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Upcoming Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2017

Valtris Specialty Chemicals

Presented by Paul Angus, CEO

Meeting Location:

Valtris Specialty Chemicals
[7500 East Pleasant Valley Road](#)
[Independence, Ohio 44131](#)

Dinner Location:

Burntwood Tavern
[8188 Brecksville Rd.](#)
[Brecksville, OH 44141](#)

Agenda:

4:30-5:30 Board meeting
5:30-5:45 Registration
5:45-6:30 Tour
6:30-7:00 Presentation
7:00-8:00 Dinner at Burntwood Tavern

Price: Non-members - \$30 / Members/Guest - \$25 / Retired - \$20 / Student - \$10

Reservations:

Reservations must be in by noon on Friday, Mar 10th, and can be made to Dan Crist at 440-227-5424 or mail@cmd-tip.com. Please be sure to mention the company affiliation of each attendee and any dietary restrictions.

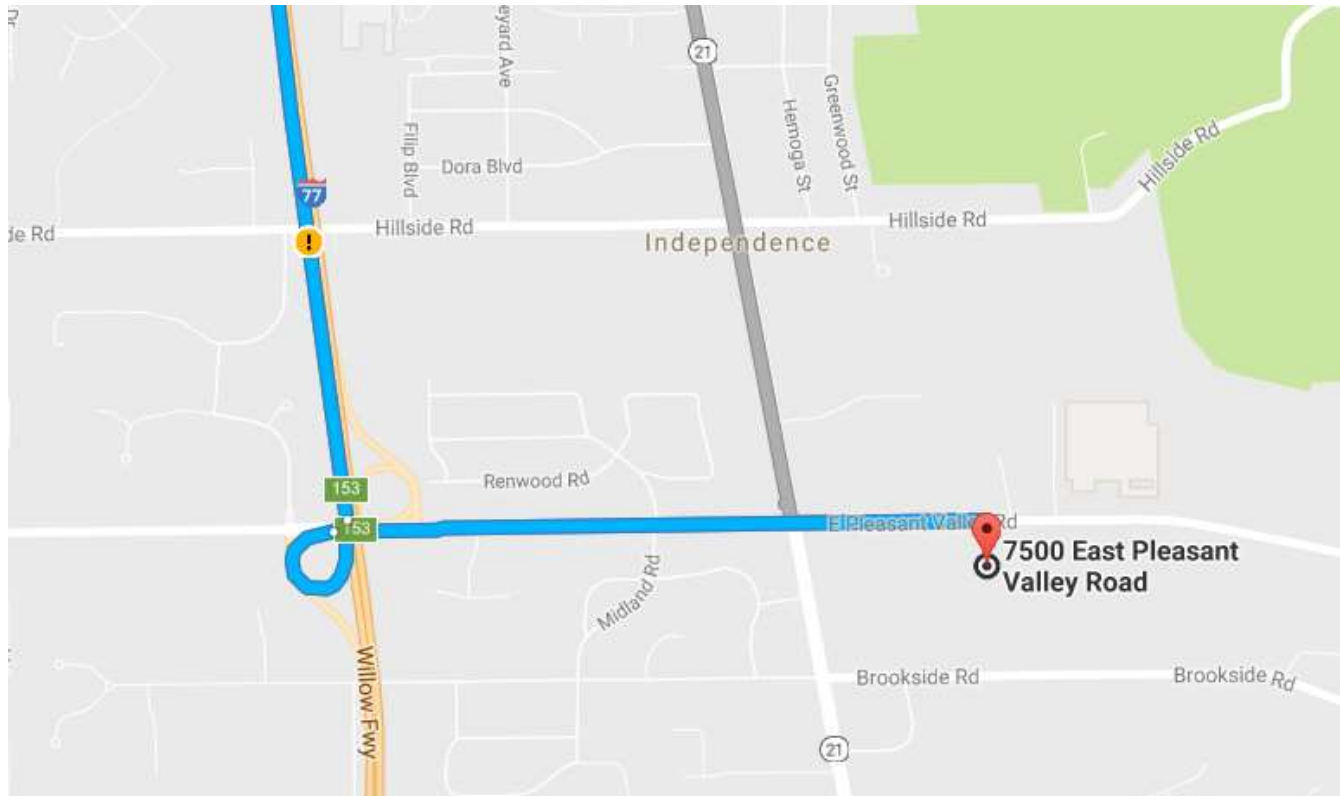
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Directions to March 13th Meeting

Directions from Cleveland:

Take I-77 south to Exit 153 and looping around to head east on East Pleasant Valley Road. In 1.1 miles, Valtris Specialty Chemicals will be on your right, 7500 East Pleasant Valley Road. (Click on the map to view in Google maps)



About the Speaker:

Paul Angus is the CEO of Valtris Specialty Chemicals, a global supplier of additives to the plastics, coatings and chemical markets. Paul has 30 years of experience in the specialty chemical and coatings industries. He has led Valtris since its inception in December, 2014, following a 28 year career at Ferro Corporation.



