



## News & Notes

### **Coreless Melting Workshop and Seminar**

The Tennessee Chapter and the AFS Division 8C Coreless Melting Committee are co-sponsoring a Coreless Melting Workshop and Seminar on November 12, 2010 in Chattanooga, TN. For more information and a registration form please see the notice on the website or contact Jerry Holcombe, Reno Refractories 205-647-0240.

### **Analysis and Reduction of Casting Defects**

The Piedmont Chapter and CMI are presenting the Analysis and Reduction of Casting Defects course on October 26, 27, and 28, 2010 in Myrtle Beach, SC. For more information please see the notice on the website, the notice on the AFS website ([www.afsinc.org](http://www.afsinc.org)) or contact James Sturgeon, Conbraco Industries, Inc. at [james.sturgeon@conbraco.com](mailto:james.sturgeon@conbraco.com).

### November Meeting

Gary Fudge, Zcorporation, will be presenting and overview of 3D printing and 3D scanning technologies and how that can be applied to the foundry industry. Mark your calendars to attend this leading edge discussion.

### Meeting Reservations

**Dinner is \$30.00**  
**Make your meeting reservations online at [www.AFSBirmingham.org](http://www.AFSBirmingham.org) or call 205-661-0206 ext 23**

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## The New Grede

*Monday October 11*  
*Wynfrey Hotel*

**Registration and Social Hour  
starts at 6:00 pm**

Mr. Grimm joined Grede in January 2008 as Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Citation Corporation following various senior management positions in the automotive sector. Mr. Grimm was instrumental in forming Grede Holdings LLC by combining substantially all the former assets of Grede Foundries, Inc with Citation Corporation.

A twenty-six year industry veteran, Mr. Grimm came to Grede from Visteon Corporation where he was Vice President - Global Ford, Materials Management, Powertrain Electronics & Fuel Operations. Mr. Grimm was responsible for the \$4 billion business relationship with Ford globally, including Jaguar, Land Rover and Volvo. Prior to Visteon, he spent five years at Metaldyne as a Vice President in various executive positions, including Commercial Operations, General Manager of Forging and Casting Operations as well as having responsibility for Global Purchasing and Quality.

Before joining Metaldyne in 2001, Mr. Grimm assumed the role of Vice President, Global Strategic Sourcing at Dana Corporation responsible for an \$8 billion buy. He joined Dana in 1998 through an acquisition of a Bain Capital owned company. Mr. Grimm started his career at Chrysler Corporation within the Procurement & Supply Office assuming progressive management roles over ten years including extensive powertrain and chassis experience.

A graduate of Hiram College (OH) with a BA in Economics & Management where he is a member of the Board of Visitors, Mr. Grimm also received a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Detroit. In addition, he attended the University of Michigan Executive Management Program and is a Board of Director member for the Original Equipment Supplier Association (OESA) and the Peterson American Corporation.





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## From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

**Our 5<sup>th</sup> year of the AFS Birmingham Chapter “traveling meeting” in Anniston was a success with 52 members attending. We appreciate all of the local attendees that made it out to The Matterhorn and of course the Birmingham area regulars that made the trip. Mr. Ted Schorn gave a thorough presentation on quality cultures and safety cultures. Ted gave us ideas as to how important embracing a culture to affect change in employee’s behaviors can improve a metal casting company’s overall performance. In talking with several people after the meeting, I believe that everyone there took something away that could be applied in their own company and personal life. This was our first time at The Matterhorn and the owner personally supervised the event to ensure everyone’s satisfaction. The 14.0 oz USDA Rib-eye was incredible and the cheesecake was delicious.**

**Our next meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting place, the Wynfrey Hotel in Hoover at the Galleria. Our speaker will be Mr. Doug Grimm, who is the Chairman, President and CEO of Grede Holdings, LLC. Mr. Grimm will reflect on his experience with the merger of Citation and Grede, and share his industry outlook and how it will affect The New Grede.**

**For those of you in the Anniston area who do not regularly attend Birmingham meetings, I would hope that you received value from the September meeting and plan to attend some of our meetings that are just a short drive away. As always, we ask that everyone please call in or register online at [www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org) so we can get a good headcount for making meeting arrangements. And don’t forget to visit the new and improved website often. The website gurus have been working hard and now have the photo galleries on the site, including the latest golf outing and Anniston meeting.**

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### **AFS Birmingham Financial Contributors**

Listed below as of 9/29/2010 are those who have contributed to the Birmingham Chapter of AFS for the 2010—2011 year. If you are interested in making a contribution please contact Diane Kirkley, Vulcan Engineering, Tel. (205) 663-0732, kirkleyd@vulcangroup.com

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### U.S. Pipe named Metalcaster of the Year

Modern Casting Magazine selected U.S. Pipe's Marvel City Mini-mill, Bessemer, AL as its' Metal-caster of the Year. Modern Casting makes its selection based on the AFS Plant Engineering Committee's Plant Engineering Award which is presented annually to a North American metalcaster that has demonstrated engineering expertise to advance the capabilities of the industry.

### AFS Southeastern Regional Conference

The AFS Southeastern Regional Conference for 2011 will be held at Pawley's Island, SC on March 3 & 4, 2011. Mark your calendars now.

### 2010/ 2011 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Saturday August 28, 2010	Golf Outing / Picnic Mountain View Golf Course	
Monday September 13, 2010	Quality Management for Safety	Anniston, AL
Monday October 11, 2010	The New Grede	Wynfrey Hotel
November 01, 2010*	3D Scanning and 3D printing	Wynfrey Hotel
December 06, 2010	Christmas Party	Wynfrey Hotel
January 10, 2011	AFS in Washington	Wynfrey Hotel
February 17, 2011**	Dinner Meeting	Meridian, MS
March, 14, 2011	Dinner Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel
April 11, 2011	Student Casting Competition	Wynfrey Hotel
May 09, 2011	Past Chair / Awards	Wynfrey Hotel

- \*Note this is the first Monday of the Month
- \*\* Note this is a Thursday

#### Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL

5:00pm - Board Meeting

6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour