



April 2009

Chapter News

March Meeting

Thanks to Harold Harned of Inductotherm for speaking at the March meeting. His presentation on Induction Melting Safety was much appreciated. The materials made available by Inductotherm will benefit the safety program of any shop that uses induction furnaces.

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
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**The Wynfrey Hotel
Galleria Mall
US-31 & I-459**

Monday, April 13th

**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 April 10th

Price of Meal—\$30.00

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“Student Night Casting Competition”

This month's topic will be the presentation of the projects submitted to the casting competition. The students from UAB, Mississippi State and Alabama have worked hard on these projects over the last couple of months and will be presenting a summary of their casting submission as well as the actual castings produced at the meeting. The students were encouraged to include everything they worked on from the concept phase to the pouring of the final casting. The projects were submitted to the committee for judging prior to the meeting and the prizes for first and second place will be awarded at the meeting.



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This month we have a program that I am very excited about; our first student night with all three student chapters. The April meeting has been a student meeting for many years now and we have met in Tuscaloosa, but this year we are doing something different. For the first time we are having a casting competition with entries from UAB, Mississippi State and Alabama. The students submitted an original casting design and now we will get to see the fruits of their efforts. This is a competition and the first place team will receive \$500 for their student chapter and the second place team will receive \$250 for their student chapter. The meeting will be at the Wynfrey on Monday April 13 at the regular time so please plan to be at the meeting to see these students' efforts and encourage their continued interest in the metalcasting industry.

The Casting Congress will be held in Las Vegas this year and the date is a little earlier than usual. This year the conference will be April 7-10 so don't wait any longer if you plan to attend. One of the great things AFS does for the industry is maintain 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 April 13th

Brian Floyd
Chapter Chairman

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2008-2009 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

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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