

MidAtlantic Rubber & Plastic Group

Summer 2007 Newsletter



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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



BREAKING NEWS: The MidAtlantic Rubber and Plastic Group is now officially a sub-Division of the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society by a vote of the Rubber Division Executive Committee.

Everyone who came to Architect's Golf Course on May 24th agreed that it's just right for sportsmen and women of our stature. That had been the report of the Golf Committee and they were proven honorable men. In accordance with our report to IRS, stating that our activities are overwhelmingly scientific and educational, there was a technical meeting at 9 am, featuring a paper by Steve Henning of Sartomer, whose recent work on crosslinking mechanisms has been thought-provoking. There was also a talk by Dick Grossman, an expert in polymer destruction, on how to make compounds disappear in a landfill (if you can't actually sell them). Copies of these papers are available by contacting the authors. Reactions to Golftech and suggestions should be directed to Wally Mack and Robert Carroll.

June 28th was the date of our annual Catch-and-Release outing, Fishtech, aboard the Atlantis, a 110' power vessel which steamed out of Brielle basin into calm and placid Atlantic waters. Perhaps 200 fluke were released to continue their existence as Picasso-like (both eyes, one

side) predators and grow to become legal seafood. In addition, our group released many skates, a few rather puzzled snails and several yard-long blue sharks, who made it clear that it would be unwise to pet them. Most anglers had several keeper fluke (17 in.+). The crew was attentive, we had excellent sandwiches and donuts kindly provided by Outing Chairman Don Slowicki. First and largest fluke anglers received texts in use of finite element theory in rubber part design, generally useful although probably not needed for rubber worms. There was also a prize for the smallest fluke released, of which more cannot be said, except that it seemed that newsprint could be read through it. To justify the designation Fishtech, all who did not object too strenuously received copies of a technical paper, An Improved Synthesis of Gefilte Fish. Copies remain available. Free.

While you're writing, we'd like to have your input on topics for technical meetings, speakers we should contact, groups we should get together with, events that would be of interest and such like. Please view the Newsletter as two way communication.

It is a pleasure to note the Rubber Division Melvin Mooney Distinguished Technology Award to longtime member and NYRG past Chairman Dan Hertz. If the Award Address began with the structural formula of methane, I missed it. Dan's contribution to all who know him is the conviction that rubber technology, no matter how much an art, is basically science, that is, rational and predictable.

Best wishes,
Dick Grossman
MARPG Chair

Area Director Report

The Spring 2007 Technical meeting held in Akron, OH. In early May was attended by 248 people. The Third Rubber Modified Asphalt Conference was attended by 122 people.

October 16 - 18, 2007 in Cleveland, OH is the date for the Rubber Expo™ and International Rubber Conference 2007. If you are a Rubber Division member you should have received your invitation. I urge all to attend this Expo to learn what's new in the industry, get a look at the latest equipment, materials, and technology available to you. The Expo will also include a Business Summit on Globalization - Risk & Economic Issues of Rubber Manufacturing in an Increasingly Competitive Global Environment. Registration can be done on line at www.rubber.org

The Divisions' Steering Committee is planning the 100th Anniversary of the Rubber Division coming in 2009.

The MARPG Scholarship Committee will be meeting this summer to coordinate the 2007 Scholarship Program that will be "rolled out" this Fall.

Robert E. Carroll III
PRG Area Director

Membership Report

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As of 1 May 2007, the MidAtlantic Rubber and Plastic Group has 132 members in active status. This group is comprised of 99 renewals (39 corporate members), 4 new members, 29 life and emeritus members.

A third renewal notice was sent in June (after the golf outing) to all members on the membership list who have not renewed in 2006.

If you know someone who would like to become a member of the MidAtlantic Rubber and Plastics Group, please complete the attached application and forward it to Tim Trial at the following:

Tim Trial
Membership Chair

MARPG Golf Outing/Technical Meeting

On May 24, 2007 the MARPG had the Spring Golf Outing and Technical Meeting at The Architects Golf Club, Lopatcong, NJ. This was an all day event and included a Technical Meeting followed by Golf in the afternoon and a dinner following.

We had 58 golfers for our MARPG Outing held on May 24th at the Architects Golf Club - Phillipsburg, N.J.

Winners are: Low Gross = Rodney Riley [77], Low Net = Llew Royal [69],
Senior Low Net = Wally Mack [72], Women Low Gross = Linda Curtis [112],
Women Low Net = Lillianne Falco [76]

Closest to Pin Winners = Jay Crowe & Bob Grinnis
Long Drive (Men) Winners = Jon Paul & Rodney Riley
" " (Women) " = Pam Holston & Lillianne Falco
Door Prize Winners = Jon Paul & Bruce Schillinger
50/50 Winner = Harley Warren

The Golf Committee is hoping for a greater participation next year. Talk to your customers and suppliers and encourage them to come see this course next year.

You can view the course hole by hole at: <http://www.thearchitectsclub.com/>

Wally Mack
Robert E. Carroll
Golf Committee

Fishing Trip

Continuing the long history of the New York Rubber Group, the June fishing trip took place on June 28th.

The boat Atlantis, which sailed out of Brielle, NJ, was captained by Capt. Francis Bogan.

We fished offshore between Point Pleasant, NJ and Sea Girt, NJ. Over 1000 fish were caught with 38 keepers by 23 Anglers led by Captain Dick Grossman who presented a technical paper on the synthesis of Gefilte Fish.

The biggest fish, caught by Ray DeISontro Jr., was a 5 pound flounder. The smallest fish was caught by Wayne Anderson and the first fish was caught by Jenn Arrison.

The plans are to continue this tradition next year as part of the MARPG.

Don Slowicki

Fisherperson

2007 Upcoming MARPG Dates to Remember:

- **MARPG Fall Technical Meeting**
September 27th, 2007
The Architects Golf Club, Lopatcong, NJ <http://www.thearchitectsclub.com/>
- **Rubber ExpoTM 07 and Fall Technical Meeting & Rubber Business Summit**
October 16-18, 2007
Greater Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland, OH
Go to www.rubber.org for registration and information