

MidAtlantic Rubber & Plastics Group

Winter 2007 Newsletter



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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

STATE OF THE MIDATLANTIC RUBBER AND PLASTICS GROUP

It's been more than a year since the New York and Philadelphia Rubber Groups created a merged Board of Directors and began progress towards unification as the MidAtlantic Rubber and Plastics Group. Our thinking at the time was that the rubber industry density and volunteer availability in our area was more consistent with a single organization. Most of our members belong both to the NYRG and PRG. Thus the first benefit: One dues payment instead of two. The costs of nonprofit group formation and recognition are such that the payback to the membership in terms of reduced dues is, unfortunately, rather long term. Our goal is not, however, smaller, cheaper. It's bigger, better.

This is the reasoning behind Rubber and Plastics Group. These industries are no longer separable. No technologist in one area of polymer science can afford to be unfamiliar with either. In this spirit we are holding a joint technical

meeting with the Palisades Section of SPE February 22nd on wire and cable technology pertinent to both. On May 24th, we will have technical papers in the morning before exploring the aerodynamic properties of an excellent plastic-elastomer composite, the golf ball. Then our Fall Technical Meeting will concentrate on the uses of plastic resins in elastomers and of rubber in plastic compositions. (We'll even consider papers on the uses of rubber in rubber compositions, sometimes a mystifying area.)

You can't afford to miss any of these. Even Fishtech, on June 28th, will have a technical cast. And we can't afford your missing any. So mark your calendar for these win-win dates.

Dick Grossman
MARPG Chair

Winter 2007 Technical Meeting

MARPG& SPE-Palisades

MidAtlantic Rubber and Plastics Group & Society of Plastics Engineers-Palisades

Joint Winter Technical Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2007
Crown Plaza - Monroe, NJ (Exit 8A, NJ TPKE)

3:00 - 8:00 PM with Cocktails and Dinner
(Cash Bar - Buffet Style Dinner is \$55.00 per person; \$60.00 at the door)

Featured Presentations From the Following Companies:

"Rotor Optimization and Advances in Rotor Manufacturing"
Presented by Pete Glasser of HF Rubber Machinery

"Electron Beam Curing of EVM and HNBR for Cable Compounds"
Presented By John Dewar of Lanxess Corp.

"Olefinic Elastomers for Wire and Cable Applications"
Presented by Day-Chyun Lee of The Dow Chemical Company

"Titanates & Zirconates-Nanotechnology and Flame Retardance"
Presented by Sal Monte, President, Kenrich Petrochemicals, Inc.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number of tickets X \$55.00 = _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Deadline for registration February 19, 2007.

Mail or fax registration form to:
MARG c/o Ron Campbell
Greene, Tweed and Company
2075 Detwiler Road
Kulpsville, PA 19443
Phone: 215-256-9521
Fax: 215-256-0189

Educational Committee

In conjunction with the Fall Technical Meeting we will be having a separate seminar in the morning on an educational program for our members or members of participating companies. The last seminar we held was on Rubber Basics and the attendance was great with many companies participating this session for neophytes to the rubber industry. At this time we have not set a theme and are considering a repeat of the neophyte course or having the session cover a specific topic like additives to rubber.

We are receptive to any feedback from the membership regarding a topic that would be of use for most member companies and specifically one that would be well attended. If you have any ideas please e-mail Don Slowicki at slowicki@msn.com

Don Slowicki

Don Slowicki
Education Chairman, PRG

Membership Report

For 2006, the Philadelphia Rubber Group had 82 active members, 19 new members and 23 Life and Emeritus members, for a total active membership of 124 members. The New York Rubber Group ended the year with 119 renewals and 16 emeritus members, for a total active membership of 135 members.

The membership application for The MidAtlantic Rubber and Plastics group was sent to the membership of the former Philadelphia and New York Rubber Groups February 12, 2007.

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

MARPG Golf Outing/Technical Meeting

On May 24, 2007 the MARPG will hold its Golf Outing and Technical Meeting at The Architects Golf Club, Lopatcong, NJ. This will be an all day event and will kick-off at 9:00AM with the Technical Meeting followed by Golf in the afternoon and a dinner following golf. Registrations will be sent out soon but put this event on your calendar so that you don't book something else in for that day. It will be truly a memorial event.

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 June fishing trip (NYRG) which traditionally takes place on the 4th Thursday of June, we are scheduled for Bottom Fishing on June 28th.

The boat will be the Atlantis, which sails out of Brielle, NJ. and is captained by Capt. Francis Bogan. The Atlantis is scheduled for 30 fisherman and we can add additional anglers if needed.

We will push-off the dock at 7:30 AM for a full day of fishing. Lunch will be provided and rods are available for rental on the boat. Beverages are not provided so you should plan on bringing your supply.

The cost per person will be \$50 per adult (\$25 per child) on a first come basis.

A formal announcement will be made soon but it is not too early to be thinking about attending this fun day.

Don Slowicki
Fisherperson

2007 Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **MARPG / SPE PALISADES JOINT TECHNICAL MEETING**
February 22, 2007
Crown Plaza Hotel, Monroe, NJ
- **MARPG Golf Outing & Technical Meeting**
May 24, 2007
The Architects Golf Club, Lopatcong, NJ <http://www.thearchitectsclub.com/>
- **MARPG Fishing Trip - Brielle, NJ**
June 28th, 2007
- **MARPG Fall Technical Meeting**
Date and Location to be determined