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The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Our 46th Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

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Costs, Schedules, Reservations

Member	\$30.00
Member and Guest	\$50.00
Retiree	\$15.00
Student	\$10.00

Registration, Social and Silent Auction	5:30 p.m.
Dinner	6:30 p.m.
Auction	7:15 p.m.

Call Cathy Herrin before noon,
Apr. 13 and specify any dietary
restrictions.

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Vendors Night and Auction

Monday, April 18, 2005

Raintree Country Club

4430 Mayfair Road
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The Akron Section of SPE represents over 400 local members within an over 20,000 member global organization. Over the past years, our local chapter has been able to award scholarships in excess of \$160,000. Last year, awards totaled over \$19,000 to deserving students both from college and local high schools. One of the primary fundraisers for our Education Foundation has been monies from this annual Auction event.

Members, their families and friends, and the general public are all invited to attend. The evening is fun-filled with spirited bidding and grand purchases that could be yours for enjoyment. We are grateful to each of the organizations and companies that have donated items this year and in previous years. Many of these items are personally donated as well. We will even have an auctioneer, and this year we are trying a new venue at Raintree to add even more ambience. Now we need lots of people to take part in this special event. Come on down and get a good deal and contribute to a worthy cause.

Please help increase attendance! Spread the work, print this announcement and post it. Pass the information on using email. Talk it up and see you there. *Watch for emails on donated items so you can be ready to bid.*

Coming Up:

- Next meeting – May 16, 2005: Speaker will be **Gerry Faust**, former head football coach for Notre Dame and Akron universities
- Board meeting Apr. 4, 5:30 p.m. at Americhem

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President's Message

Greetings!

Spring has sprung here in Ohio, and I am looking forward to the spring events of our calendar year for SPE. There's a lot to be excited about this spring. Our local section is planning the annual Auction at Raintree Country Club on April 18th. This is where our organization raises funds to finance our education foundation and the scholarship programs that we award each year. Its always a fun event and some great bargains are certain to be had.

Now that the winter weather is passing and the urge to get outside is nagging, we want to encourage our members and guests to join us for our spring golf outing at Barberton Brookside Golf Club on May 13th. This is always a great social event and an excellent opportunity to bring customers, business partners, friends and golf enthusiasts to enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors while supporting your local section.

This year the Awards Banquet is on May 16th at Guy's Party Center. Our guest speaker for the evening is none other than Jerry Faust. If you're a sports enthusiast, you are well aware of Mr. Faust's long coaching career and motivational speaking talents. I'm looking forward to his speech, and the presentation of some well deserved scholarships and recognition for the recipients

See you at our next meeting!


*Joe Mattingly
President, Akron Section*



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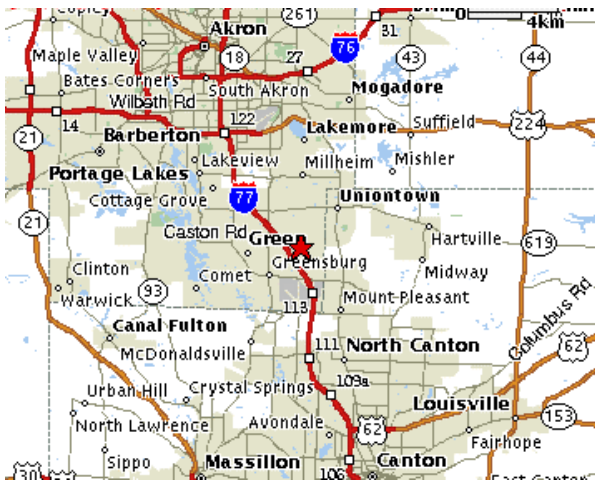


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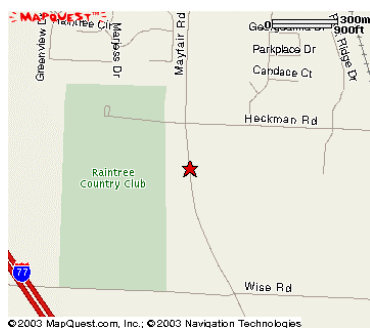
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You may zoom in



Map detail



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Councilor's Corner

I will be attending the next two Council meetings on Sunday May 1, 2005 at ANTEC in Boston. The first meeting on Sunday morning will be the final meeting of the 2004-2005 SPE year and the second meeting on the Sunday afternoon will be the first (with some newly elected councilors) of the 2005-2006 SPE year.

