



**News &  
Notes**

# Chapter News

## October 2013



### Next Month

**Generations in the Workplace: Conflict or Collaboration?** Sharon Lovoy from Lovoy's Teamworks will be discussing why generations are often frustrated with one another and why employers should care if the generations work and play well together.

### 2013 Lineup

Don't miss the great speakers we have in store for this year! See more on the back page!

### 2014 Regional

The Tennessee Chapter will host the 2014 Southeast Regional in Chattanooga on April 24—25. Be on the lookout for more details.

### Modern Casting App

Download the Metalcasting Newstand App to read AFS publications online!

### Correction to Schedule

If you received a meeting schedule card, there is an error on it. The Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013.



## *October Meeting*

*October 14th*

*Board Meeting—5pm*

*Social Time—6pm*

*Dinner—6:30 pm*

### *Carbide Industries #8 Rebuild*

*George Houghton  
Senior Engineer*

*What would you do if catastrophe struck?* That is the question that Carbide Industries never thought they would have to answer. The 2011 furnace explosion tested their entire operation.

George Houghton will explain how Carbide Industries rebuilt their operation, while continuing to supply customers with product.

This month's meeting will be held at the Wynfrey Hotel in Riverchase, AL and dinner will cost \$30. Make your reservation by October 10th to be entered into the cash drawing. You can register at (205) 661-0206 ext. 123 or at [www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org).

## *October Mini-Seminar*

*Oct. 14th @ The Wynfrey Hotel*

*1:00pm—4:30pm*

*Join us for the Furnace Installation and Maintenance Mini-Seminar.*

The seminar will be happening in conjunction with the monthly meeting. For more information, see the registration form inside.



## From the Desk of the Chapter Chairman...



Hello Birmingham Chapter!

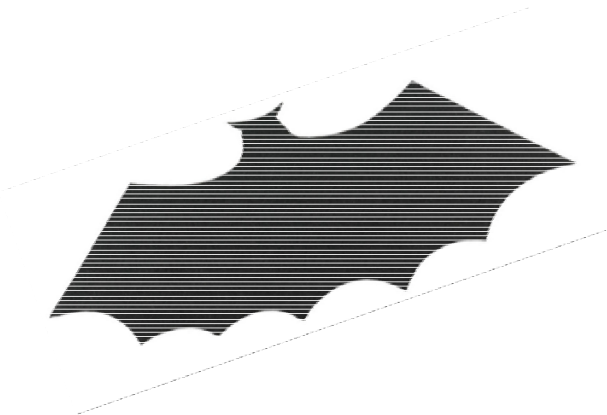
We had a great turnout for our Anniston meeting. We had 54 people come out and enjoy a great dinner and an informative presentation from Mr. Bob Smith, President of Lee Brass. We are off to a great start this season. Let's keep it up for our first "home turf" meeting October 14th as we return to the Wynfrey.

We will have our first of three Mini Seminars for our October meeting. Molly has arranged a great line up of speakers and panelists. The topic will be on furnace installation and maintenance. This will be a great opportunity for melt and maintenance crews and supervisors.

After the mini seminar we have Mr. George Houghton, Senior Engineer, Carbide Industries as our dinner speaker. Mr. Houghton will be discussing the rebuild of their calcium carbide furnace at the Louisville plant. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Wynfrey!

*Donnie Hoffman*

2013—2014 Chapter Chariman





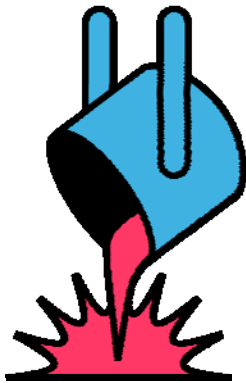
# Furnace Installation and Maintenance Mini-Seminar

*Panelists from Chapter member foundries and suppliers will be presenting on and discussing the installation and maintenance of Coreless, Channel, and Crucible Furnaces.*

When: October 14, 2013

1pm to 4:30pm

Where: The Wynfrey



## **Speakers:**

*Fundamentals of Coreless Melting*  
Chuck Cushings—EMSCO

*Ground Detection Systems*  
Jack McMillin — Ajax Tocco

*Crucible Furnace Installation and Maintenance*  
Ted Kostilnik—Specialty Foundry Products

## **Panelists:**

Tim Herring—ABP Induction

Stephen Lee—Capital Refractories

## **Registration:**

\$40, includes ticket for Dinner & Business Meeting (George Houghton, Carbide Industries) following the Mini-Seminar.—Pay at door.

