

# Polymer Valley News



**The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers**  
*Our 58<sup>th</sup> Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry*

**~ Next Session ~**

**Monday, September 11, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**The Vinyl Institute**  
**Hilton Inn**  
**3180 West Market St.**  
**Akron, Ohio 44333**

**PVC Overview and Applications**  
**Richard Krock, Vice President,**  
**Regulatory and Technical Affairs**  
**for the Vinyl Institute**



The Vinyl Institute will provide an update on opportunities and challenges facing U.S. vinyl resin, compound and product manufacturers. Resin and compound producers are subject to significant new regulations from EPA and OSHA. Production statistics, key safety and environmental performance metrics, and recycling surveys will provide insights as to the growth of the industry. Highlights from major markets will be augmented with results of VI's most recent AIA architect opinion survey. Programs and responses with respect to vinyl's continued viability will be reported. VI's new sustainability initiatives including outreach with some major brands will be presented that demonstrate how successes can result from collaborative interactions.



## Meeting Information

Member and/or guest	\$25
Retired	\$20
Student	\$5
New Member - first meeting	Free

Social / Networking / Bar	5:30 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Program	Following dinner

Reservations must be in by noon on Friday, Sept. 8 and can be made to Gary Taylor at 330-419-4380 or [akronspe1@gmail.com](mailto:akronspe1@gmail.com)

Please be sure to include the company affiliation of each attendee including dietary restrictions.

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# President's Message

Akron Section SPE Members:

The Board of Directors of the Akron Section and I welcome you to our 2017-2018 professional activities. First, let me thank Robert Weiler for the excellent job he did last year in putting together a super program. If you haven't been to a section meeting lately, you are missing a lot. Attendance is up and the programs have been very interesting. With the support of Rik Keeley and Jon Sovis from the Cleveland chapter, we have another interesting and educational program of technical and social meetings for you to enjoy this year.

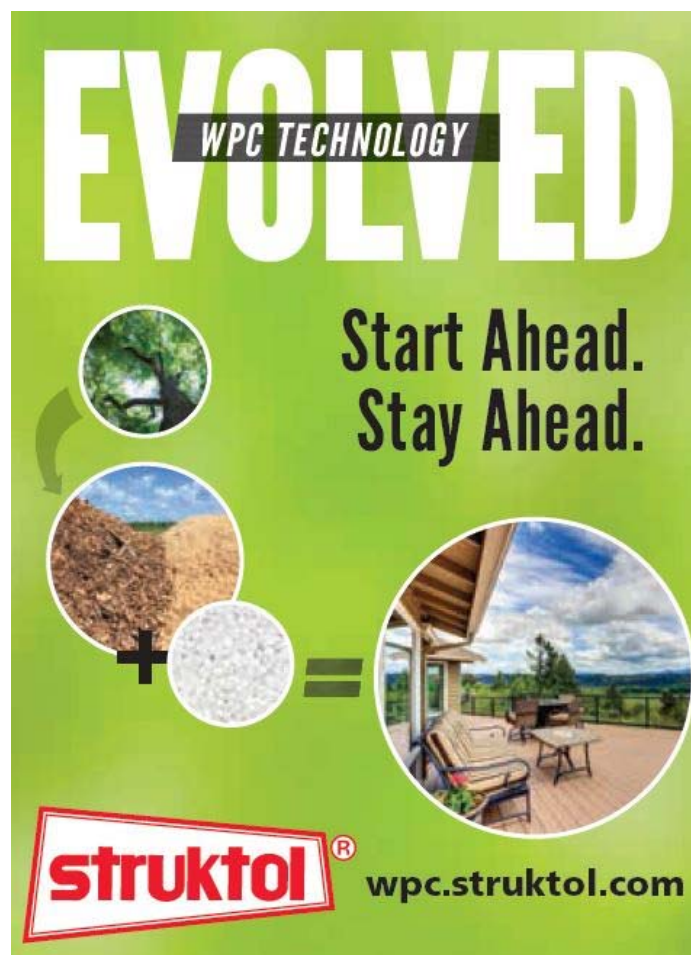
All meetings will be held jointly with the Cleveland Section except for our separate Award Nights in May. You will find program details in the Polymer Valley newsletter, our web site at [akronspe.org](http://akronspe.org) or our Facebook home page, as well as the pocket calendar sent under separate cover. Note that meetings will be held at the Akron Fairlawn Hilton on West Market Street on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

We start the year on September 11 with a presentation by Richard Krock, Vice President, Regulatory and Technical Affairs, The Vinyl Institute. Mr. Krock will update meeting attendees on opportunities and challenges facing U.S. vinyl resin, compound and product manufacturers.