An important pre-Council review and discussion meeting is the Council-of-the-Whole which will be on Saturday April 30. A very important topic which will be thoroughly discussed at the COW meeting is SPE Rebates. It will be decided at the Council meetings whether SPE will reinstate rebates for 2005-2006 to Sections and Divisions at the Council meetings. Also the formula for calculating the rebates and how these will be paid for by SPE has to be reestablished. At this time, SPE is experiencing some financial difficulties which was the reason that the rebates were temporarily discontinued. It will be a challenge that your Councilor and the other Section and Division Councilors must resolve in order to reinstate rebates without re-imposing severe financial burden on the Society.

If any member wishes to contact me with questions or suggestions concerning this important topic, I will be happy to respond and also to bring up as appropriate at these Council meetings. You can, of course, help improve our financial situation by bringing in new members and by attending ANTEC. Please do your best to support YOUR Society in any way you can.

Viv Malpass



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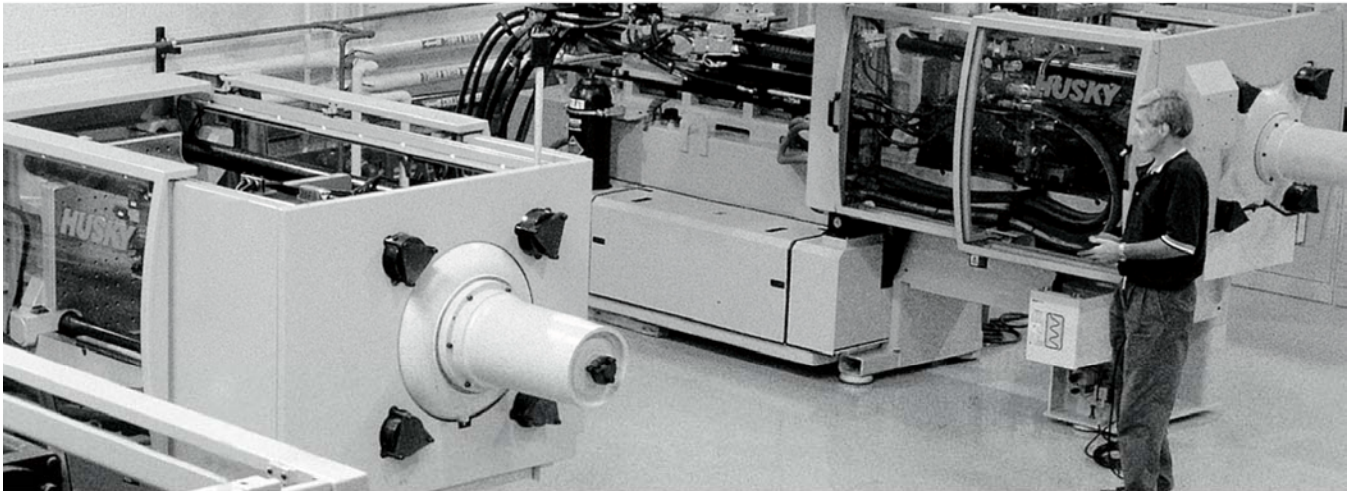


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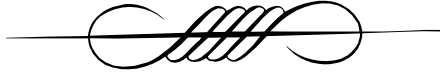
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Programs for 2004 / 2005

Sept. 20	“Novel Impact Modification in a TPO System” Ferro Corp., Dr. Anna Andrews --Tangier Restaurant	Jan. 24	Nanocomposite program Featured speaker, Prof. Josh Wong , who is working in expanded graphite flake reinforcement for plastics -- University of Akron
Oct. 25	“The Changing Global Plastics Marketplace” Michael Day Enterprises Michael Day, President , lunch -- Tangier Restaurant	Feb. 21	Program by Berstorff
Nov. 15	Demag Plastics Group , tour of facility in Strongsville, OH -- Mapleside Farms	March 21	Lockheed Martin
Dec. 13	Social Program – still open -- Hower House, buffet	April 18	Vendor Night / Auction -- Martin Center
		May 16	Awards Banquet -- Guy’s Party Center



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Analysis and Testing

- x-ray
- scanning electron microscopy
- atomic force microscopy
- optical microscopy
- laser microscopy
- TGA
- DSC
- FT-IR
- DMA
- APA
- stress strain testing
- rheology
- biaxial stretching

Polymer Processing

- single-screw extruding
- twin-screw extruding
- film casting
- film blowing
- fiber spinning
- injection molding
- compression molding
- vacuum molding
- blow molding
- compounding

