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This Month's Meeting:

**In-Mold Decorating Solutions for Custom Molders
John Campbell, Ranger Automation Systems, Inc.**

With Akron Section

Monday, February 13, 2012

Harry's Steakhouse
5664 Brecksville Road
Independence, OH 44131

Agenda:

4:30 Board Meeting
5:30 Cash Bar
6:00 Buffet Dinner
6:45 Program

Price: Member and/or guest \$25.00
Retired \$25.00
Student and/or guest \$20.00

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Reservations must be in by noon on Friday, Feb. 10th
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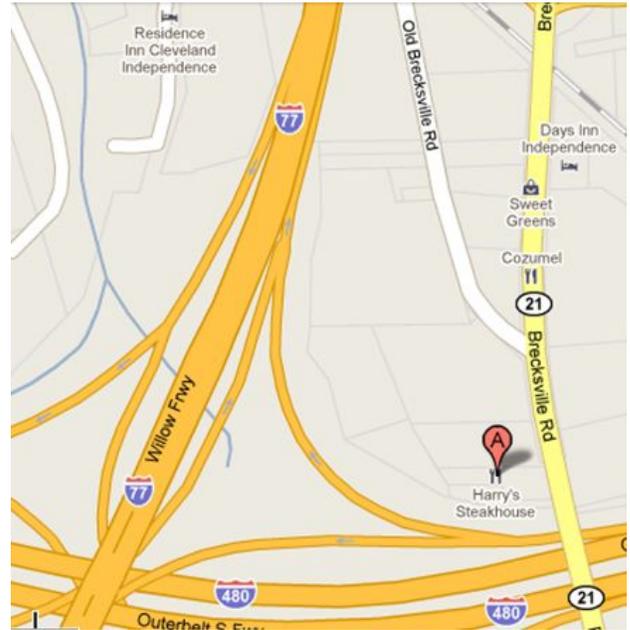
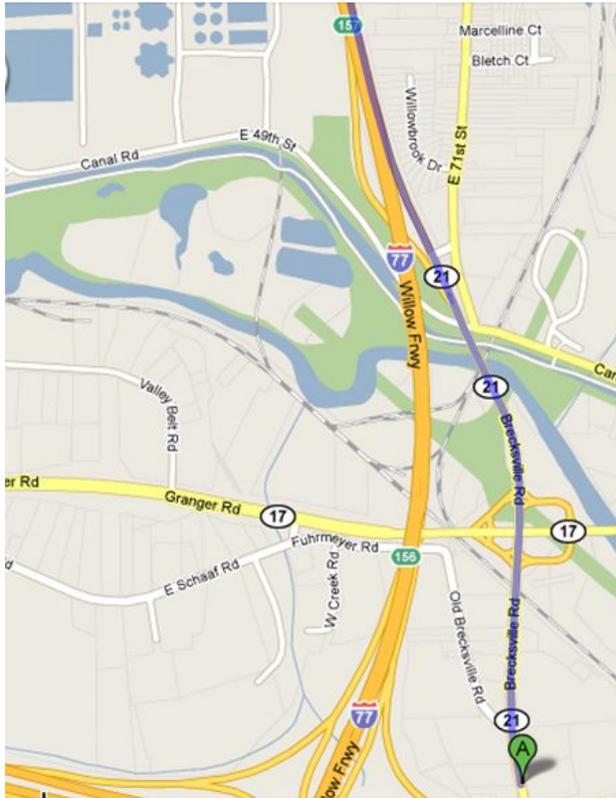
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Directions to Feb 13th meeting:

From Cleveland, take I-77 South to Exit 157 for OH 21/Brecksville Road South
Drive 1.2 miles, Harry's Steakhouse will be on the right.



([Click Here](#) or Ctrl-click on map above right for directions)

About the Program

In-mold decorating (IMD), also called in-mold labeling (IML), is often associated with dedicated, hi-volume molding applications such as food containers or media packaging. But the process can also be applied successfully to shorter-run custom-molded parts. The presentation will explore the benefits of IMD for custom molders and processors, including:

- Improved product quality and added value for the customer
- Enhanced consumer safety with reduced liability
- Reduced costs for the molder
- Upgraded technical capabilities to differentiate your company
- Expanded markets for existing products

In addition, the presentation will use installation examples and part samples to show how IMD can be implemented cost-effectively, sometimes through retro-fitting of existing equipment.



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President's Message

By Robert Koch



Due to family matters, I will be taking leave from my duties as your Cleveland Section President. I don't currently have a time frame for when I can return to active status. Meanwhile, please continue to remain active by attending our monthly meetings. The February and March dinner meetings at Harry's Steakhouse feature talks on robotics and LSR molding. Both speakers are veterans in their respective fields of expertise. Both talks will be interesting and informative.

About the Speaker

John Campbell, Ranger Automation Systems, Inc., holds a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering and Masters in Business, and has been involved with the plastics and chemical process industries for over 28 years. He has held positions with DuPont and Application Engineering Corp. (AEC) as Project Engineer and Market Manager in the areas of process heating & cooling, material handling, reclaim and factory automation. Currently, John manages sales and application engineering for Ranger Automation Systems, a US manufacturer of parts handling robots and automation cells for injection molding, blow-molding and extrusion operations, serving local Ohio molders including Mar-Bal, Netshape and DK Manufacturing, as well as multi-national corporations such as 3M Company, Valeo Sylvania and Velcro.