If you would like to participate in the leadership and decision making, please join us at the board meetings. This year, board meetings are generally scheduled the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the UA Polymer Engineering Academic Center. Please contact me for details.

I'm looking forward to meeting you at an upcoming Akron SPE event.

Tom McQuaide,  
*President 2017-2018 Akron Section of SPE*  
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**Akron Hilton, 3180 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44333**

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Driving South on I-77

Exit at #138 to Fairlawn. Turn right on Ghent Rd. Follow south for two miles. The Hilton is at West Market Street (Rt. 18) and Ghent Road. Turn Right on West Market Street. Hotel is located on the left.

Driving North on I-77 (From Akron/Canton Airport)

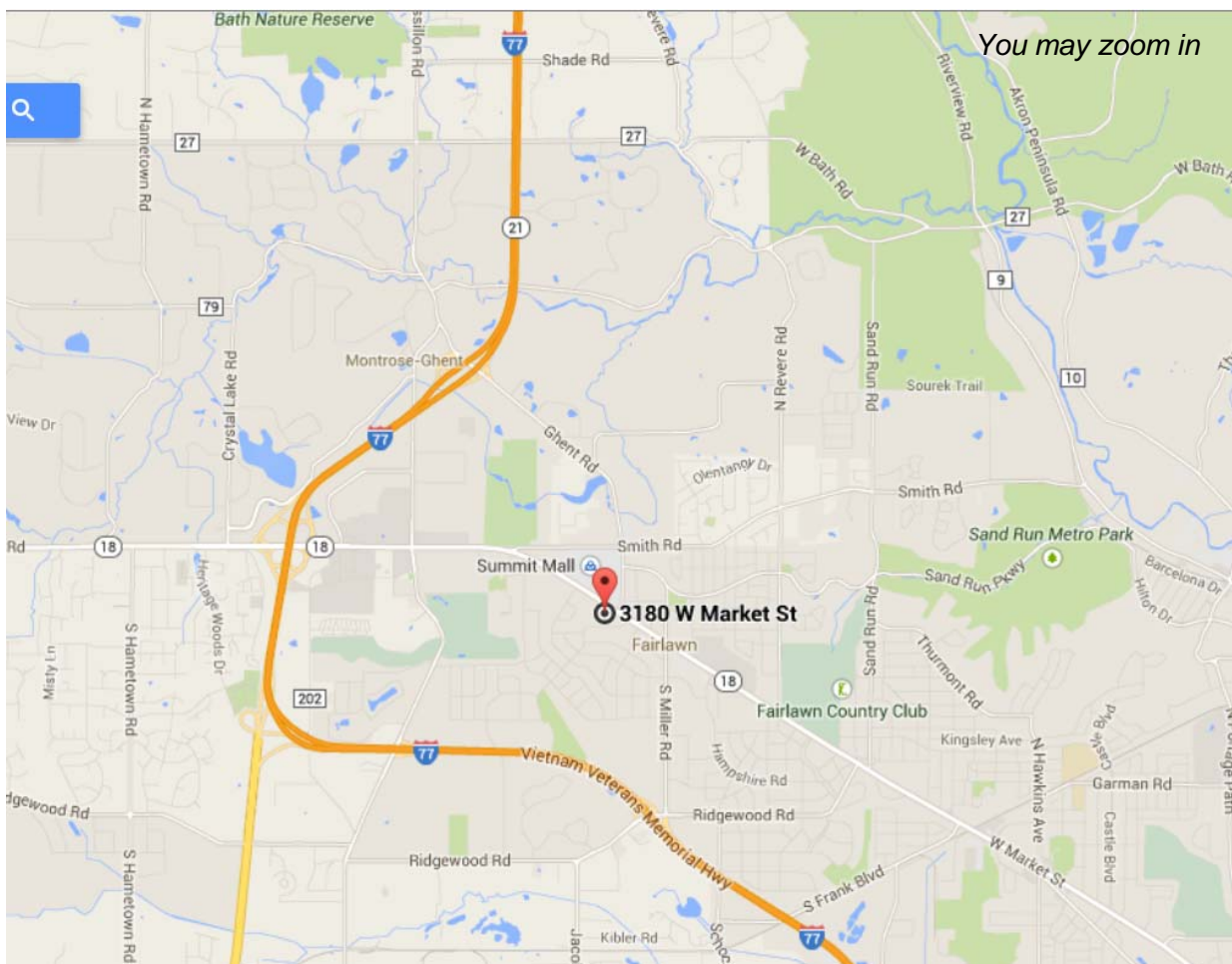
Exit at #133 – Ridgewood/Miller Rd. Go straight through the exit for approximately 2 miles. Turn left on Market Street (2 blocks). The Hotel is located on the left

