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OHIO RUBBER GROUP Fall Technical Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - Twinsburg Hilton Inn

RUBBER DIVISION 174th Technical Meeting
Oct. 14-16, 2008 - Louisville, KY

A Message from Dave Schwarz, Chairman, 2008

In my last message I told you our focus in 2008 would be on effective communication and relationship building. A strong connection between you and your fellow members is the best way to guarantee our group's success.



As we move through the halfway point of 2008, I can let you know our group is in good shape. We had good attendance at our winter and spring technical sessions, and over 160 golfers for our June golf outing.

A couple of new items were added to the spring meeting program. During a "Get to Know" session, three of our board members gave short presentations. Josh Guilliams, Vice Chair, Paul Glasgow, Treasurer, and I shared some details on our backgrounds and careers as well as a few personal notes. We all now know that in addition to being a Senior Compounder, Josh was good enough at baseball that he played at a collegiate level. We also learned that Paul is such a good golfer, that his handicap is slightly higher than his years of service in the rubber industry...25. The other addition, a suggestion from Ernie Puskas, was to ask those attending their first ORG technical meeting to introduce themselves. Both of these new sessions were well received and will be repeated at our September meeting.

We ended up with a great weather day for our June golf outing in Warren. Many thanks to Tom Rickey for coordinating this event. It was a great success and we ended up raising almost five thousand dollars. The dollars from betting holes and hole sponsorships, specifically designated for scholarship purposes, will go a long way towards our support of college students.

September 16 is the fall technical meeting. Our "Green" focused technical program should be of interest to all. I'm also looking forward to the presentation from one of our scholarship students, University of Akron Ph.D. candidate, Maurice Wadley. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Division News from the Area Director

Tom Nunley, Continental Carbon Company



1. **Expositions Update:** As of August 12th, the Rubber Division had about 400 attendees pre-registered for the upcoming Mini-Expo™ and 174th Technical Meeting to be held in Louisville, Kentucky at the Kentucky International Convention Center. For mid-August, this is a higher number of pre-registrations than the one held in 2006 where we ended up with a total of 2037 attendees and 170 Exhibitors. If you have not yet registered, you can do so on line at www.rubber.org. Remember the advanced registration cutoff date is October 6, 2008. Also note that the 2009 and 2010 Spring Technical Meetings will be held in Akron, Ohio while the 2010 Mini-Expo™ and 178th Technical Meeting will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The 2011 Spring Technical Meeting location has not yet been set; however the Rubber Division will try a new location for its major exposition in 2011. The 2011 Rubber Expo™ and 180th Technical Meeting will be held at the I-X Center near the airport in Cleveland, Ohio.

2. **IT Analysis Report:** The Rubber Division completed an in-depth analysis of its Information Technology programs, both current and projected. Chair Al Feit is now leading an IT Task Force to review the report and develop a long-range Business Plan for the Division. Based upon this, the Division's web site redesign and on line store have been postponed until the plan is completed and a path forward is approved. In the interim, the Division is in the process of implementing a new on line program for submission of Symposia Abstracts, Copyrights, Technical Papers and Rubber Chemistry & Technology Journal Papers. This will be completed this year, going into effect in 2009.

3. **Strategic Business Plans:** The following Committee Business Plans were developed per the Division's 2007 Strategic Plan: Education & Pubs, Membership, Marketing, and Exhibits & Meeting Sites. The Strategic Plan, these Business Plans and the IT Business Plan (when finished) can be found on the Division's web site, www.rubber.org, in the Members Only Section. Future updates will be added as these plans are implemented. This is an excellent way to learn the Division's vision and future direction that impacts you and your organization.

4. **Centennial Update:** Chair-Elect Gary Horning continues to lead a task force in developing activities for the Rubber Division's 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2009. A black tie optional Centennial Banquet will be held on May 4, 2009 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron to include a reception, followed by the Executive Committee (in tuxedos) marching in behind a bagpiper (old tradition), then dinner and dancing to the Moonlight Serenaders. A Centennial Birthday Party Reception will be held at the fall 2009 meeting and exposition. This will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh in lieu of the Exhibitors Reception. Many sponsorship opportunities exist for your companies, such as Centennial Elite Sponsorship, Banquet and Birthday Party Sponsorships and more. For details, contact Division Marketing Manager Karen May at kmay@rubber.org. The Division is also publishing a Centennial hardback novel that uses personal stories to tell the history of rubber, the industry, the Division and the Ohio influence. There will be a signing ceremony by the author at the Centennial Banquet.

5. **Spring Meeting Format:** Assistant Treasurer Joe Walker led a task force to review the spring meeting format and committees. As a result, the Steering Committee approved going back to a modified format that includes invited and contributed papers, as well as specific technical sessions, starting with the spring 2010 meeting in Akron, Ohio. Following this, the Division will analyze the success of the location and format. The Division is also in the process of identifying and implementing on line discussion sites for committees to meet and conduct business. This will offer an opportunity for members to join committees and participate even if they cannot attend each spring and fall meeting of the Division.

Scholarship Update

Joel Neilsen, Sid Richardson Carbon & Energy Co.

The ORG's Graduate Student Award recipient, Maurice Wadley will present a summary of the work he has been doing in pursuit of his PhD degree at the University of Akron at the upcoming meeting on September 16th.

Fall Technical Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

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*****

Technical Presentations

Maurice Wadley , 2007-2008 ORG Award Recipient
Graduate Student, University of Akron

“Recycled Rubber Processing, Capabilities and Applications”
Evan Piland, Sales Manager, Midwest Elastomers, Industrial Rubber Division

“Approaches and Modifications Needed When Processing and Curing a Compound Containing Recycled Rubber”
Marvin Myhre, Chairman, Rubber Recycling Topical Group (RRTC)

“Fundamentals of Performance Elastomer Recycling”
Jim Shell, VP Quality & Tech, FRS Elastomers

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Avalon/Yankee Run Golf Outing

Tom Rickey, 2008 June Golf Chair

The June 2008 Golf outing was a great success and good time for all. Fortunately we avoided bad weather and ended up with a very comfortable day for golfing. Although the number of players was down this year we had a good turn out with 176 golfers. Again we had good attendance at the banquet that followed. As always the Avalon Inn staff supplied an enjoyable dinner and a nice venue for the festivities afterward.

We rewarded some of our members for their notable play. Once again we had a tie for the low gross at both courses of 74. Steve Bedell had the low at Old Avalon and Fred Martin at Yankee Run. We also had a couple of people that proved they work hard every day and don't spend much time on the golf course. Both had a high gross score of 132. Barb Holford had the high gross at Old Avalon and Chris Ryan at Yankee Run. Many more prizes were distributed throughout the evening.

I would like to send a special "Thank You" to Americas International for supplying the golf balls that were given out at the scholarship holes. The monies raised during this activity go directly to the ORG scholarship fund to support future rubber professionals. This donation goes a long way to reduce the expenses of the outing.

In closing I would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time to make this outing a great experience for all. Without your time and commitment this event would not be possible. I would also like to thank the sponsors and all of you that participated. With your donations and entry fees we were successful in collecting nearly \$5,000 for the ORG scholarship fund. I hope to see all of you next year!



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Photos from the Golf Outing, June 17, 2008

(Photos by Shelby Washko)

All the outing pictures will be shown at the Fall Tech Meeting 9/16



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