Historian Report – Ohio Rubber Group – 2018

Winter Meeting – January 30, 2018

The Ohio Group Winter Meeting was held at the Twinsburg, Ohio, Hilton Garden Inn on January 24, 2018. The meeting was well attended.

The 2018 board members were announced at the meeting. Below is a list of the 2018 board:

- **Chair**: Peter Glasser, HF Mixing Group
- **Vice Chair**: Mike McDonnell, Alttran, Inc.
- **Treasurer**: Adam Kronenberger, R. D. Abbott Co.
- **Secretary**: Robert Brust, Graphic Arts Rubber
- **Councilor**: Ernie Puskas, Littlern Corp.
- **Alt. Councilor**: Denise Kotz, DuPont Performance Elastomers
- **Area Director**: Doug Ruch, Western Reserve Chemical
- **Alt. Area Director**: Tina Darnell, UTC Aerospace Systems

The following presentations were made during the Technical Session:

- **“Sponge Rubber 101”**
  Richard Strong, Elastomeric Consulting Services

- **“Basics of HCR Silicone”**
  Erick Sharp, ACE Products and Consulting

- **“New Advances in Process Aids and Applications”**
  Dr. Rikki Lamba, Polymer Solutions

After Dinner: Lynne Poulton, Wholly-Organized

“Better Organized in 2018: Organizing tips to get you started”

A 50-50 raffle drawing was held during the dinner portion of the meeting.

Spring Meeting – April 10, 2018

The Ohio Rubber Group Spring Technical Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio.
Two of the speakers at the meeting were Ohio Rubber Group Scholarship Winners, i.e. Marcos Pantoja and Camilo Rendon Piedrahita who are students at The University of Akron.

The following presentations were made during the Technical Session:

“Shape Memory Block Copolymers”
Marcos Pantoja, ORG Scholarship Winner, University of Akron

“Recovered Carbon Black or ‘CB’”
Steven Renegar, Vice President of Sales, Pyrolyx US

“Flexoelectric Polyelectrolyte Membranes: Elastomeric Materials for Flexoelectric Tires and Devices”
Camilo Rendon Piedrahita, ORG Scholarship Winner, University of Akron

After a fellowship hour, members attended a dinner meeting followed by a 50-50 raffle.

Summer Golf Outing, June 19, 2018

The Ohio Rubber Group Summer Golf outing was held at Yankee Run in Warren, Ohio. The outing was well attended and was followed by a dinner and awards presentations.

Summer Golf Outing – August 27, 2018

The Ohio Rubber Group second Summer Golf Outing was held at Silver Lake County Club in Stow, Ohio. The outing was well attended. Awards were presented during the dinner that followed the outing.

Fall Meeting – September 25, 2018

The Ohio Rubber Group Fall Technical Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio

The following technical presentations were made during the Technical Session:

“Smart Factory Initiatives and Manufacturing Trends in the Rubber Industry”
Spencer Bagan, National Sales Manager
MonTech USA

“Heat Resistant Acrylic Rubber with Processing Improvements”
Dave Bernardi, Senior Manager
Unimatec Chemicals America

“Printed Electronics and Sensors on Pliable and Stretchable Substrate”
Len Allison, Business Manager
Printed Electronics for Engineered Materials systems, Div. of Nagase Corp
A 50-50 raffle followed the dinner portion of the meeting.