.

Economical Cupola Operation

**Presented by
Gregory Bray
President of EC&S**



Making sure that energy use is cost effective and that work hours are minimized are only a couple of the pressures on cupola operators these days. Greg will discuss how to optimize the contemporary cupola system for safe, efficient operation.



Chapter News

March 2011

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What a fantastic turn out for the February Travel Meeting in Meridian, MS. I want to thank everyone that joined us to hear Raymond Monroe discuss the 10 trends in the steel foundry industry. By Raymond's metrics, it appears the foundry industry is in for a long, prosperous expansion. We had 60 members and guests attend the meeting. Thanks to all who helped make the travel meeting a success, especially those long distance travelers !

Please be sure to register for the March 14th meeting with a presentation from Greg Bray of ECS.

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 at The Wynfrey on Monday night March 14th. Social time starts at 6:00PM.

Mark Cotton



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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.

2010/ 2011 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

March, 14, 2011
April 11, 2011
May 09, 2011

Economical Cupola Operations
Student Casting Competition
Past Chair / Awards

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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