



# The SPECTRUM

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## EDUCATION NIGHT

*Thursday, April 7, 2005*

## GLOBAL STANDARDS FOR PLASTICS CERTIFICATION

Andy Routsis will be here to introduce a global program from which we can all benefit. This program will provide a global "skill" certification to a wide range of plastic related job functions.

Troy Nix of MAPP will be here to share the progress of the processors in Indiana. The State of Indiana is financially assisting the program to encourage growth and gain this global competitive edge. Troy is presently working with the State of Ohio to promote their assistance to our plastic companies to gain the same global competitive edge.

Call Mickey for reservations - (Dayton) (937) 890-7834

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

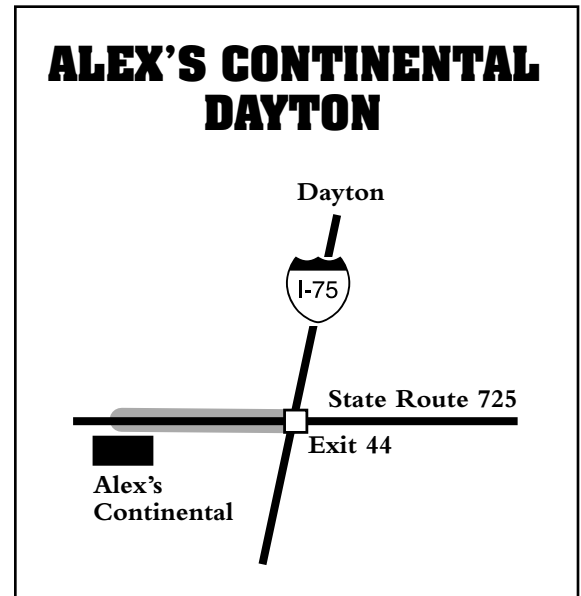
Please read the credentials of our speakers - they are not strangers to our industry. Their bio's are on page 13.

### Driving Directions

#### Alex's Continental

Exit 44 from I-75 to St. Rt. 725 West

Alex's is .5 mile on south side of 725.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Apr 7**      **Education Night**  
**Alex's Dayton, OH**
- May 5**      Automation Night  
Why and How You  
Could and Should
- Jun 13**     Golf Outing  
Jack Nicklaus  
Kings Island Golf Center

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Spring is finally here! Hopefully by the time everyone reads this message I will be a proud father of a bouncing baby boy. My wife is due any day now. Please wish us luck, as everything will go well as yet another Jergens enters the world. And if I can make it to a meeting shortly after the birth of my first child I would hope everyone will turn out to support Education Night and MVSPE, no pressure and I will bring pictures and plenty of cigars. It is also time to take the golf clubs out of storage and put them in the car. Plans for these years Byron Nelson Memorial Golf outing are underway. We have some exciting things going on for this years

outing. For the first time in many years we are moving the golf outing to the Kings Island Golf Center. We are hoping to bring many more people this year and we have done everything we can to lower the costs to \$100.00 per golfer including pushing back the starting time. We look forward to seeing everyone there and we will be sending out more information and hole sponsorship information in the next couple of weeks. This months meeting we are bringing back Andy Routsis, from A. Routsis Associates who is co-sponsoring the Global Standards for Plastics Certification in conjunction with Troy Nix from Mid American Plastic Processors (MAPP). Many companies in other states have been able to get thousands of dollars to off set their training / education costs. I have included an excerpt from a letter sent out to MAPP members earlier this year. I want to encourage ALL SPE members, employers, business owners, employees and students to this months SPE meeting. This is a program that MVSPE is supporting and we are looking for support within our section and to get some feedback from YOU. Other companies in other states have been able to get thousands of dollars to off set their training / education costs.

Why Global Certification?

- 1. Certification Grants Your Employees Professional Credentials.** By recognizing individual accomplishments, the GSPC Certification serves as an impartial, third-party endorsement of their skills, knowledge and experience on an international basis.
- 2. Certification Demonstrates Their Commitment to the Plastics Industry and Your Company.** Receiving GSPC certification shows their commitment to a chosen career and their ability to perform their job function to a high set of standards.
- 3. Certification Enhances the Plastics Industry's Image.** GSPC certification programs seek to grow, promote and develop certified professionals, who can stand "out in front" as examples of excellence in the plastics processing industry.
- 4. Certification Reflects Achievement.** GSPC certification is a reflection of personal achievement since the individual has displayed excellence in their field by meeting standards and requirements established and accepted by the Global Plastics industry.

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**ONLINE SAVES TIME!!**

- Register online for montly meetings
- See updated meeting info
- Sign up to receive the electronic version of The SPECTRUM
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- Update your contact information
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[www.mvspe.org](http://www.mvspe.org)

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## **FEBRUARY 3, 2005 MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Dennis Richmond, Robert Jergens, Dick Hauck, Paul Woods, Jack Bell, Frank Maus

**Reported could not attend:** Dean Kroger, Don Keyes, Mickey Brandon, Dan Tomo, and Paul Moore

**Start:** 5:15 PM

**Minutes:** Read.

**Treasurer:** Got a check from GP for ad. Jan. meeting cost us \$ 450.00. Report read by Dick Hauck.

**House:** Paid for 50, hope for the best!

**Program:** April meeting Alex's Education Night Andy Routsis (education training), Troy Nix of MAPP of Indiana. March meeting TBD.

**Education Committee:** No report.

**IT:** Tricia is a wonderful person! She got out our e-postcard out within two hours of sending the info.

**International Councilor:** TOPCON's are being successful. We will continue to try to have one ASAP.

**Membership:** Up twenty people to 356! SPE in general is up to 20,333 members. Last year 19,558.

**Newsletter:** Need March info ASAP for printing Tuesday Feb. 8th.

**RETEC/TOPCON:** We will be talking to the Extrusion Division. They would like to do a "nuts and bolts" "back to basics" three day thing.

**Recycling:** No report.

**Historian:** No report.

**Golf Outing:** No report.

**Old / New Business:** Board of Directors needs three new members, discussing first year Board members will have dues free!

**Adjournment:** 6: 15 PM

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, cont.**

**5. Certification Builds Self-Esteem and Pride.** GSPC certification defines a person beyond a mere job description while ultimately gaining a sense of personal satisfaction and pride in both themselves and their accomplishments as a professional.

**6. Certification Can Improve Career Opportunities and Advancement.** GSPC certification will clearly identify employees who have demonstrated competency in specific areas based on accepted industry standards. This becomes a crucial step in their advancement as both a professional and an employee within your company.

**7. Certification Provides Your Company With Greater Business Potential.** Aside from ISO and QS requirements, many potential customers prefer vendors who provide rigorous training and skills advancement systems for their employees.

**8. Certification Improves Skills and Knowledge.** In all cases, GSPC certification requires training, study and practical implementation. GSPC certification showcases your employees competence by confirming both their proficiency and knowledge.

**9. Certification Prepares Your Workforce For Greater On-The-Job Responsibilities.** Since GSPC certification is a clear indicator of your employees' willingness to invest time and effort into their own professional development. Ultimately, this improves their skills and confidence, thus becoming more proficient and reliable... a must in these days of lean manufacturing.

**10. Certification Offers Greater Recognition From Peers.** By becoming a GSPC-certified professional, your employees can expect increased recognition from their peers for taking that extra step towards their professional development.

By attending, you will learn the importance of the Global Standard for Plastics Certification...Not only it's importance to the plastics industry, but also it's importance to you and your company's bottom line!

Look Forward to Seeing Everyone There!

Rob