Sample Preparation

- microtoming
- vacuum drying
- sputter coating
- particle size reducing



Minutes of Board Meeting – Mar. 7, 2005

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m. at Americhem

Present: Viv Malpass, David Schultz, Ron Miller, Tony Dean, Lloyd Goettler, Cameron Fraser, Gary Taylor, Joe Mattingly, John Woodside, Pankay Rathi for Zehra
Absent - Bob Wegelin, Kathy Perevosnik, Kevin Malpass, George Carroll, Bud Seymour, Jerry Robinson, Ernie Anderson, Amruth Puttarudraiah, Zehra Kalkan, Joe Pfeiffer, Josh Wong, David Katz
Thanks to Americhem for hosting.

Minutes: February minutes were approved. No corrections. Lloyd Goettler introduced a new Board Member - Hemant Thakkar from ARDL. Welcome, Hemant. Thanks for your help!!

Treasurer: Gary reports that the checkbook is in good shape.

Officers, 2004: Nothing noted.

Awards 2005 Update: Kathy has agreed to Chair, and Bob Wegelin and Joe Pfeiffer will help. Need others to help too!! Need to know what other items need to be done. Cameron Fraser is contacting Jerry Faust as Speaker.

Student Chapter: Pankay reported for Zehra Kalkan-- ANTEC-Boston 2005. A Univ. of Akron Reception will take place in Boston!! BOARD Members are Welcome and encouraged to attend PESO activities!
Next Activity -Spring March 11.

Newsletter: If you have anything for newsletter be sure to forward to Joe Pfeiffer or Jenny Digiantonio by March 30. Presidents message, Councilors notes, program list, board list, last year's ads, and a NEW Consultant's Corner-Technical Articles, Technical advice -SUGGESTIONS are encouraged. It has been requested that Joe provide details how newsletter announcement goes out.

Membership: No report.

Councilor's Report: Viv reports he has forwarded a Councilor Report to Joe P for Newsletter. Viv plans to attend both meetings of Council at ANTEC in Boston in May.--- PROMOTE AIM- Viv has stressed Akron BOARD Members- those ACTIVE in Leadership roles need to Promote AIM In addition alternate methods besides -word of mouth from the Leaders should be explored as well.
Lloyd Goettler would like to have Viv revisit Directors and Officers Insurance with Intl. It was decided that for TOPCON we did not need the additional Insurance.
Joe Pfeiffer to determine which Divisions- Akron members are involved or part of for determination for Future programming-- need report.

TPE TOPCON 2005: At present confirm 34-36 Papers, more up-date after March 9-Hilton 5:30 PM . Ed Tam-Teknor will confirm to Viv.



Minutes of Board Meeting – Mar. 7, 2005 (cont.)

Education Committee: Essays for next year to tie with ACCESS for future targets. It was reported no Judges were available for - Central-Hower (Local)- Jan 26- No prizes given. Akron (Regional)- March 5- Judges-Cameron Fraser and Kathy- prizes given for polymer, plastic oriented presentation- quality not too good according to judges- Action for future. IDEAS for Husky 2006 were noted as possible subjects to build a project around including: ACCESS new schools-PR, Local Business support of Scholarship- more PR, PR article- Beacon Journal, or Company of the Year Award re Past Presidents. Scholarship applications due in March 1.

Education Foundation: Check status of all contributors including Gen Corp. Amruth Puttarudraiah and Ron Miller are new members. Kevin plans to bring on 5 new Sponsors. ACTION: Need format ideas as to how to inform Members of those companies that do contribute. Testimonial letters, Poster board etc.

Website: Tony has checked and will follow-up with Polysort re Contract moving forward looking at options one, two or three years.

Advertising: No report.

Auction: Ron Miller reports that Darryl Jenkins- Auctioneer has been booked. Tony Dean will contact Tony Scheibelhofer- re magic tricks. Board Members have been requested to contact local companies for donations. Information to be included in website.

Program: Program has been finalized for March 21, 2005- Lockheed Martin dinner at Café Piscitelli. Auction set for April 18 at Raintree CC. David Katz to confirm Martin Center for May 23- Awards Night. Suggest linking to speaker and tour companies on our website to increase attendance.

House: No report.

Fall Golf: No Outing for 2005.

Spring Golf: Date set for May 13, 2005 at Barberton Brookside. Cleveland Section has expressed interest. David Katz and/or Bud Seymour will help a Chairperson- Gary Taylor and Cameron Fraser have also both agreed to help -- need a leader. They will contact past Chairs for suggestions and help.