Driving North or South on I-71

Take Route 18 – Medina Exit #218. Drive east on route 18 approximately 10 miles. The Hilton will be located on the right side opposite the Summit Mall

Ohio Turnpike

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- Sept. 11 **The Vinyl Institute**  
PVC Overview and Applications,  
Richard Krock  
-- *Hilton Fairlawn – Akron \**
- Oct. 9 **Lubrizol**  
Plastic Resin Development - Plant Tour  
-- *Brecksville – Cleveland \**
- Nov. 13 **Avery Dennison**  
Plastic Film Manufacturing Machinery –  
Plant Tour  
-- *Mentor – Cleveland \**
- Dec. 4 **Holiday Celebration**  
Madrigal Singers and Speaker  
-- *The Galaxy, Wadsworth – Akron\**
- Jan. 8 **Baerlocher USA**  
Ed Hall  
-- *Hilton Fairlawn – Joint ACESS\**

- Feb. 12 **Plastics in the Medical Field**  
-- *Hilton Fairlawn – Cleveland \**
- Mar. 12 **The Madison Group**  
Avoiding Failure / Failure Analysis,  
Jeffrey Jansen  
-- *Hilton Fairlawn – Akron \**
- Apr. 9 **Industry / Teacher Collaboration**  
Plastics in Education, John Fellenstein  
and Kevin Cavicchi  
-- *Hilton Fairlawn – Akron\**
- May 21 **Akron Section Awards Night**  
Dr. Eric J. Amis  
-- *Firestone Country Club – Akron*
- Meetings are joint with Cleveland  
Section with host section denoted by \**

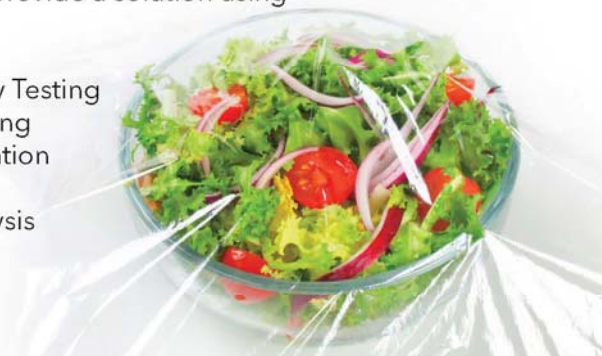
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# Akron Section Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation



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The Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation operates exclusively for the benefit of and to carry out the purposes of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers, which is to promote scientific and engineering knowledge relating to plastics by making educational scholarship grants to deserving students in the field of plastics engineering and related subjects. The Organization is supported primarily by contributions from the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers, the Society's individual members and corporations like yours affiliated with the polymer industry.

Since the inception in 1988, the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation has grown to its current position through the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of the local business community. Over the twenty-eight years that the foundation has been in existence, it has provided scholarships to over 258 young men and women totaling in excess of \$327,000 to assist them in furthering their careers in the polymer industry.

Our goal is to continue to grow the assets of the Foundation in order to increase the number of scholarships awarded, as well as the size of the awards, and to do so in perpetuity. In doing this, we hope to be able to contribute to the supply of well-trained individuals to support the growth of the polymer industry in the Northeast Ohio area today and well into the future.

When the Foundation began its fund raising activities in 1988, we offered those companies who contributed \$30,000 a scholarship in their name. To date we have four named scholarships, Newell/Rubbermaid, Goodyear, Ken Sharp Memorial and Jim Steiner Memorial scholarships. We are asking your company to help with the growth of well-trained individuals in the local polymer industry. Please print this page, fill out the information and mail it to Bob Wegelin, 13206 Kaufman Ave. NW Hartville, OH 44632.

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Sincerely,

*Bob Wegelin, Foundation Chair*



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