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A message from Paul Glasgow, Chair, 2010

It has been a long winter but spring is right around the corner. I hope the spring brings a continued steady improvement to the business environment as this long recession has definitely been a very difficult time for many in our industry. Organizations and employees were compelled to make some major adjustments to adapt to the ever-changing conditions. Once again, on behalf of the Ohio Rubber Group, we appreciate your continued support which makes us one of the strongest rubber groups in our industry.



Our January meeting had a great turnout with 73 people attending. Our speakers, John Beaudoin of Mesabi Controls and Tim Okel of PPG, provided a strong technical program. It was good to see friends and colleagues to get together during the social hour. After dinner, Josh Guilliams was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service as the 2009 ORG Chair.

The Spring meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at the Hilton Garden Inn. This meeting will focus on tire related topics. Brendan Rodgers of ExxonMobil will present "Commercial Tire Market and Selected Aspects of Tire Technology Trends" and Roy Littlefield, Executive VP of the Tire Industry Association will present "Economic and Political Challenges in the Tire Industry". Please join us after our technical session for the social hour and dinner. Once again this year, the after-dinner raffle has a very special prize - a FREE golf foursome for the June outing at Yankee Run.

Golfing outing season is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 15, 2010 for our annual golf outing at Yankee Run in Warren. Last year's event was a success and Golf Chair Tom Rickey has planned another fun outing for 2010. Details and a sign up sheet are available in this newsletter and on our website. It's not too soon to start arranging your foursomes. Proceeds from these outings help sponsor the ORG scholarship students at the University of Akron.

Should you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for all of your support and I look forward to seeing everyone in April



2010 ORG Board (L-R): Josh Guilliams, Nicki Hershberger, Doug Ruch, Dan Riley, Paul Glasgow, Jon Karas



Paul presents Past Chair plaque to Josh



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Price for ads is \$200 for 12 consecutive months (includes both website and newsletter) and may start in the month of your choice.

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**2010
Coming Events**

OHIO RUBBER GROUP

Be sure to renew your membership for 2010

Spring Technical Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Twinsburg Hilton Inn

Golf Outing
Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Yankee Run, Warren

Golf Outing
Monday, August 30, 2010
Portage CC, Akron

Fall Technical Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Twinsburg Hilton Inn

RUBBER DIVISION

177th Technical Meeting
April 26-28, 2010
Akron, OH

178th Technical Meeting
& Mini Expo
October 12-14, 2010
Milwaukee, WI

OTHER

TPE Topical Conference
September 13, 2010
Akron, OH

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Sept. 21-23, 2010
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News from the Rubber Division

Tom Nunley, Area Director,
Continental Carbon Company



1. **Rubber Division 2010 Meetings:** The Rubber Division's Spring Meeting will be held at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn Hotel (Fairlawn, Ohio) on April 26-28, 2010. Registration and Housing are open on the Division website, www.rubber.org. Early registration deadline is April 11, 2010. A couple of changes this year will be that only governance committees and Program Planning Committee will meet at the spring meeting AND there will not be a Chairs Reception this year due to budgeting constraints. The Division's fall meeting will be held in Milwaukee on October 12-14. The Call for Papers for the technical symposia and an updated floor plan are available on the Division website. There still is time to reserve a booth for your company at the fall expo. The Division will manage logistics for the Tire Society Annual Conference to be held at the Four Points Hotel (adjacent to the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn Hotel) in Fairlawn, Ohio on April 20-21, 2010.

2. **District Science Fair for Local High Schools:** The Western Reserve District 5 Science Fair will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at The University of Akron Student Union. The Rubber Division is again offering a \$100 prize for the winner in Chemistry. If anyone would like to judge the entries for Chemistry, please let Ed Miller know at emiller@rubber.org or 330-972-6527. He will be able provide you more information as well as to give you the \$100 check for the "Award for Chemistry" for you to present (if you wish to do so). These are excellent venues to recognize local high school students in science and chemistry and to identify future chemists for your company.

3. **Science and Technology Awards:** Nominations are being accepted for the Division's six Science & Technology Awards. Details on nomination packages for each award can be found on the Division's website. All nominations for S&T Awards are due to the Division's Executive Director by July 15th. The S&T Awards Committee will meet in August to select recommended winners.

