



Monday April 11

Wynfrey in Birmingham

This month we at 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

FEF Update

Bill Sorenson will give an update of FEF activities at the meeting this month.

News & Notes

Slate for Chapter officer for 2011– 2012 announced.
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UAB Presents Baja Birmingham

Baja Birmingham is a national SAE sponsored contest being hosted by UAB April 14—17 Local volunteers are needed. For more information go to:
<http://www.uab.edu/engineering/>
or
<http://www.bajasaebirmingham.com/>
or see the website.

May 2011 Meeting

The May meeting will be our Past Chairman / Awards night. Join us in recognizing those whose dedication and service have made the Birmingham Chapter a success.

Meeting Reservations

Dinner is \$30.00

Reservations made on or before Thursday April 07, 2011 make you eligible for one of two \$25.00 early registration rewards.

Annual Student Casting Competition

This year we have 4 teams competing for the prize money and the bragging rights as the “Best Student Casting of the Year”. Be sure to come and inspect the castings prior to the meeting and hear about the work each team did to perfect their entry. The teams this year and their casting are:

UAB Team 1 - Dutch Oven for local Boy Scout troops

Team Members:

Derek Alfsen, Rhiannon Bragg, Jud Dunlap

UAB Team 2 - Bronze Dragon (Lost Wax)

Team Member: Eric Kerr-Anderson

UA Team 1 - A356 Impeller

Team Members:

**Brandi Freeman, Ashley Johnson,
Kimberly Kopecki, Pierre Samuels,
Blake Whitley, Anna Willemin**

UA Team 2 - Cast Iron Skillet (with script A)

Team Members:

Jonathan Stein, Morgan Blouin



Chapter News

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From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

Thank you for joining us at the March meeting to hear Josh Rubin with Wrib Manufacturing discuss the proper service and maintenance of cupolas. Thanks to all who helped make this meeting a success.

Please be sure to register for the April 11th Student Casting Competition with entries from both UAB and The University of Alabama. The students submitted original casting design for this competition. The First Place Team will receive \$500 for the student chapter and the Second Place Team will receive \$250 for the student chapter. Join us to see their work and encourage their continued interest in the metal-casting industry.

The 115th AFS Casting Congress will be held in Schaumburg, IL on April 5-8th.

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 January 10th. Social time starts at 6:00PM.

Mark Cotton

Slate of Chapter Officers for 2011-2012

John Kersh chaired the nomination committee this year and has submitted the following slate of candidates for Chapter Officers for the upcoming year:

Chairman – Dave Hughes
1st Vice Chairman – Ed Boyd
2nd Vice Chairman – Donnie Hoffman

Secretary – Molly Cameron

Treasurer – Diane Kirkley

Director (Term Expiring 2012) – Mark Cotton

Directors (Term Expiring 2014) – Randolph Fowler, Jeremy Mowry, Jack Shea

John wishes to recognize and thank the committee members for their work: Brian Floyd, Kevin Crawford, Mike Petrus, and Jarek Olszak.



Chapter News

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AFS Birmingham Financial Contributors

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)

We appreciate Joshua Rubin for filling in for Greg Bray last month. Josh Rubin is the President and CEO of Wrib Manufacturing, Inc. with responsibility for national and global business development, serving foundry customers throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America, South America and Europe. He also is active in the foundry industry working to improve cupola melting efficiency and safety. Josh Presented a paper titled “Modernizing the Cupola System” at the 2009 international iron melting conference in Orlando, FL and has submitted proposed revisions for the next edition of the AFS Cupola Handbook. His area of expertise is high efficiency cupola design.



Prior to becoming President and CEO, Josh served the company in roles as Vice President of Sales and Executive Vice President. Josh has a degree in Business Administration from Truman State University.

Thanks again Josh.

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.

115th AFS Casting Congress—Schaumburg, IL. Apr. 5—8

It isn't too late, for more details go to:

<http://www.afsinc.org/content/view/1005/308/>

Government Affairs Conference - Washington D.C. May 4—6

The Government Affairs Conference is an opportunity for you to make your voice heard and shape the legislative agenda.

For more information go to:

<http://www.metalcastinggov.com/2011maga.asp>

2010/ 2011 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

April 11, 2011
 May 09, 2011

Student Casting Competition
 Past Chair / Awards

Wynfrey Hotel
 Wynfrey Hotel

Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL

5:00pm - Board Meeting

6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour

6:30pm - Dinner & Technical Presentation