

Spring Newsletter, March 15, 2006



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

NAME ME A NAME

At the Board meeting of January 19th, the Directors of the New York and Philadelphia Rubber Groups thought further about which events or services might be merged, thinking of increased benefits, reduced costs and stuff of that nature. We've already merged our Boards of Directors, thereby benefiting all and sundry with reduced verbosity. Now we're merging the Newsletter. We've tried merging the logos. It came out weird, with a rubber tree seemingly sprouting in Central Park, looked like it could use a frontal lobotomy. I'm never going to try doing logos. Did one for a Rubber Group that would appreciate my not mentioning any association with them. It was a drawing of Charles Goodyear in debtors' prison. It's always embarrassing to laugh alone.

We're also developing a unified Golf Committee to oversee the outings June 8th at Downingtown and August 3rd at Black Bear. Personally I think folks who like to set up golf outings would do one once a month. Maybe every week.

We also have set up an oversight committee to evaluate proposals leading to an actual merger in the future. We need a name. If we had the right name, I think stumbling blocks would disappear in the enthusiasm to become, for example, The Great Atlantic and Pacific Rubber Group Company. (We can't use that one, too much West Coast opposition.) I know that rubber industry professionals are great with names. I've heard some of the most extraordinary names imaginable around processing lines.

Simply being the New York Philadelphia Rubber Group seems unkind to our members in Jersey, Delaware and the Indian territories. But the IRS District 2 Rubber Group doesn't have that special ring. Please send your suggestion to me at dickandchris@comcast.net. If we use it, we'll recognize you with a trivial award and free dinner at one of our usual Michelin rated sites.

Dick Grossman,
MBC (merged board chairman, you thought another mail order degree)

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **NYRG & PRG Rubber Education Course & Joint Technical Meeting**
April 20th, 2006
Holiday Inn, Jamesburg, NJ
- **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

Membership Report

As of 22 February 2006, the Philadelphia Rubber Group has had 91 members in active status. This group is comprised of 64 renewals, 11 new members, 13 life members and 3 emeritus.

The second renewal notice will be sent in March 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 Philadelphia Rubber group, please complete the attached application and forward it to Tim Trial at the following:

Tim Trial
Carlisle SynTec Inc.
P. O. Box 7000
Carlisle, PA 17013
Fax – 717-245-7369

Memorial Scholarship Winner

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to have selected Jay Cline as the winner of the 2006 Henry C. Remsberg Memorial Scholarship. The committee, Don Slowicki, Robert Carroll, Russ Kraft and Tim Trial reviewed the information submitted by seven applicants before selecting Jay Cline as the winner of the \$4,000 Scholarship.

Jay Cline is a student at Ferris State University, majoring in Rubber Engineering Technology. He is in his junior year and was sponsored by Timothy Higgins of Rhein Chemie Corporation.

Jay is a non traditional student, having returned to school after 14 years in the rubber industry. He moved his family to Michigan from California specifically to study Rubber Engineering at Ferris State.

His intentions are to obtain a position in the rubber industry in the Midwest after graduation.

We wish the best to Jay in the future and were happy to be able to help him by providing this scholarship.

Don Slowicki
Scholarship Committee Chair

RUBBER EDUCATION COURSE

The Philadelphia & New York Rubber Groups will be sponsoring a basic level course in Rubber Technology on April 20, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Jamesburg, N.J. We expect 8:30 A.M. to be the sign-in time.

April 20 is also the Technical Meeting and the hope is to attract some of the education course attendees to the afternoon Technical Meeting and dinner to further expose them to rubber concepts and to network with the PRG members.

The course will cover the basics of terminology, polymer types, compound ingredients, physical properties, testing and performance. Various processes will be explained including molding, hose and industrial product manufacture.

Personnel, new to the industry, who handle rubber products, will benefit by the overview of the technology and specifically with the understanding of rubber jargon.

Certainly an attendee will understand why different rubber polymers are used in various applications and most important, why they are not used in others.

Sign up information will be forthcoming and the cost for the course will be nominal.

Don Slowicki
Education Committee Chairman



The Philadelphia & New York Rubber Groups

Subdivision of the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society

Presents a course entitled,

BASIC RUBBER TECHNOLOGY

An intensive part-day course to be held on April 20, 2006

At the Holiday Inn, Jamesburg, NJ

Enrollment is limited to the first 50 persons remitting payment.

Timeframe for Course 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM attendees are welcome to attend following Technical session

Course Fee: \$ 50.00 payable to The Philadelphia Rubber Group.

Includes: Lunch and Dinner

Course Topics Include:

Technical Presentations by industry professionals focusing on the basics of Rubber Technology, including but not limited to Rubber Terminology, Polymer Types, Compounding & Ingredients, Physical Property testing and interpretation, introduction to varied industrial processes, molding (compression, injection, transfer), extrusion, hose building and discussions on each.

_____			_____ Title: _____		
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<i>First Name</i>			<i>Middle Name</i>		
<i>Last Name</i>					
<i>Company Name:</i> _____					
<i>Business Address:</i> _____					

<i>Daytime Phone: (____) _____</i>			<i>E-mail</i> _____		
<i>Payment by check or Credit card: Visa MC or Discover</i>					
<i>Card #</i> _____			<i>Expiration date</i> _____		
<i>Deadline for Registration is April 15, 2006</i>					

Please return completed information no later than April 15 to:

Terry Ann Hoyes
Greene Tweed & Co.
2075 Detwiler Road
Kulpsville, Pa 19443-0305

Terry Ann Hoyes (thoyes@GTweed.com)



The New York & Philadelphia Rubber Groups present:

Spring Technical Symposium

Thursday, April 20, 2006

Holiday Inn, Jamesburg, NJ

3:00 – 5:00 PM followed by Cocktails and Dinner
(Cash Bar- Buffet Style Dinner is \$40.00 per person; \$50.00 @ the door)

Featured Presentations:

“Levapren: Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Copolymers for Automotive Sealing Applications”

Lanxess Corporation

Written by Susmita Bhattacharjee/ presented by John Dewar

“Reverse Engineering Rubber Compounds”

RFG Consultants

Dick Grossman

Improving Processability with Therban HNBR Advanced Technology Elastomers”

Lanxess Corporation

Dr. Richard Pazur, Ph.D.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Number of tickets _____ x \$40.00 = _____
Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
Credit Card: Visa _____ MC _____ Discover _____
Card # _____ Exp. _____
Deadline for registration is April 14, 2006.
Mail registration form to: NYRG c/o Onofrio Palazzolo Lanxess Corporation 1277 Deepwood Drive Macedonia, OH 44056 Phone: 330-908-1036 Email: Onofrio.Palazzolo@lanxess.com

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2006 PRG MEMBERSHIP FORM - DUES NOTICE

NAME _____

TITLE _____

COMPANY _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP + 4 _____

PHONE Home: _____ Business: _____

FAX _____ **E-MAIL: (Required)** _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

This is a correction to my current PRG mailing address or E-mail address _____

CHECK ONE: Renewal (\$20) New, if not a 2004 PRG member (\$20)

Life (no dues required) Emeritus (no dues required)

Request for Emeritus Status for first time (Dues waived pending decision)
I am at least 65 years old and have a minimum of 15 years previous membership

Life or Emeritus member (no dues required) would like to donate \$20 to scholarship fund

STATUS

ACS MEMBER YES NO

RUBBER DIVISION YES NO

2006 DUES - \$20.00. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PHILADELPHIA RUBBER GROUP

Mail to:
Tim Trial
Carlisle Syntec
PO box 7000
Carlisle, PA 17013
trial@syntec.carlisle.com

Credit Card Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____

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