For more information, contact Molly at 205-488-7386.

Send this registration form in to Molly Cameron at [mcameron@american-usa.com](mailto:mcameron@american-usa.com) or fax to 205-488-7196 before October 7th to reserve your spot!

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Company: _____	Email: _____

# Opportunities



## Mini-Seminars

Its not too late to sign up to help with the October 14th, Furnace Installation and Maintenance Mini-Seminar. If you would like to be a panelist or help in another capacity, please contact Molly Cameron at [mcameron@american-usa.com](mailto:mcameron@american-usa.com).

## Foundry in a Box

We are scheduled to present Foundry-In-A-Box at Anniston High School on Friday, Oct 4th. The first session will start at 8:30 am.

This will be our first time at Anniston High school. We hosted their Career Tech Director, Mr. Edward Sturkie, at our September Chapter meeting in Anniston. We discovered that early in his career he poured metal at Lee Brass. The emphasis in their program has been welding and electronics. We hope to influence them toward the foundry industry.

For more information, contact Ken Murphy at [kmurphy@american-usa.com](mailto:kmurphy@american-usa.com) or 205-617-1515

## News

If you have news you would like to share in the AFS Birmingham Newsletter, please send the information to Molly Cameron at [mcameron@american-usa.com](mailto:mcameron@american-usa.com).

## Meet your Officers:



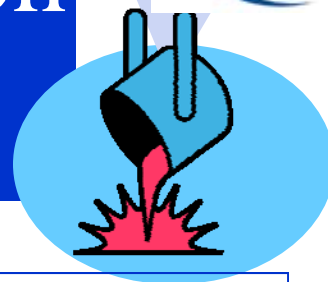
Rick Walsh serves as the 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Birmingham Chapter of AFS.

He is the General Manager at Alabama Copper & Bronze and has more than 30 years of foundry experience. Rick is the holder of 2 U.S. Patents. To get in touch with Rick, call him at 205-612-5011 or email him at [rickwalsh91@gmail.com](mailto:rickwalsh91@gmail.com).





# Southeast Region Area News



## Piedmont Chapter 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

September 25—26, 2013	Charlotte, NC	Energy Conservation Charlotte Pipe / Donald McLain
November 20—21, 2013	Greenwood, SC	Melt Process Control TBA
January 29—30, 2014	Pineville, NC	New Technologies Conbraco Pageland
March 26—27, 2014	Blacksburg, VA	Safety and Environmental TBA

## Tennessee Chapter 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates – Location: Mt. Vernon

Sept. 9th – Speaker: Mike Selz, Charlotte Pipe (AFS Past Chairman)

Oct. 7th

Nov. 4th

Dec. 9th – Regular Meeting (no party)

Jan. 6th

Feb. 3rd

Mar. 3rd

April 23-25 – Southeast Regional Conf. (no meeting)

June – Golf Tournament

Don't miss the great lineup of speakers coming to the Birmingham Chapter meetings this year! Get ready for Sharon Lovoy coming in November!

# 2013—2014 Birmingham Chapter Officers



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# News Briefs

- Goldens’ Foundry was recently spotlighted in Modern Casting for their commitment to Partners in Education.
- The 2013 FEF College Industry Conference will be held Nov. 21—22 in Chicago.



Plan to join us for our Annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 16th. We will be entertained by the King of Rock n Roll, Elvis!

## 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tentative Speaker</u>
Sat, August 24, 2013	Picnic & Golf Outing	Mountain View Golf	
Mon, September 9, 2013	Regular Meeting	Anniston	<b>Bob Smith</b> , President— Lee Brass
Mon, October 14, 2013	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>George Houghton</b> , Senior Engineer—Carbide Industries
Mon, November 11, 2013 in	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Sharon Lovoy</b> —”Generations the Workplace”
Mon, December 16, 2013	Christmas Party	Wynfrey Hotel	
Mon, January 13, 2014	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Bob Zeeb</b> , VP Operations— U.S. Pipe
Mon, February 10, 2014	Regular Meeting	Meridian, MS	TBA
Mon, March 10, 2014	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	TBA
Mon, April 14, 2014	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	TBA / Student Casting Comp.
Mon, May 12, 2014	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	Past Chairman & Awards

### Regular Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL  
 5:00pm Board Meeting  
 6:00pm Meeting Registration & Social Hour  
 6:30pm Dinner & Technical Presentation