



# October 2007

## Chapter News

### Birmingham AFS Scholarships

The Birmingham AFS Chapter has two scholarships available! Applications are available online at:

[www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org)

or you may contact Ms. Molly Stewart at ACIPCO, (205) 325-7024 or

[mstewart@acipco.com](mailto:mstewart@acipco.com)

Apply today!

### Thank You!

If you missed last months meeting, you missed out on a great opportunity to visit with our friends in the Anniston area. We had a fantastic turnout from the East Alabama foundries and many of the Birmingham folks made the journey up the road as well.

Tom Surtees presented a terrific update of the progress made in the collection of revenue in the state and presented an insiders viewpoint to several fantastic economic developments that will keep Alabama in the forefront of American manufacturing in this modern global economy.

*Regular Meeting  
Place & Time*

The Wynfrey Hotel  
Galleria Mall  
US-31 & I-459

Monday, October 8th  
Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.  
Social Time 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Leave your reservation request at  
(205)661 - 0206 ext. 23  
or via the internet at  
[www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org)

**Be sure to leave your name!**

*Make your reservations before 12:00 Noon on October 5th*

**Price of Meal—\$30.00**

**Please visit our chapter website or the AFS National website frequently to get the latest chapter and national info:**

[www.afsbirmingham.org](http://www.afsbirmingham.org)

or

[www.afsinc.org](http://www.afsinc.org)

*October 8th Meeting Topic:*

**“Building Young Minds”**

*presented by...*

*Brian Copes  
Chelsea Middle School  
Career Discovery Instructor*

Mr. Copes has brought an innovative hands on teaching approach to his students that generates enthusiasm and excitement about mechanical design, engineering problem solving and rewarding hard work.

Modeling his classroom after the television show “Monster Garage”, Mr. Copes led his middle school students into competition against college teams and came in first place. Mr. Copes has partnered with parents, the community, local universities and businesses to continue expanding the scope and increase the challenges presented to these exceptional students.



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## From the CHAPTER CHAIRMAN...

We had a great time in Anniston for our September meeting... we missed all of you that were unable to attend! And you missed a great meeting with a great talk given by the new Alabama Director of Industrial Relations, and past chapter chairman Tom Surtees – *Thanks Tom* for your outstanding presentation it was extremely interesting, informative and greatly appreciated, as is your continued support and friendship to the chapter.

The Board is asking all members to visit our web site to vote for the CMI course to let us know what course you would like to see the chapter sponsor this year.

As well, we need your ideas of fund-raiser possibilities so we may raise the last \$3,000 we need to pay off the Gator 4-wheel cart we donated to Camp Coleman last year. Anyone having suggestions please visit with any of the Officers or Board of Directors.

Again, it was a great meeting in Anniston – great job Brian for the program, and Tommy, for taking care of all the details. Classics on Noble did a fantastic job!

You won't want to miss our October meeting, the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Wynfrey... Brian has another great program planned! So come experience first hand the Southern hospitality and fellowship that makes the *Birmingham District Chapter* number one in all of AFS!

Best regards,  
Kevin Crawford  
Chapter Chairman



## Cast Metals Institute

Upcoming Schedule

Analysis & Reduction of Aluminum Permanent Mold Casting Defects

Sept. 25-27

Sand and Molding Technology

Oct. 2-Feb. 2

Foundry Leadership Skills Workshop

Oct. 4-5

Introduction to Metalcasting

Oct. 16-18

Introduction to Metallurgy

INTERNET COURSE

Oct.16-Feb. 2

Melting & Heat Treating of Castings

INTERNET COURSE

Oct.16-Feb. 2



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Post Office Box 307  
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### 2007-2008 AFS Birmingham Meeting Schedule

Monday, October 8, 2007	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, November 12, 2007	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, December 10, 2007	Christmas Party	Wynfrey
Monday, January 14, 2008	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, February 11, 2008	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Monday, March 10, 2008	Regular Meeting	Wynfrey
Friday, April 2008	Student Night	Tuscaloosa, AL
Monday, May 12, 2008	Awards Night	Wynfrey

Regular Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Place: Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL  
5:00pm - Board Meeting  
6:00pm - Meeting Registration & Social Hour  
6:30pm - Dinner & Technical Presentation



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