



# Chapter News

## April 2014



### Proposed Silica Rule Mini-Seminar

Plan to attend the Safety/Environmental Mini-Seminar that will precede the April chapter meeting. We will be learning about and discussing the proposed Silica standard. Find the registration form on the following pages.

### May Meeting

Don't miss the Past Chairman's meeting on May 12th!

### 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 registration form in the following pages, or at [www.afs-tn.org](http://www.afs-tn.org).

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers will be needed to judge the April student casting competition. If you are interested, please contact Jeremy Mowry at [jmowry@american-usa.com](mailto:jmowry@american-usa.com)

## *April Meeting*

# *Chris Norch*

## *Denison Industries*

Chris Norch is the President of Denison Industries in Denison, Texas. He is also the current AFS Vice President and is on the AFS Silica Task Force.

Chris has served as an AFS National Board Member from 2007 - 2011 and served as the AFS Government Affairs Committee Chairman from 2009 - 2011. At this year's Casting Congress, Norch will receive the William Frismuth Aluminum Foundryman of the Year Award. He was awarded the 2013 Jack f. Steele Excellence in Marketing Award and the 2011 AFS Keating Founders' Freedom Award for outstanding service in the field of government affairs.

*April 14, 2014*  
*Board Meeting - 5pm*  
*Social Time - 6pm*  
*Dinner - 6:30 pm*  
*Hyatt Regency - Wynfrey Hotel*

### OSHA's Proposed Silica Standard Mini-Seminar

April 14th at 1pm.  
Registration begins at 12:30pm

#### Speakers:

Edwin Foulke, Jr. - Fisher & Phillips Attorneys at Law

Amanda McKenney - Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Keith Richmond - American Cast Iron Pipe Co.

Please register prior to the event - See Inside for Registration form.



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



Hello Birmingham Chapter!

Birmingham AFS offers many fine events and activities and Monday the 10th was no exception! The seminar on induction melting, refractories, and alloy recovery was outstanding! I would like to thank our speakers Ken Copi of Elkem Materials, Inc., Stephen Lee of Capital Refractories, and Bill Bush of Porter Warner. A special thanks also to Jerry Holcombe of Reno Refractories, and Todd Lyles of Specialty Foundry Products for taking part in an excellent panel discussion. Thank every one of you who were able to attend. We had over 35 in attendance for the seminar and 79 for dinner.

Matt Liptak of Elkem Materials, Inc., gave a great presentation on ferrosilicon alloys. It was very interesting to learn how and where FeSi comes from and the costs associated with it.

Please plan to join us for our next meeting April 14th for “Student Night”. I look forward to this year’s student casting competition! Be sure to register before April 10, 2014. It is important to come out and support our student chapters.

The Regional is nearly here! Make plans now to attend the 81st AFS Southeastern Regional Conference. 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. Please visit [www.afs-tn.org](http://www.afs-tn.org) for more information.

I hope to see you all back at the Wynfrey!

Thank you!

*Donnie Hoffman*

2013—2014 Chapter Chairman



# In the News

- Callie Olsak (daughter of Jarek Olsak, past chairman) and her team made complex tin castings for heat sinks to generate electricity in their science project. They won second place at the Regional science fair and are headed to State competition. They plan to remake the castings in aluminum with the help of UAB engineering students. One of the guys on the team is the grandson of Teddy Gilmer, formerly of ACIPCO.



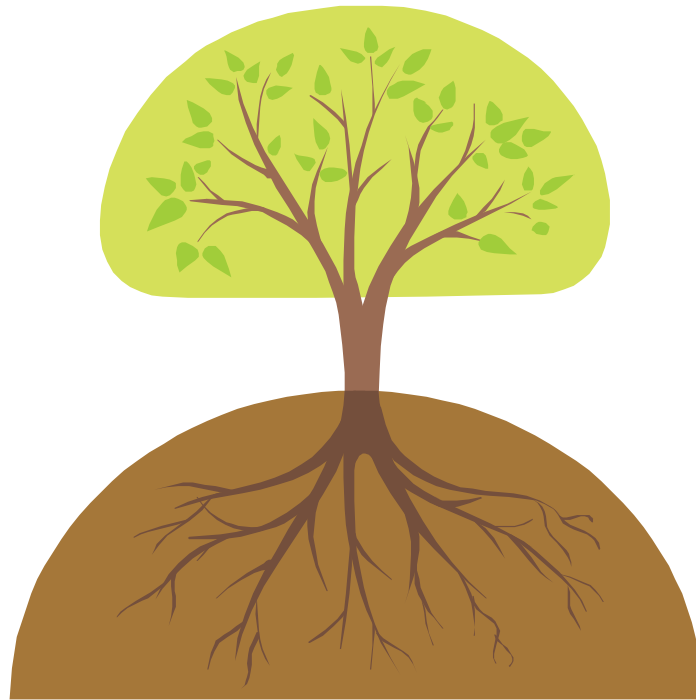
- Congratulations to Grede - Bessemer and Grede - Selma for receiving the 2013 AFS Metalcasting Safe Year Award.
- The 118th Metalcasting Congress will begin on April 8, 2014.
- The AFS Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Chattanooga, TN on April 23, 2014.



