



A Subdivision of the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society

Winter 2009

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2009 Coming Events

OHIO RUBBER GROUP

Be sure to renew your membership for 2009!

Winter Technical Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2009
Twinsburg Hilton Inn

Spring Technical Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Twinsburg Hilton Inn

Golf Outing
Tuesday, June 16, 2009
Avalon Inn, Warren

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

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

RUBBER DIVISION ***100th Anniversary Year***

175th Technical Meeting
May 4-6, 2009
Akron, OH

4th Rubber-Modified
Asphalt Conference
May 7-8, 2009
Akron, OH

176th Technical Meeting
Oct. 13-15, 2009
Pittsburgh, PA

A Message from Josh Guilliams, Chairman, 2009

Happy New Year to the members of the Ohio Rubber Group. I hope your holiday season was a memorable time. This year I, Joshua Guilliams, will be Chairman of the Ohio Rubber Group. In this statement, I would like to review accomplishments of 2008 and foreshadow 2009 for the ORG.

2008 was the inaugural year for the newly formed Ohio Rubber Group. During 2008, our group faced many different challenges. The ORG was able to acquire key people to streamline and better organize our group. As a result, the ORG was able to increase our membership and improve our economic situation.

2009 looks to be a difficult economic year for many corporations including rubber related corporations. While it is necessary to reduce costs where possible to stay viable, the ORG will continue to have quality technical meetings that still meet current issues in the rubber industry.

If we can be of further assistance to our members, please send your ideas to my e-mail account (guilliamsjoshua@bfusa.com). Again, I hope everyone had a lovely holiday season, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming technical meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at the Twinsburg Hilton Inn.



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Division News from the Area Director

Tom Nunley, Continental Carbon Company



1. **2009 Steering Committee:**

The 2009 Division Chair is Gary Horning of Polymer Valley Chemicals. His theme for 2009 is "Reflections, Challenges & Expectations". Two new members of the 2009 Steering Committee include Assistant Treasurer Doug Ruch of ChemRep Inc. and Directors' Representative-Elect Leo Goss of RheinChemie Corporation. Tim Dickerson of R. T. Vanderbilt Company will serve as Chair-Elect.

2. **Centennial Activities:** Chair Gary Horning continues to lead a Centennial Task Force in planning celebration activities for the Rubber Division's 100th Anniversary in 2009. These include a black tie optional banquet at the John S. Knight Center on May 4, 2009, which will include the release of our new centennial hardcover book, "*The Rubber Mirror: Reflections of the Rubber Division's First 100 Years*". The author Hank Inman will be available for a book-signing at the banquet. A Birthday Party Reception is planned for the fall meeting in Pittsburgh at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, with entertainment and specialty food stations. A time capsule is also being developed to commemorate this momentous occasion. We already have 9 Elite Sponsors as well as several other level sponsors for the Centennial. You can find information on the Elite and other types of sponsorship levels on the Division's web site.

3. **IT Task Force:** Past Chair Al Feit continues to lead an IT Task Force that has been reviewing various new software programs for the Division. Avectra, a new database system, is being tested to allow the Division to improve our overall capability to assist members. Following this, the Division will have a complete web redesign that includes a new on line Division Store and the capability to build and host Rubber Group web sites. Additionally, we will be adding the capability for Division Committees to meet on line any time during the year. These are just some of the new programs coming in 2009 that will improve Division services to members, their organizations and the Rubber Groups.

4. **New Pavilions:** Look for new pavilions at future expos. In addition to the International and Recycling Pavilions, the Exhibits & Meeting Sites Committee will be developing new pavilions such as the TPE Pavilion and others. These pavilions will augment the individual booths at the expositions and afford more opportunity for current and new exhibitors to show their products and services.

5. **Business Plans:** In order to implement the Division's 2007 Strategic Plan, four committees have developed Business Plans and have already begun actions within them. These include the Marketing Committee, Education & Pubs Committee, Exhibits & Meeting Sites Committee and Membership Committee. The Strategic Plan and associated Business Plans can be found on the Division's web site. Look for updates on actions in coming months.



Scholarship Update

Joel Neilsen, Sid Richardson Carbon & Energy Co.

The annual selection interviews of students to be considered for the ORG Graduate Student Award were held on November 20th at the Goodyear Polymer Center on the University of Akron campus. As always, the decision was very difficult due to the excellent caliber of the applicants, but after much discussion, the committee was able to select two very deserving PhD candidates to each receive a \$2000 award: Jason Randall and Alexei Melnikov. Both are working toward degrees in Polymer Engineering, and will be presenting the general aspects of their research at the 2009 fall meeting of the Ohio Rubber Group. Congratulations Jason and Alexei!

The Graduate Student Award represents a new direction for the Ohio Rubber Group scholarship program. Traditionally, the scholarships had been awarded to undergraduate students in pursuit of a degree in chemistry or chemical engineering. This process worked very well for many years, since the majority of scholarship recipients would enter the polymer and related industries after graduation. However, in recent years a decline in the number of graduates entering these industries was noted, and it was felt that a change was necessary. At the graduate level in Polymer Science or Polymer Engineering, the candidates have made definite career plans that should include polymer academics or polymer industries upon completion of their studies

Winter Technical Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

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

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

Technical Presentations

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

“Compounding of TPO, TPE and TPV Materials in an Internal Mixer”

Bob McNabb, Sales Manager, HF Rubber Machinery

“Optimizing Cost with Today's Newest Raw Material, Recycled Rubber Powder ”

Don Botka, VP Technical & Strategic Initiatives, Lehigh Technologies

“Uses of Green Carbon Black Based Fillers Recovered from Rubber ”

Bill Cole, VP Product Management, Delta - Energy LLC

The After Dinner Raffle Is Back!!

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the meeting

2009 Winter Technical Meeting - DINNER RESERVATIONS

Reserve by January 22, 2009

Advanced Reservation - \$35.00 each

Without prior reservation - \$40.00 each

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Contributions for the 2009 Ohio Rubber Group social hours are now being requested. All 2009 sponsors will be recognized in the newsletter, on the website and at the meetings.

A yearly donation of \$200 is suggested; any amount is appreciated. 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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