



March 2009

Chapter News

Pictures On Our Website

A big thank you goes out to the website committee, Bill Steadman, Randolph Fowler, and Amy Berry for the picture updates on our website covering our monthly meetings. Especially the fantastic Christmas Extravaganza photos! If you haven't already checked them out, go to the website and do so!

Mark Your Calendar

A couple of very important upcoming events you won't want to miss – mark your calendar now!

April 7-10, 2009— 113th Metal Casting Congress Las Vegas, NV.

For more information see the ad in Modern Casting or visit the AFS website

<http://www.metalcastingcongress.org>

May 4-5, 2009 – AFS Governmental Affairs Conference, Washington DC. For Information and Registration visit the national AFS website <http://www.afsinc.org>

Also visit the redesigned Modern Casting website and visit the all new Metalcasting Career Center. This should prove to be a valuable resource for job seekers and companies seeking to fill openings. <http://afsinc.org/careercenter>

Please visit our chapter website or the AFS National website frequently to get the latest chapter and national info:
www.afsbirmingham.org
or
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**The Wynfrey Hotel
Galleria Mall
US-31 & I-459**

Monday, March 16th

**Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Social Time 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**Leave your reservation request at
(205) 661 - 0206 ext. 23
or via the internet at
www.afsbirmingham.org**

Be sure to leave your name!

Make your reservations before 12:00 Noon on March 13th

Price of Meal—\$30.00



“Safety With Induction Melting”
by
Harold Harned
Inductotherm

Harold Harned began his employment with Inductotherm Corp. in 1974 as a Field Service Engineer. For several years he gained knowledge and experience on Inductotherm's induction heating & melting equipment by commissioning, maintaining, troubleshooting and repairing these type of melting systems. He later transferred to other departments including Engineering where he designed power supplies for Inductotherm's melting systems. Later, Harold returned to Customer Service Department specializing in the commissioning of Inductotherm's Coating Pots.

He recently became training manager where he has had the opportunity to train personnel within the company as well as the customers focusing on safety, operations and maintenance of induction heating and melting equipment.



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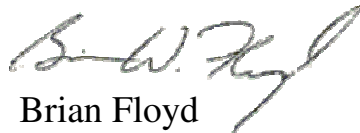
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I hope everyone enjoyed the regional in February as much as I did. A lot of hard work went into the planning and execution of the event and I want to thank Jim Frost and his team for the dedication they put into making the regional great.

Our first ever combined student night will be held in Birmingham next month and will involve all three student chapters that we support. The centerpiece of this meeting will be a casting competition. We have eight projects entered in the contest covering a wide range of casting design. The students from UAB, Mississippi State, and Alabama will be working hard between now and then to finalize their presentations and cast their projects for the meeting on April 13. Please plan be at the meeting to see their efforts and encourage their interest in the metalcasting industry.

One of the great things AFS does for the industry is have a lobbying presence in Washington, D.C. Each year AFS invites members to come to Capitol Hill and present a unified position on several pieces legislation before Congress. If you are going to the Government Affairs Conference in May and wish to be a member of the Alabama delegation contact Darnell Self at 205-661-2262 or acma@centurytel.net.

See you at the next meeting on March 16th



Brian Floyd
Chapter Chairman

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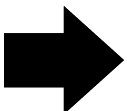
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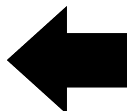
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2008-2009 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 16, 2009	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, April 13 2009	Student Night	Wynfrey
Monday, May 11, 2009	Past Chairmen's Night	Wynfrey

Regular Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL

5:00pm - Board Meeting

6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour

6:30pm - Dinner & Technical Presentation



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