



*Birmingham Chapter  
March Newsletter  
Southeastern Regional Conference  
March 28-30, 2012  
The Wynfrey Hotel  
Birmingham, Alabama*



## **79<sup>th</sup> SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

*Where will our Future Come From? We Educate, We Motivate, We Cast our Future!*

ÉSeminar, Induction Furnace Troubleshooting, - Wed. a.m.

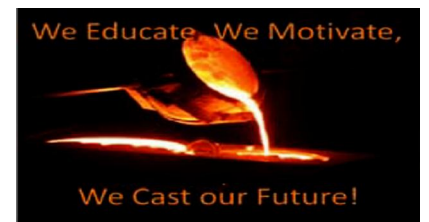
ÉCombined Hospitality Reception - Wed. Night

ÉManagement/Tech. Sessions: Speakers from OEM's & Foundries, - Thursday All Day

ÉBanquet, Casino Night, - Thursday night

ÉFoundry Tour, Friday Morning - Glidewell Specialty Foundry

All registration information can be found on our website at [www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org)!



## Don't miss any of these speakers!!!!

- Van Richey, President and CEO of American Cast Iron Pipe Company, "Buy American", Mr. Eagan's belief in each person who has made ACIPCO what it is today
- Michael Selz, Sales Manager / Commercial Castings, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry, AFS Board Vice President, "AFS A Vision for a Sustainable Future."
- Doug Grimm, Chairman President and Chief Executive Officer, Grede Holdings, major factors responsible for Grede's growth and financial success over the past 2 years, factors associated with the Human Side of creating this success
- Dennis Dotson, Chairman, Dotson Iron Castings, Dotson is, Leadership in Product Innovation (Fab to Casting conversions, Utilization of ADI, etc., How do recruit, and develop your workforce? How are you managing your legacy planning?
- Lance Brown, Executive Dir. PACE from Electric Power Industry, Strategic Direction for Future, cumulative effects of EPA regulations on the power market, and big picture energy philosophy
- Stephanie Salmon, with Waterman and Associates, Washington Office of AFS, more on EPA, OSHA and other federal issues that we have been advocating on in Washington, DC on behalf of the metalcasting industry.
- Bill Sorensen, FEF Director, Foundry Educational Foundation Update Susan Alt, Vice President, Industry Relations and Public Affairs, Volvo Group North America Jim Barlow, Caterpillar, Advanced Materials-Ferrous Castings, Foundry Benchmarking, Caterpillar Internal Technical Training
- Panel Discussion with AFS Member Companies, Reich Co.'s, Lodge Mfg., American Cast Iron Pipe Co., Conbraco, active in Adult Education, both in their workplace and cooperative programs in the local community schools.
- Peter Reich, & brother David, co-owners of the Reich Co.'s, will share their story of building for the future, through difficult economic challenges.
- Charles Dickey, Technical Developments in Molding
- Mini-Seminars in our Pre-Conference sessions on Wednesday morning, Induction Furnace Catastrophic event avoidance, Mark Kohler, Ajax-Tocco, LECTROtherm (Mark will also speak on Thursday)
- Andy MacBride, Dir. Prod. Mrktg, EMSCO, Inc., Water cooling towers for induction melt systems, Approaches, Advantages, Disadvantages of one approach to another, also Hot Water Heat Recovery systems
- Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Educational Foundation, Rodney Grover, will present SME work with Foundry customers, on Educational and Recruitment activities with Jr. and Sr. High schools.
- Rich Wile, CMBA | Sr. Engr, Mueller Prost PC, Tax Consulting, Metallurgical Engineer, focused on Research & Experimentation Tax Credits available
- Jennifer Head, Dir. of Ed., AFS/Cast Metals Institute, Employee Development. I'm going to highlight 1) the importance, 2) latest trends, 3) suggestions for how, 4) what CMI is doing to help companies create/strengthen in-house programs

### **Other involvement and activities being planned:**

- College Students from our FEF schools in our Region along with Affiliated Schools will be Showing and Selling their castings as they prepare for the upcoming castings competition in the spring.
- Current Status reports on Foundry Programs at each school. Phil Duke will report on University of Alabama Foundry plans.
- Ladies Program: A tour of the American Village, eating lunch, and going to a wine tasting at Ozan Wineries is scheduled.
- High School students involved with our chapter company members will be on-site to share their accomplishments.

Glidewell Specialty Foundry has agreed to host our foundry tour on Friday morning.

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**From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...**

Hello,

I would like thank all those who attended the Meridian meeting, braving the cold and wet to network with our fellow foundrymen in Mississippi and hear Tim Storey give an update on the state of green sand reclamation for reuse as core sand.

As you see other places in this newsletter, the South Eastern Regional will be our March meeting. Tom Walton and his team have put together a terrific program. Please come join us.

One function of being chair is that I receive communications regarding AFS, both for the local chapter and nationally. Often I can answer the question or direct the communication to someone who can answer. But occasionally an opportunity presents itself that needs some development. Recently I have received requests for "Foundry Help needed" and also for "Foundry Jobs wanted". AFS, on its homepage, [www.AFSinc.org](http://www.AFSinc.org) has a link to the "Career Center". This site lists potential opportunities and potential prospects. These are generally nationwide. Does the Birmingham Chapter need to create a more local "job board" for our local business and talent? Email me at [dave@dscdcast.com](mailto:dave@dscdcast.com) and let me know what you think and your experiences with either finding employees or employment.

Dave Hughes  
Chairman



# **Chapter News**

# **March 2012**

## **AFS Financial Contributions**

Listed below are all those who have contributed to the Birmingham Chapter for the 2011-2012 year. Thanks for your continued support!

### **Platinum Level**

***(\$350 Contribution (or more))***

ABC Coke Division of Drummond Co.  
ABP Induction, LLC  
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.  
B & L Information Systems, Inc.  
Dauber Company, Inc.  
Diamond Tool & Abrasives, Inc.  
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Emsco, Inc.  
Ervin Industries, Inc.  
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Goldens' Foundry & Machine Company  
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Inductotherm Companies  
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Modern Equipment Company, Inc.  
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Pangborn Corporation  
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### **Gold Level**

***(275 Contribution (\$349 to \$275))***

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### **Silver Level**

***(\$200 Contribution (\$274 or less))***

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Carbide Industries, LLC  
Core Metals Group -- TAC  
Fire Brick Engineers Company  
Ford Meter Box Co. Inc. – Pipe Products Division  
Highland Technical Services, Inc.  
Levand Steel & Supply Corporation  
Pryor Giggey Co.  
Tampa Brass & Aluminum Corp.  
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### **Do you want a “text message” meeting announcement?**

A suggestion has been brought from the COC (Chapter Officer Conference) that some chapters have had success in utilizing a mass texting+of meeting announcements. If you phone can receive a text message, we can send you the meeting reminder by text. If you would like to participate we need your cell phone number. To participate please email your name and cell phone number to Dave Hughes at [dave@dscast.com](mailto:dave@dscast.com) or call 205-663-0272.

### **Foundry in a Box!**

We have been very successful with the Foundry in a Box presentations to the local school systems. Ken Murphy is the contact/lead for the program this year. Many thanks to Ken! The Chapter needs your help to maintain our success. If you are interested in volunteering (about a half-full day commitments), please contact Ken at:

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### **Next Meeting**

Monday, April 9, 2012

The Wynfrey Hotel

Student Casting Competition

## **2011/ 2012 AFS Birmingham Remaining Meeting Schedule**

**March, 28—30, 2012**

**April 09, 2012**

**May 14, 2012**

- **Travel meetings**

**South East Regional**

**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**