# AFS Birmingham Past

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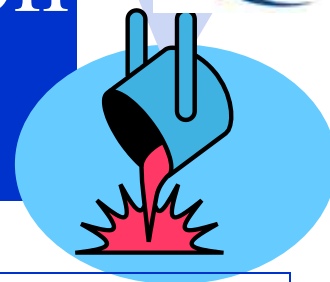


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# Southeast Region Area News



## 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



## 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)

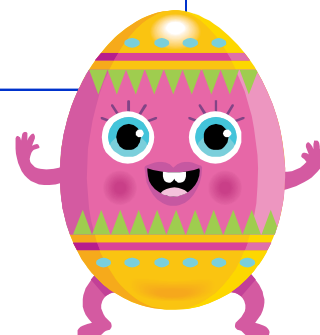
Jan. 6th

Feb. 3rd

Mar. 3rd

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

June – Golf Tournament





# 2013—2014 Birmingham Chapter Officers



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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.

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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.

# Opportunities



Foundry in a Box is needing volunteers to introduce our industry to young people. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the events listed below, please contact Ken Murphy at kmurphy@american-usa.com or 205-617-1515.

- April 3      Hayes K-8 School Career Day      9am—12:30pm
- May 1      Trace Crossings Elementary Career Day      8:30am - 11am

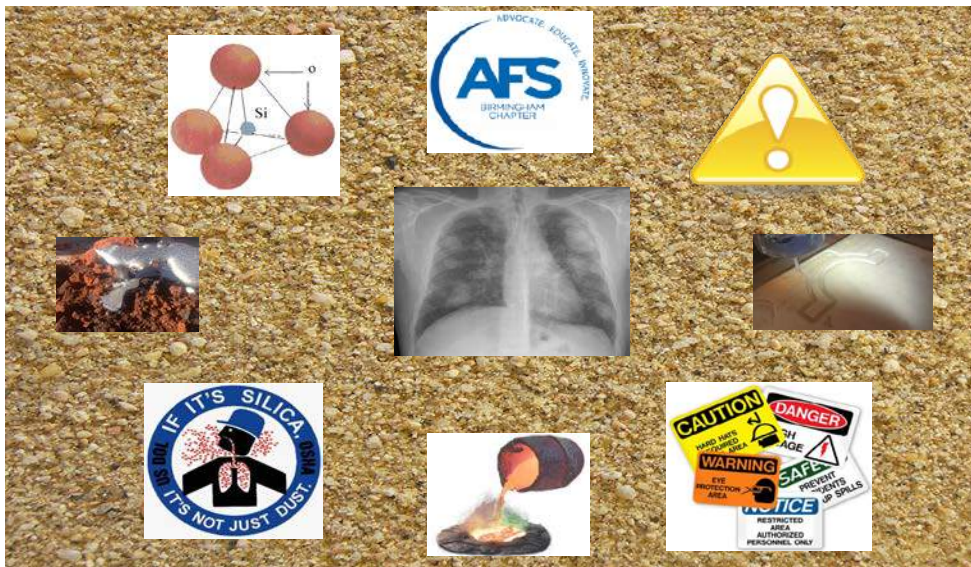
## 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

<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	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Sharon Lovoy</b> —”Generations in 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	<b>Dr. Rachel Abrahams</b> - Eglin AFB
Mon, March 10, 2014	Regular Meeting <u>Refractory Seminar</u>	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Chris Lisso</b> —Elkem
Mon, April 14, 2014	Regular Meeting <u>Silica Std. Seminar</u>	Wynfrey Hotel	<b>Chris Norch</b> - Denison Industries / 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





# OSHA'S PROPOSED SILICA STANDARD

## WHAT IS IT AND HOW CAN YOU PREPARE?

**April 14, 2014**

1pm – 5pm

Hyatt Regency – The Wynfrey Hotel (Birmingham, AL)

**\$40 – Includes cost of dinner for the Monthly Meeting afterward**

### Registration

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all planning to attend and if they plan to stay for the Dinner Meeting

Name	E-mail	Dinner
1. _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Edwin Foulke, Jr.**  
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**Amanda McKenney**  
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Hygienist  
Terracon Consultants, Inc

**Dinner Speaker:**  
**Chris Norch**  
President Denison Industries  
Co-Chair AFS Silica Task  
Force  
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Room rate \$135.00 (available 4/21 thru 4/27) Room Block available at this rate until April 2, 2014

### **Wednesday- April 23rd**

11:00 AM- Golf Event; Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

5:30 PM- Evening Hospitality Event for all Registered Attendees and Spouse/Guest

### **Thursday- April 24th**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM- AM Presentations, Lunch, PM Presentations

Improving Leadership, Communication, Strategic Planning, Teamwork, and Education

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM- Spouse/ Guest Program

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM - Evening Hospitality Event for all Registered Attendees and Spouse/Guest – **Southern Belle River Boat**

### **Friday- April 25th**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Plant Tour- TBA

6:00 PM – Baseball Game – Chattanooga Lookouts vs. Birmingham Barons

### **Saturday- April 26th**

9:00 AM – National Corn Bread Festival & Lodge Foundry Tour in Historic South Pittsburg, TN.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Session Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (not attending Technical Sessions)

General Session Registration \$265.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Presenter- check here \_\_\_\_\_

Late (after 4/4) Registration \$315.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Attending Ball Game Check Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Guest Registration \$130.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Registration \$90.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Requested Pairing with \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this Registration Form and Check made payable to “AFS Tennessee Chapter” to:**

Karen Dunegan (Dune4of5@aol.com) at Eureka Foundry, P.O Box 6039, Chattanooga, TN 37401

**By April 4, 2014. THANK YOU for supporting AFS Southeast Regional.**