



# Fall 2009

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A Subdivision of the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society

## 2009 Coming Events

### **OHIO RUBBER GROUP**

*Did you renew your  
membership for 2009?*

Golf Outing  
Monday, August 24, 2009  
Portage CC, Akron

Fall Technical Meeting  
Tuesday, September 15, 2009  
Twinsburg Hilton Inn

### **RUBBER DIVISION 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**

176<sup>th</sup> Technical Meeting  
Oct. 13-15, 2009  
Pittsburgh, PA

## *A Message from Josh Williams, Chair, 2009*

As mentioned in our spring newsletter, 2009 looks to be a difficult economic year for many corporations including rubber related corporations. The Ohio Rubber Group has been affected by this economic downturn, but our group took the appropriate measures to weather this current storm. As a result of our efforts, we have had a positive balance sheet to date through 2009.

Despite our industry's current economic state, our Spring Golf Outing at Avalon Country Club turned out to be a success. While our turnout of golfers was lower than the previous years, the number of golfers that did attend was impressive. Thank you again to Tom Rickey and all of the volunteers that helped make our Spring Golf Outing a success.

If you missed our Spring Golf Outing, there is no need to be alarmed because our Summer Golf Outing is right around the corner. **Our Summer Golf Outing will be held August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Portage Country Club.** The price per golfer is \$165.00 which is less than the 2008 price. Dinner only tickets can be purchased for \$45.00. Registration forms can be found on our website: [www.ohiorubbergroup.org](http://www.ohiorubbergroup.org). Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the golf outing (winner must be present). However, the real prize is the money that will be raised for our scholarship program for qualified college students. So, I encourage all our members to attend this event and contribute to a worthy cause.

The **Fall Technical Meeting on September 15, 2009**, will have 3 speakers.

Mark Petras - "Benefits of Rubber Division Membership"

Alexei Melnikov - "Damage and Fatigue in Cross-linked Rubbers"

Jason Randall - "Examining the Role of Silane Precursors in Structure-Property Relationships of Epoxy Reinforced Silica Aerogels"

Jason and Alexei are our ORG scholarship recipients. Let's make this Fall Technical Meeting memorable for Alexei and Jason as the ORG welcomes them into our family.

If the ORG can be of further assistance to our members, please send ideas to my e-mail account ([guilliamsjoshua@bfusa.com](mailto:guilliamsjoshua@bfusa.com)). Again, I hope everyone has had a productive year to date, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming golf outing and technical meeting.



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## Division News from the Area Director

Tom Nunley, Continental Carbon Company

1. **Staff Changes:** Several changes have occurred within the Rubber Division staff. Melanie Avdeyev (former Rubber Division Meetings Manager) was selected as the Expo & Future Sites Manager to take Sue Barr's position. Beth Berkheimer (former Meetings and Events Manager with GoJo in Akron) was selected as the new Rubber Division Meetings Manager. Beth comes to us with experience in meetings management as well as some experience in expositions. Missy Beynon (formerly Rubber Division Systems and Student Affairs Manager) has become the Membership and IT Manager, whereby Membership activities and our systems membership database management more closely align in functions. Linda McClure (formerly Rubber Division Membership and Technical Program Manager) has become the Technical and Student Program Manager, whereby technical programming and the student programming (e.g. the Colloquium) more closely align in functions.

2. **Fall 2009 Expo and Technical Meeting:** As of July 26, nearly 300 have already pre-registered for the upcoming expo and technical meeting in Pittsburgh. This is comparable to pre-registration prior to the Fall 2007 Expo. If you have not done so yet, remember to register soon for the meeting and housing. The cutoff for pre-registration savings is October 5th and the cutoff for housing is September 11th. As a note, there have been companies soliciting your housing registration through them, stating that housing is full. These are not legitimate agencies of the Rubber Division. The best way to get the best price is to go through the Housing Reservations through the Rubber Division's web site. Additionally, even with the economic hardships in 2008-2009, we have over 200 exhibitors and average about 2-3 new exhibitors per week. This is your company's opportunity to network with potential customers and promote your services and products. If you wish to have a booth at the expo, please go online at [www.rubber.org](http://www.rubber.org) or contact the Expo & Future Sites Manager, Melanie Avdeyev.

3. **Science & Technology Awards Committee:** The S&T Awards Committee will meet at Division headquarters on August 12th to select nominees for the Science & Technology awards. Immediately following this, an email vote will be taken of the Executive Committee for final approval. The winners will be announced in the Tuesday edition of the Show Daily at the Fall Meeting in Pittsburgh. Good news is that we have 28 distinguished individuals nominated for the awards this year.

4. **Hotel Contracts:** The Rubber Division just signed the final contract with the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn Hotel for our spring 2010 technical meeting which will be held on April 26-28, 2010. All future spring meetings will be held at the same hotel. Additionally, the Tire Society is about to sign a two-year contract with the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn Hotel for 2010-2011 and intends to hold their future annual conferences at this hotel. As of 2010, the Rubber Division will be assuming a logistics role for the Tire Society. Their next meeting is at the Akron City Center in downtown Akron on September 14-16, 2009. They will meet next year on September 19-21, 2010.

5. **Travel for the Barrs:** The Rubber Division wishes to thank the Ohio Rubber Group for their kind donation to help offset travel for Sue Barr's family to attend the Fall 2009 Meeting in Pittsburgh. This will be added to the donations from the Blue Ridge, Fort Wayne and Chicago Rubber Groups. Arrangements have been made to have the family at all social events as well as the Ribbon-Cutting and Business & Awards Meeting, where Sue will be honored.



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# Fall Technical Meeting

## Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Hilton Garden Inn, 8971 Wilcox Drive, Twinsburg, Ohio, 330-405-4488



### Agenda

4:00 – Registration    4:30 – Technical Presentations    6:00 – Social Hour    7:00 – Dinner

\*\*\*\*\*Please turn off cell phones during the presentations\*\*\*\*\*

### Presentation

#### *"Benefits of Rubber Division Membership"*

*Mark Petras, President, ChemRep, Inc.,*

#### *Technical Presentations by Ohio Rubber Group Scholarship Recipients*

#### *"Examining the Role of Silane Precursors in Structure-Property Relationships of Epoxy Reinforced Silica Aerogels"*

*Jason Randall, PhD Candidate, Polymer Engineering, University of Akron*

#### *"Damage and Fatigue in Cross-linked Rubbers"*

*Alexei Melnikov, PhD Candidate, Polymer Engineering, University of Akron*



\*\*\*\* After Dinner Raffle - Tickets available for purchase at the meeting\*\*\*\*

#### **2009 Winter Technical Meeting - DINNER RESERVATIONS**

**Reserve by September 10, 2009**

**Advanced Reservation - \$35.00 each**

**Without prior reservation - \$40.00 each**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets

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**Yankee Run Golf Outing, June 16, 2009** (photos by Shelby Washko)

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