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Mar 12	Fluid Automation-Silicone Dispensing Technology	Fluid Automation, Inc.
April 2-4	ANTEC @ NPE2012 Click for registration information  THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTICS SHOWCASE April 1 - 5, 2012 • Orange County Convention Center • Orlando, Florida USA	
Apr 16	Flexible Electronics-Xiong Gong, U of Akron-Polymer Engineering	Martin Center-Univ. Of Akron
May 14	Awards Night Penn State Behrend Campus Overview Brad Johnson	TBD

SPE - Cleveland Section S03 Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2012

Attendees: Jerry Blayne, Gary Petruska, Gary Casterline

Brought to order by Gary Casterline (acting chairman and secretary for this meeting) at 4:35PM

Treasurers Report (Jerry Blayne): The section is losing a small amount of money each month since advertising sales have not covered newsletter costs and the rebate from national is only \$1250 per year. Jerry needs a copy of the approved budget for the 2011-2012 year so he can just pay for approved items without having to bring them before the board every time an expense comes up. We made \$198 on the November meeting. We have around \$7000 in savings and checking accounts combined and a short term CD just came due. Do we want to move about \$5000 into one of these accounts to cover any scholarship, essay contest or science fair awards and put the balance in another short term CD? (This item was approved by Gary and Gary.) Jerry has set up an online bank account so a majority of payments can be done without writing checks (web site, newsletter publication, etc.). Jerry is not happy with Republic Bank since they want to charge us for our business. He will be looking into other banking options that might be more agreeable to a non-profit group. (Report accepted by Gary and Gary.)

Program (Gary Casterline): Next two (joint) programs are set up to be at Harry's Steakhouse in Independence.

- February 13 – “Practical In-Mold Decorating Solutions for Custom Molders” presented by John Campbell of Ranger Automation Systems, Inc.
- March 12 – “LSR Molding – Necessary Components and Growing Market Segments” presented by Bob Pelletier of Fluid Automation, Inc.
- April 16 – “Flexible Electronics” presented by Xiong Gong of University of Akron – Polymer Engineering (at the Martin Center at U of A)
- May 14 – Awards Night with a presentation by Brad Johnson from Penn State University, Behrend Campus

Membership (Gary Petruska): We currently have 255 members in the Cleveland Section.

Councilor (Gary Petruska): Gary will be unable to attend the next councilor's meeting at the end of February so Naresh Alie has agreed to attend in his place. Jerry Blayne will be at ANTEC this summer so he agreed to attend in place of Gary. Both options we discussed and agreed upon.

Education (Gary Casterline) – Some essays have been received and more are expected in the next two weeks. We have had two contacts about scholarships so far. We agreed that we do not have the people to cover the Science Fair this year so we will skip this year of judging.

Meeting motion to adjourn was agreed to by Gary P and Jerry at 5:29PM

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SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS

SPE NAMES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As leaders of the Society of Plastics Engineers, we wanted you to be among the first to know that our new Chief Executive Officer has been appointed. Willem (Wim) De Vos, former CEO of Vitalo Group, has been hired to replace Susan Oderwald, who left SPE in December.

A resident of Belgium, Wim obtained an engineering degree in Polymer Chemistry from Industriële Hogeschool CTL in Gent, Belgium, and his executive MBA from the Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School. He began his career at Eurocompound, a leading European supplier of rubber emulsion compounds and coatings to the textile, automotive, and paper industries.

In 1996, he transferred to Recticel, a world leader in the manufacture of polyurethane products. He started as the sales manager of the automotive materials division, and became the business unit manager a few years later, overseeing plants in Detroit, Michigan, and Belgium. In 2004, he was appointed business unit director of Recticel Interior Solutions. Based in Germany, he was responsible for several European and Asian car brands. In addition to his responsibilities in Europe, he set up Recticel's first factory in China, and was as a board member of a Japanese joint venture.

In 2008, Wim joined Vitalo, a leading global supplier of plastics packaging and thermoformed plastic components, as their vice president. In October 2009, he became Vitalo's CEO. He is fluent in five languages and is a member of SPE, most recently serving as chair-elect of the European Thermoforming Division.

"In our worldwide search for a new CEO, we were delighted to find in Wim a 20-year veteran of the plastics industry who is already active in and understands our Society, has a truly global perspective, and brings outstanding management experience at a time when SPE is focused on growth," said Russell Broome, SPE's 2011–2012 President. "His expertise in extending business activities into emerging markets and his global network in the plastics industry will be of enormous value in carrying out SPE's mission of strategic growth."

"After meeting with SPE's search team," said Wim De Vos, "it became clear to me that SPE is at the eve of a major challenge and was looking for an experienced manager to act as change agent and lead SPE into new areas. The development of a new strategy and the implementation of the resulting business plan for a well-rooted, 70-year old, world-wide active organization is a wonderful opportunity. Extending activities into emerging regions is something I have been dealing with for the last two decades, and I believe my 20+ years of experience will be an asset to support such change. The plastics industry has its own challenges for the future, and I believe strongly that networks, relations and good communications will be to our benefit in reacting adequately to our markets. SPE can contribute enormously to this. I will devote myself from day one to achieve the objective of making SPE the premier plastics organization – an organization that can enable success for its members in today's global business environment."