4. **New ACS Requirement for Rubber Groups:** Starting this year, each Subdivision (Rubber Group) must send a copy of their 2009 Form 990, 990EZ or 990N to the ACS National Tax Office in order to retain your non-profit status through their group exemption. In order to make sure this is done in the most efficient way, each Rubber Group has been requested to send an electronic copy to the Division Accounting Manager Lakisha Miller at lmiller@rubber.org. She will then collect these and forward as a package to ACS.

5. **Biomedical/Biomaterial Show:** The 2010 Division Chair and Executive Director met on February 24th with a small group of organizational representatives interested in exploring a partnership with the Rubber Division to expand the Rubber Expo to include a Biomedical/Biomaterial Show for fall 2011. This would include a second technical symposium around biomaterial innovations and biomedical applications as well as educational workshops of this nature. The group included the following representatives: Chair Tim Dickerson; Expo & Meetings Manager Beth Berkheimer; Executive Director Ed Miller; University of Akron Dean, College of Polymer Science & Polymer Engineering Dr. Stephen Cheng; Aram Nerpouni (representing Bioinnovation Institute CEO Frank Douglas); Denise Richardson (representing Bioenterprise Inc CEO Baiju Shah); UA Professor Dr. Judit Puskas; UA Professor Dr. Matt Becker; Northeast Ohio Universities & Colleges of Medicine President Dr. Walter Horton; and IX Center President Bob Peterson. The Chair and Executive Director are developing an information package for the Executive Committee to review. If this new direction is approved, it would retain the core Rubber Division expo and technical programs, while expanding technical and marketing opportunities for our members and their companies.



Schedule

4:00 – Registration

4:30 – Technical Presentations

please turn off cell phones

6:00 – Social Hour

7:00 – Dinner (Reserve by 4/16/2010)

Spring Technical Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

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

Technical Presentations

"Commercial Tire Market and Selected Aspects of Tire Technology Trends"

Brendan Rodgers, ExxonMobil Chemical, Global Specialty Polymers Technology

The commercial tire market primarily centered on heavy duty truck tires for both on and off road service has not seen the substantial changes the consumer market has seen such as the introduction of "green" technologies. However major changes have occurred such as the expansion of the use of wide base single tires on drive axles, sealant technologies, and use of introduction of mileage steer axle tires. Effective uses of materials have been an enabler for these new designs. The review will discuss some of these materials technologies and their contribution to improved tire performance.

"Economic and Political Challenges in the Tire Industry"

Roy Littlefield, Executive Vice President, Tire Industry Association

The two greatest challenges facing the tire industry are economic and political. Facing the greatest economic challenges of the past seven decades, a company's profitability represents the largest economic challenge. We all need to investigate our options. Roy will discuss Chinese tariffs, card checks, cap and trade, proposed employer mandates and environmental regulations which may be obstacles to your business' success. Explore next steps you may need to take to lobby your lawmakers to make decisions which best suit the goal of competing in a global economy and how you can contribute in these efforts.

After Dinner Raffle Prize – Foursome at Yankee Run

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the meeting

Technical Meeting - DINNER RESERVATIONS - Reserve by April 16, 2010

Advanced Reservation - \$35.00 each

Without prior reservation - \$40.00 each

Please reserve _____ tickets

(will be held at door for pickup)

Pay at Door OR Payment Enclosed (check or credit card) \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name _____

Company _____

E-mail reservations to mpuskas@littlern.com OR mail to Ohio Rubber Group, PO Box 341, Bath, OH 44210

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The social hour is an important adjunct to the technical meetings and is possible only through the generosity of our Hospitality Sponsors.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

It's a new year and that means its time to renew your membership for 2010

Please use the form below OR on the website at www.ohiorubbergroup.org

Still only \$25 – Join today – Don't miss anything!

