

Chapter News



Next Month

Don't miss Rachel Abrahams, an Eglin Steel researcher, in Meridian, MS in February!

January 2014

January Meeting

2014 Regional

The Tennessee Chapter will host the 2014 Southeast Regional in Chattanooga on April 23—25. It will be held at The Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga, TN. See the ad in the following pages, or at www.afs-tn.org.

Thank You!

Thank you to EMSCO, S & B Industrial Minerals, Pangborn, Bert Smith & Associates, Porter Warner, and Supreme Cores of Alabama for donating door prizes at the Christmas Party.

Toys for Tots

We received 24 toys and \$167 in cash at the Christmas party to donate to Toys for Tots.

OOPS!!

If your company was left off of the Contributor list last month, I am very sorry!

Mark your Calendar!

Mark your calendar now for the March Mini-Seminar on Refractory, Alloy Recovery, and Temperature. The seminar will precede the meeting.

Bob Zeeb

*Vice President of Operations
U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company*

Mr. Zeeb is responsible for all manufacturing and fabrication activities for U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company.

Prior to assuming his present position, he was the Vice President of Operations for Griffin Pipe Products Company, Inc., a ductile iron pipe company, from 2007—2011. He has held various operation roles with Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Zeeb holds a bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management and a Master of Business Administration from St. Xavier University in Chicago, IL.



*January 13, 2014
Board Meeting—5pm
Social Time—6pm
Dinner—6:30 pm
The Wynfrey Hotel
\$30*

Make your reservation by January 9th to be entered into the cash drawing. You can register at (205) 661-0206 ext. 123 or at www.afsbirmingham.org.



From the Desk of the Chapter Chairman...



Hello Birmingham Chapter!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2013 annual AFS Birmingham Christmas party. We hope you enjoyed the entertainment of Elvis (Reggie Randolph).

Our traditional Toys For Tots program was a success! Through your contributions, we were able to provide \$167 in cash donations along with 24 gifts! As always, we had fantastic door prizes thanks to our generous members. Thank you to everyone who donated!

The new year is just around the corner, I wish all of our members and their families a safe and prosperous 2014. Remember to register for the first chapter meeting of 2014 as we welcome Bob Zeeb, Vice President of Operations for U.S. Pipe as our guest speaker. The meeting is scheduled for Monday the 13th at the Wynfrey, please register by Thursday, January 9th.

Looking forward, the 81st AFS Southeastern Regional Conference is fast approaching. This year's Regional, entitled Pathway To Progress: Casting The Future, will be held April 23rd through the 25th, 2014 at The Chattanooga Hotel in historic Chattanooga, TN. Make plans now to attend this great venue. Please visit www.afs-tn.org for more information.

I hope to see you all next year!

Thank You,

Donnie Hoffman

2013—2014 Chapter Chairman



REFRACTORY, ALLOY RECOVERY, TEMPERATURE:

HOW DO THEY RELATE?

WHEN

March 10, 2013

1pm - 4:30pm

WHERE

Hyatt - Wynfrey Hotel

TENTATIVE SPEAKERS/PANELISTS:

Bill Bush - Porter Warner • Stephen Lee - Capital Refractories • Todd Lyles - Specialty Foundry Products•

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AS A SPEAKER/PANELIST,
PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY CAMERON AT MCAMERON@AMERICAN-USA.COM OR 205-488-7386**

COST

\$40 - Includes cost of monthly meeting following the Mini-Seminar.

TO REGISTER

**Contact Molly Cameron
mcameron@american-usa.com**

(205) 488-7386



2014



Save the Date for the upcoming

81st AFS Southeastern Regional Conference

PATHWAY TO PROGRESS: CASTING THE FUTURE

April 23-25, 2014

The Chattanooga Hotel ~ Historic Chattanooga, Tennessee



Preliminary Agenda...

April 23

Welcome Reception and Joint Hospitality

Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

Signal Mountain, Tennessee

www.smgcc.org



April 24

Technical Session

Presenters TBA

Emphasis on Leadership, Strategic Planning, Teamwork,

Communication, Education, Execution

Joint Hospitality Event

Spouses will receive a "Welcome Package" with visitors information



April 25

Facility Tour- TBA - *Various venues are being considered*

Friday Night Baseball - Chattanooga Lookouts vs Birmingham Barons

Two tickets to the National Combread Festival, held April 26-27

in downtown South Pittsburg, Tennessee



Updates will be posted at www.afs-tn.org

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Opportunities



Mini-Seminars

We are currently looking for speakers/panelists for a mini-seminar on Alloy Recovery, Refractory, and Temperature. This seminar is scheduled for March 2014. If you would like to help please contact Molly Cameron at mcameron@american-usa.com.

Foundry in a Box

Ken Murphy is always looking for volunteers to help with the Foundry in a Box program. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, contact Ken Murphy at 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.

Meet your Officers:



Randolph Fowler serves as a Director on the Board and participates in the Website Committee. He works at ACIPCO as the EEO Officer. He has been involved in the foundry business for 39 years. Randolph is an avid photographer and you can catch him at most meetings behind a camera!

To contact Randolph, email him at rfowler@american-usa.com or call him at 205-325-4737.



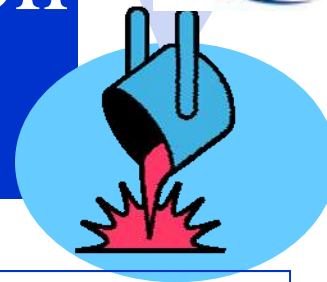
Jeremy Mowry serves as a Director on the Board and also chairs the Student Relations Committee. He works at ACIPCO as a Manufacturing Engineer in the Melting Department. Jeremy has been in the industry for 6 years and is a former chairman of the Mississippi State Student Chapter.

To contact Jeremy, email him at jmowry@american-usa.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 Baldor Dodge Gear Products Plant— Greenville, SC
January 29—30, 2014	Pineville, NC	New Technologies Conbraco Pageland
March 26—27, 2014	Blacksburg, VA	Safety and Environmental

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 - Speaker: Tommy Elkins (Safety and Safety Programs)

Dec. 9th – Regular Meeting (no party)

Jan. 6th

Feb. 3rd

Mar. 3rd

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

June – Golf Tournament

2013—2014 Birmingham Chapter Officers



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Grede

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Goldens' Foundry

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Porter Warner

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EMSCO

2013 Christmas Party



A Look Back at 2013



AFS Birmingham Financial Contributors

Listed are those who have contributed to the Birmingham Chapter of AFS for the 2013-2014 year.

We would like to thank all those who have donated time and/or resources.

Platinum Level

\$350 or more

Kerlin Metallurgical, Inc.
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\$275 to \$349

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Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated, as is your support of the Birmingham Chapter!

Please send your contribution to:

American Foundry Society
Birmingham Chapter
c/o Vulcan Engineering Co.
Attn: Ms. Diane Kirkley
Post Office Box 307
Helena, AL 35080

AFS Birmingham is solely operated by volunteer support & company donations. Your participation, both financial & willingness to serve, is greatly appreciated.



Happy New Year!

From the AFS Birmingham Chapter Officers
and Board

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	Bob Smith , President— Lee Brass
Mon, October 14, 2013	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	George Houghton , Senior Engineer—Carbide Industries
Mon, November 11, 2013	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	Sharon Lovoy —”Generations in the Workplace”
Mon, December 16, 2013	Christmas Party	Wynfrey Hotel	
Mon, January 13, 2014	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	Bob Zeeb , VP Operations— U.S. Pipe
Mon, February 10, 2014	Regular Meeting	Meridian, MS	Rachel Abrahams - Eglin AFB
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