

# New York & Philadelphia Rubber Groups

## Summer Newsletter 2006



### CHAIR'S MESSAGE

## NYRG AND PRG MOVE TOWARD UNIFICATION MEMBERSHIP OF BOTH GROUPS ENDORSE PLAN

The member support for unification has been overwhelming. Scores of members of the New York and Philadelphia Rubber Groups have written with enthusiastic support. There was an occasional, I approve but do be careful. Fortunately the Merger Committee is comprised of the most careful individuals one could imagine, including Wayne Anderson, Ron Campbell, Robert Carroll, Rob D'Andrea, Wally Mack, Joe Martin, Marty Sheridan and Eric Storch. The next step will be circulation of proposed Bylaws for the new organization for comments and suggestions, followed by consideration of revisions by the Executive Committee (the Officers and Directors), and then circulation for approval by the membership. At this point, the new group will file for incorporation as a nonprofit trade association.

A number of members proposed MidAtlantic Rubber Group or a close variant. A drawing was held at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Technical Meeting; the winner, Rosario Licciardello. The prize: A matched set of the 1958 Vanderbilt Rubber Handbook and 1954 Vanderbilt Latex Handbook, both edited by George Winspear, who's literary and journalistic abilities were not constrained by having to run a technical department at the same time.

The Executive Committee actually agreed on MidAtlantic Rubber & Plastics Group. Active negotiation is under way to hold one meeting a year jointly with another association, such as the Palisades Section of SPE, on topics relevant to both elastomers and plastics. In my mind, they are really one industry, that of finding solutions through materials science. More cross-fertilization is needed. I heard a paper at the recent SPE national meeting where investigators found notable increases in tan delta of flexible PVC compounds with addition of rubber accelerators. They didn't seem to realize they were putting in crosslinks (!) Need for education is everywhere.

The Chairman is supposed to say (in this column) that This Meeting Was Great, That Meeting Was Great, etc., but there's no way out, the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was great. Special thanks to Don Slowicki, Wayne Anderson

and Steve Mariconti for the Education Course. Note: There are young, enthusiastic people entering the industry. I saw them. And I was glad I was there.

Richard Grossman,  
Chair NYRG/PRG

## Technical Seminar

The Technical Symposium on April 20th was a great success due to the quality of speakers.

The combined New York and Philadelphia Rubber Groups would like to thank the speakers for their efforts:

**Mr. John Dewar**  
**Dr. Richard Pazur**  
**Mr. Dick Grossman**

Onofrio Palazzolo  
Vice Chair NYRG/PRG

## Educational Committee

The New York and Philadelphia Rubber Group's sponsored a one day seminar on "Basic Rubber Technology" on April 20, 2006. The seminar was in conjunction with the technical session which was held in the afternoon. The plan was to provide an early seminar, which included lunch, to afford the opportunity for attendees to attend the afternoon technical papers as well as dinner (few took advantage).

The charge for the seminar was a nominal \$50, with the majority of the cost underwritten by the groups as part of our mission for education and scholarship. This education course was designed to offer basic concepts of rubber including processing and terminology, to people in the industry who need a working knowledge rubber but not necessarily a technical background. Solicitation of the membership for higher technical courses met with little interest.

There were 25 participants who experienced the presentations of Don Slowicki, Home Rubber Co; Steve Mariconti, Daikin American, Inc.; Richard Grossman, RFG Consultants and Wayne Anderson, The VMC Group. The participants included entry level employees as well as sales and support staff. The Vanderbilt Co. provided a copy of their handbook to interested participants.

With the success of this seminar, there is no question that it will be repeated in the near future, possibly in 2008.

Don Slowicki  
Education Chairman, PRG

## Membership Report

As of 1 June 2006, the Philadelphia has 105 members in active status. This group is comprised of 71 renewals, 15 new members, 18 life and emeritus members.

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

New York has a total of 180 contact members, and 45 people have been removed this year due to either moving out of the area or lack of response.

- o 2006 Total paid members = 77 (down 10 from 2005)
- o Of these 77, membership thru Corporate dues = 44 (down 13 from 2005)
- o 2006 New members = 3
- o 2006 Emeritus members = 7

If you know someone who would like to become a member of the PRG or NYRG soon to be the Mid Atlantic contact Tim Trial or Marty Sheridan at the following:

Tim Trial  
Carlisle SynTec Inc.  
P. O. Box 7000

Carlisle, PA 17013  
[trial@syntec.carlisle.com](mailto:trial@syntec.carlisle.com)

Marty Sheridan  
R.T. Vanderbilt Co  
30 Winfield Street

Norwalk, CT 06856  
[msheridan@rtvanderbilt.com](mailto:msheridan@rtvanderbilt.com)

## Area Director's Report

The Rubber Division ACS Spring Technical was held in Akron last month, we are still awaiting the official report regarding attendance and specifics, however the area directors felt it was a good meeting.

This was the first attempt by the Rubber Division to have invited speakers only. Our division is financially sound. Linda McClure will be the new Membership Chair for our Division and the Division formalized its nominating slate of officers for 2007 with our John Boruta being nominated Chair - Elect.

Research has been initiated to consider a three year expo cycle instead of the current two year cycle. The upcoming Fall meeting & mini-expo will be in Cincinnati, OH. Oct. 10-12, 2006. An internet cafe will be added to the exhibit hall this Fall. The Rubber Division's 100th anniversary is in 2009 and planning has begun to conduct multiple celebrations during the year.

Robert Carroll III  
PRG Area Director

---

---

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **PRG Golf Outing**  
June 8, 2006  
Downingtown C.C.
- **NYRG Fishing Trip**  
June 22, 2006
- **NYRG Golf Outing**  
August 3, 2006  
Black Bear C.C.  
Franklin, NJ
- \* **Fall Technical Session & Wine Tasting**  
September 21, 2006  
Meola's Restaurant, Easton Ave, New Brunswick, NJ

Joe Martin  
Newsletter Editor