2010 OHIO RUBBER GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A SUBDIVISION OF THE RUBBER DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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MEMBER SURVEY
PLEASE COMPLETE
Are you a member of:
(Circle Answer)

American Chemical Society

Yes No

Rubber Division, ACS

Yes No

Work on a committee

Yes No

Membership fee: \$25 Contribution to Scholarship Endowment Fund: \$ _____ Total \$ _____
 Payment (circle one): Cash Check (US dollars/US Bank) Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

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Return application w/payment to: **OHIO RUBBER GROUP PO BOX 341 BATH, OHIO 44210**

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ORG Scholarship News

Contributed by Joel Neilsen, 2010 Scholarship Chair

The Ohio Rubber Group has selected two students at The University of Akron to receive the ORG Graduate Student Award for 2010. PhD Candidates Amy Blake (Polymer Engineering) and Cheng Ching "Kurt" Chiang (Polymer Science) each received an award of \$3000 at a luncheon held at the Goodyear Polymer Center on the campus of The University of Akron on January 15th, 2010. Both recipients plan on graduating in the spring of 2011, and will be presenting key aspects of their research at the fall 2010 meeting of the Ohio Rubber Group on September 14. They were also presented with gratis student memberships to the ORG. (ORG membership is free to any interested student.)"





Register NOW!

ORG Summer Golf Outing - Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Calling all golfers! It's time to register for the annual Ohio Rubber Group June Golf Outing. Tee times fill up quickly so please complete the following registration form and mail it promptly. The deadline is June 1st, however, if there are remaining tee times after that date you can still join the fun. This year we will play the beautiful Yankee Run golf course only so get your registrations in quickly as there are a limited number of slots available.

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 Tee Time: Shotgun start – 9:30 am

Dinner: Yankee Run Pavilion 4:00 pm

*Golf course: Yankee Run Golf Course
7610 Warren-Sharon Road
Brookfield, Ohio 44403
www.yankeerun.com 330-448-8096*

*Cost: \$105.00 per person
Includes golf w/cart, lunch, dinner, beverages, door prize, raffle ticket, and awards & gifts*

All golfers are encouraged to become members of the Ohio Rubber Group.

For those needing accommodations in Warren, rooms are available at the Avalon Inn and Resort. Make reservations directly with the Avalon Inn and resort at 800-828-2566.

Thanks for your support – we look forward to seeing you on the 15th!



Calling All Corporate Sponsors! - 2010 Golf Hole Sponsorship

As you may know, the primary purpose of the ORG Summer Golf Outing is to provide funding for our annual scholarships. The success of this event relies primarily on the generous support of our corporate members. Once again, we are asking that you consider sponsoring a golf hole for the outing this June 15th.

For each hole sponsored, you will receive your company name on a sign placed at one hole. In addition, your company will be recognized the day of the event, and in the upcoming ORG newsletter.

The cost per hole is \$150.00 or 2 for \$250.00. To participate, simply complete the bottom portion of this letter and return to the address provided w/payment no later than June 1st.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Regards,
Tom Rickey, Spring Golf Chair, Gold Key Processing, Inc., tom.rickey@goldkey-us.com

Yes! I would like to sponsor _____ hole(s) 1 = \$150, 2 = \$250

Company Name _____

Contact Name _____ Contact email: _____

Please mail check payable to ORG or Credit Card info to: **ORG Golf, P.O. Box 341, Bath, OH 44210**
Fax: 330-848-8947 or e-mail to: mpuskas@littlern.com

OHIO RUBBER GROUP SUMMER OUTING

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 Yankee Run Golf Course, Brookfield, Ohio

Tee Time: Shotgun start – 9:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE: All golfers are encouraged to join ORG for 2010

BLIND BOGEY: Choose a number that will adjust your final score to be between 70 and 80

Foursome captain:

Captain Blind Bogey

Name Company Phone

Address City, State, Zip E-mail

Other Foursome Members (include name, company, email and blind bogey number)

	FULL NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS	COMPANY	BLIND BOGEY
2			
3			
4			

PRICE: \$105 per person (includes golf w/cart, lunch, dinner, beverages, door prize, raffle ticket, awards gifts)
DINNER ONLY: \$40

Tee-Time: Shotgun start - 9:30 AM

PAYMENT

Check enclosed (payable to Ohio Rubber Group) \$_____ (OR)

Credit Card Total \$_____ (circle one) Visa MasterCard AMEX Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

DEADLINE: June 1, 2010 *** NO REFUNDS after June 6, 2010**

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