Old Business:

- Joe Mattingly unable to attend ACCESS Board Meeting.
- Students plan to attend ANTEC 6-7 need financial support- need details.
- Viv to check with Intl. Re PESO re Student Chapter status.
- Joe Mattingly officially requested each Board Member to contact and document 5 potential candidates to be an SPE Member---AIM PROGRAM- NEED sign ups before ANTEC!!

New Business:

- ACCESS Meeting- Joint Society Meeting planned for April 28.
- Past Presidents Committee- Bob Wegelin confirmed that Akron Area SPE Company of the Year is the Project the Past Presidents will work on for 2006. Need to confirm Criteria. It is in process after meeting in late February.

Closing Comments: Adjourned. Next board meeting on April 4, 2005 at Americhem 5:30 p.m.



Akron SPE Section Meeting Questionnaire

1. What type of meetings would you like to attend (technical, tours, entertainment, special events [auctions, awards], etc.)? Or do you just prefer a mix as we presently do?
2. Our meeting frequency is monthly from October through May. Do you feel this frequency is good and, if not, how often should we meet? Also our meetings have been every 4th Monday evening of the month. Would a different day increase attendance?
3. Do you have a preferred location and, if so, where would that be? Or do you prefer a variety of venues?
4. Is the time after work from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. convenient, or would you prefer having more luncheon meetings?
5. Any other comments on how we can increase attendance and make our meeting more attended?

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Membership Report – Feb., 2005

Current total is **422** paid members.
4 New members. They will be sent welcome emails.
One transfer in and one transfer out of the Section.
8 members renewed.

Membership News from National

- Total membership for February 2005 is 20,533.
- Ahead of last year by 800 members.
- A.I.M.**, has best response rate of 23% in a recruitment evaluation.
- For tracking and encouraging new members, go to www.4spe.org/communities/ld/aim.php.
- Membership dues increase effective 07/01/05 (only \$2 annually).
- Email campaign to lapsed members was sent in February.

Hope to see many of you in **BOSTON**

New Members

Say “hello and thanks for joining” if you know the following people.

Juan Adames
Gerald G. Bernar, Yanke Bionics
Sara B. Kelley, University of Akron
Justin Young, American Profol
(Cedar Rapids, IA)

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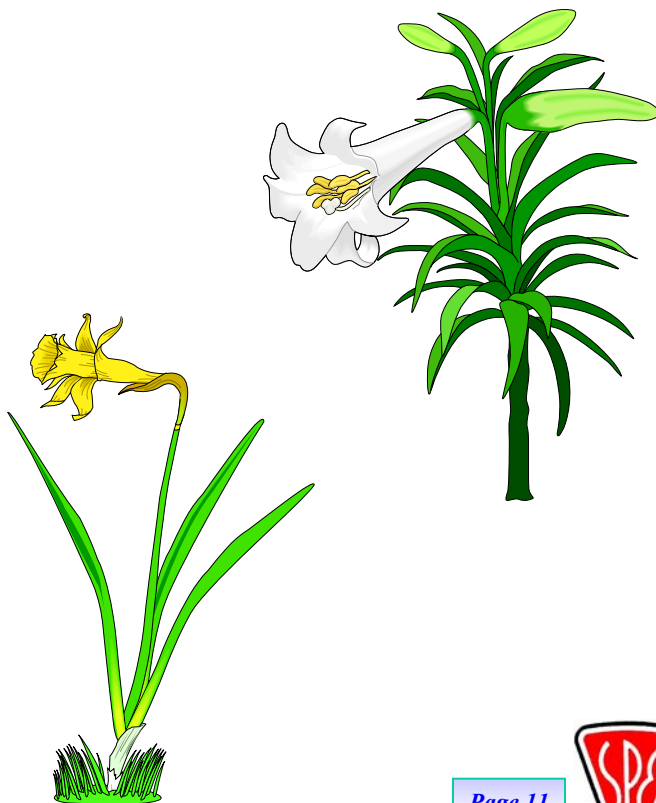
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Address _____ Phone No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Former Affiliations (Plastics) (Including dates and positions held) _____

Specific Contributions (Patents, Publications, Concepts, etc. to Plastics Industry or Companies) _____

Related Plastics Activities (Clubs, Organizations) _____

Brief Statement Supporting the Candidate (Attach Additional Pages if Necessary): _____

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Name of Nominator _____ Signature _____

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