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Watermelt: A New Way For Efficient Production of Thick-Wall Parts

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- Less tendency for surface marks.

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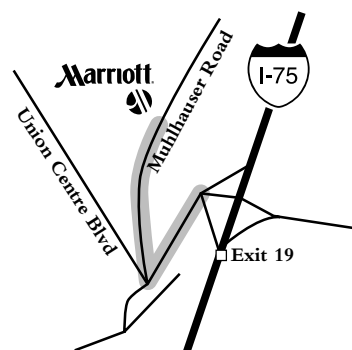
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 3rd	Cin./Marriott Union Centre Water Molding - Engel
Nov. 7th	Cin./Marriott Union Centre Plastic part design - Glenn Beall
Dec. (date TBD)	Dayton Spouse/Date Night
Jan. 9*	Krauss Maffei Tout
Feb.6	Dayton/Alex's Additives, fillers, blowing agents
Mar. 6	Cin./Marriott Union Centre Taking the fear out of OSHA
April 3	Dayton/Alex's Student Night/Economic Development
May 1	Plant tour Comet Automation - weigh blenders, loaders, dryers, conveying equip.
June 9	Golf outing Hamilton Elks
June 22-26	Chicago NPE'03

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SPE Board Meeting	4:00 - 6:00 pm
Networking	6:00 - 6:30 pm
Dinner	6:30 - 7:15 pm
Program	7:30 - 8:30 pm

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Thank you to everyone who came to our September's meeting. It was one of our better attended 1st meetings. Mr. Rainer Farrag did a good job of explaining the drying of resins, as well as showing the compressed air drying system.

Please note that we changed the location of our Cincinnati meetings to the Marriott at Union Center. This should be more convenient for both Cincinnati and Dayton members.

For the future meetings, we are looking forward to a good year. Some highlights include "The Importance of Product Design" (November), and a material night that will concentrate on additives in plastics. We also have at least 2 tours - Krauss Maffei (3 processes) and Comet Automation. With all of our meetings, we strive for two main goals. To provide students and less-experienced plastics professionals with important technical information of our industry, and to educate all of our members with the latest innovations in plastics.

A good example of this is water injection. Just as gas injection opened up new areas for plastics, water injection could do the same. By learning more about new technologies, and correctly applying them, there will be more opportunities for our plastics industry.



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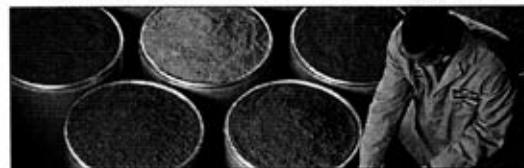
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OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD



I am sure each and every one of you observed Don Keyes holding an award in last months newsletter. No, he did not receive a grant to aid in his education in plastics. Don has been an outstanding member in our section. He has been our most dedicated education chairman and the terrific job he does speaks for itself. He is highly respected by his peers and by our students. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Don is past president of our section and has been a very consciencious board member always willing to lend a hand. Don received his award at the education meeting and I truly apologize for not promptly acknowledging his award. Please congratulate him at the October meeting and let him know how much we all care.

Thanks, Mickey.



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