About the Program:

Valtris has inherited a rich 75-year history starting in 1940 with Ferro's purchase of the Walton Hills, Ohio facility to our formation as a stand-alone company in December, 2014. Formerly the Polymer Additives Division of Ferro Corporation, Valtris continues to be a leading provider of specialty chemicals, serving industries as diverse as building and construction, packaging, consumer goods, transportation and oilfield additives. Headquartered in Independence, Ohio, and with seven facilities operating globally, Valtris offers a range of complimentary products for the specific needs of our diverse customer base. For more information see <http://www.valtris.com/>

REVIEW OF OUR FEBRUARY 13, 2017 EVENT

Addressing a group of SPE Cleveland and Akron section members gathered at the Fairlawn Hilton, Dr. Joel Elvery of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland gave a very informative presentation on the current situation and near-term outlook of our national, state and regional (NE Ohio) economies. He also discussed past trends of specific segments of the economy and their growth or decline by regions. In general, his outlook was positive, with a few reservations. Dr. Elvery generated a lot of audience interest as demonstrated by numerous follow-up questions.

Joel Elvery is an economist in the External Outreach and Regional Analytics Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. Dr. Elvery's specializes in applied econometrics, which involves studying economic models and using statistical trials to calculate future trends. His current work focuses on the regional economy in the Fourth Federal Reserve District, which includes Ohio, western Pennsylvania, eastern Kentucky, and the northern panhandle of West Virginia. Prior to joining the Bank in 2013, Dr. Elvery was an assistant professor in the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. Before that, he held the position of research economist at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, DC. He also worked as a social science analyst at the US Census Bureau's Center for Economic Studies. Dr. Elvery holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He earned his MA and PhD in economics from the University of Maryland. More information can be found at <https://www.clevelandfed.org/>



Future SPE Cleveland Dates

Mar 13	Valtris – Additive Development & Manufacturing, Plant Tour	Cleveland
Apr 10	Industry/Teacher Collaboration Plastics in Education	Hilton Fairlawn
May 15	Awards Night	TBD

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 13, 2017

In Attendance:

Dan Crist (President, House), Moris Amon (Treasurer, Interim Newsletter Editor), Ron Raleigh (Awards), Rik Keeley (Past President), John Sovis (Program), Dennis Meade (Education), Craig Potter (Advertising), Bob Opalko (Secretary), Jerry Blayne (Councilor)

Minutes

Board Membership: Dan Gisser has reconsidered, and will not join the board at this time. Ron Raleigh offered to be the President-elect, and all members agreed. M. Amon noted that he can no longer be the Communications Director after May 2017.

House: The March event will be \$30 for non-members, \$25 for members, \$20 for retirees and \$10 students.

Treasurer: M. Amon distributed the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting, and he noted during the meeting that most of our expenses for 2017 are in the near future.

Advertising: C. Potter reported that there were no new paid ads placed. He suggested that he make a quick 1-2 slide ad pitch at the end of a speaker's presentation, assuming that this would be agreeable to the Akron Section. Members agreed that this was a good idea.

Councilor: J. Blayne distributed to the board the concern letter that he submitted to the New Sections Committee of SPE, along with possible solutions. These concerns mainly were financial, and there was some discussion about the proposed solutions. J. Blayne outlined his planned travel to these meetings for 2017. The Board agreed to reimburse his travel expenses at a flat rate of \$500 per meeting starting with the present fiscal year, 2016-2017. This includes the last meeting he attended in Quebec City, and the upcoming one he will attend in Anaheim, CA.

Education: D. Meade reported that schools that are interested in a visit by the Plastivan contact Eve Vitale directly for scheduling, and she will package the school visits in the most efficient manner. The Board approved using the SPE Foundation to award two scholarships of \$1,500 each, to which our Board committed in 2015. In recent years, D. Meade contacted 24 schools and garnered only 2 candidates. Now the Cleveland Section will donate \$3,000 annually to the SPE Foundation, and the Foundation will advertise our two scholarships (together with all other SPE scholarships), find suitable candidates, and submit them for SPE-C Board approval, keeping any interest earned until disbursement of the scholarships as its service fee.

2017-2018 Program: Ron Raleigh noted that the speaker for the March 13, 2017 meeting at Valtris Specialty Chemicals will be CEO Paul Angus, and his talk will be entitled, "Regulatory Changes as a Driver for Innovation". The off-site restaurant will be the Burntwood Tavern. We will provide the projector (J. Blayne or the Akron Section) and screen.

There is an event at the University of Akron on 5-19-17, and all sections of the Ohio SPE are invited to attend. The event will tentatively be from 1-8 PM. If successful, other events will be hosted at other locations in Ohio.

February 13, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Membership: no report.

Other: On May 24, 2017 the American Chemical Society and the Society for Applied Spectroscopy will have a conference and they are asking if the Cleveland SPE would like to present 3 technical papers on a the subject of polymers. D. Meade tentatively volunteered to give "Coloring of Polymers", Ben Xu from Avery Dennison will present, and J. Blayne will contact another possible presenter.

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Request For Program Suggestions And Volunteers

Dear SPE Members,

The Program Committee thanks all the members of the Board of Directors for their assistance to the Program Committee in the implementation of the 2016-2017 meeting programs and by their suggestions for 2017-2018 programs. However, we need input from the general membership, too. Please send me, at your convenience, your suggestion for future Cleveland Section meeting programs.

In addition, the Cleveland Section Board needs more committee chairs, officers and directors for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 activities. The Board requests you give serious consideration to volunteer. Please notify me of your interest and any questions you may have.

These are the chair positions that need filling:

1. Newsletter and Web Content Editor / Communication committee chair,
2. Awards chair,
3. Public Interest chair.
4. TopCon chair for a future topical conference.

We also need Directors to fill committee positions. Please call me if you would like me to explain the responsibilities of these positions.

Regards,

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