



# The Chicago Rubber Group, Inc.

A Subdivision of the Rubber Division, American Chemical Society

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## Chicago Rubber Group Technical Meeting

**Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
at

Grand Geneva Resort of Lake Geneva

7036 Hwy 50  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147  
(262) 248-8811

**Registration 3:30**  
**Program 4:00 PM**  
**Social Hour 6:00 PM**  
**Dinner 7:00 PM**

**To View the Guest Speakers, and  
Download the Dinner Reservation Form,  
Go to our Homepage:**

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org>

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### CRG 2010 Remaining Schedule of Events

Spring Meeting	<b>May 11th</b> , Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI
CRG Chicago Golf Outing	<b>July 22nd</b> , Hilton's Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale, IL
CRG Wisconsin Golf Outing	<b>August Date TBA</b> , Hawks View Golf Club, Lake Geneva, WI
Fall Meeting	<b>September 23rd</b> , The Doubletree, Arlington Heights, IL

### President's Message

Due to various concerns of the 2009 CRG Board, there was no CRG Winter Technical Meeting in 2010. However, the CRG Education Committee did put on another successful Basics of Rubber Technology Course in early March that was well attended and well received by the course participants. I would like to thank Ron Coia, and the rest of the CRG Education Committee who put in countless hours of preparation for this course as well as the speakers, tour guides and instructors for their contributions in continuing the course's success.

As mid-year approaches, the CRG is gearing up for the Spring Technical Meeting and the Golf Outings. We are always looking for new ideas and other topics that will continue to make The Chicago Rubber Group a vital tool for local companies in the rubber industry. It is just as essential for the success of this rubber group to have as much participation with the ideas of the membership as it is for the membership to pay dues and attend the technical meetings. I am urging our membership to email me with any ideas that they would like to contribute to make this group even more successful.

The Spring Technical Meeting will be held at the Grand Geneva Resort and I am looking forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, May 11. In order to make the CRG Golf Outings more successful, we will be putting on technical presentations prior to the outings this year. The specific date for the CRG Wisconsin Outing will be announcement shortly, but the CRG Chicago Outing will take place on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will once again be held at Hilton's Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL. Unfortunately we are canceling the Central Illinois Rubber Group Golf Outing this year but could possibly schedule it for the following year.

I would also like to remind everyone that the Chicago Rubber Group will be hosting the Fall Rubber Division ACS Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We are looking for additional volunteers to help support the success of this event. Please contact Tim Day at [tim@chemrep.com](mailto:tim@chemrep.com) if you are interested in contributing to this effort. The ACS Rubber Division would also like to announce that the new website for the individual rubber groups is now available. Please check it out for further information at <http://www.rubber.org/local-rubber-group>.

Finally and as always, I would like to thank the Board Members for their participation. Again, please email me at [andy@abchem.com](mailto:andy@abchem.com) with your suggestions. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Andy Bobowski, President,  
The Chicago Rubber Group, Inc.



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### 2010 Donation Appeal

There was no technical meeting in January, 2010, so consequently there were no meeting donors to report. However, the CRG would like to take this opportunity to remind the membership that it is not too late to donate to the CRG for 2010! Please go to <http://www.chicagourbbergroup.org/donations.htm> to learn how to donate and what your donation means to not only the CRG, but also to you and your company. In short, the help of both suppliers and manufacturers enables us to maintain our scholarships, education awards, the Basics of Rubber Technology course, the Golf Outings, and other interesting programs.

Please forward donations for the May meeting in a suggested amount of \$50.00 to:

**Mike Amis**  
CRG Treasurer  
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21305 Dunham Road  
Harvard, IL 60333

...Or Make your Donation Online Using a Credit Card on Our Payments Page:

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/payments.htm>

### Joining Our Group and Renewing Your Membership

Help support the CRG with your membership! If you haven't already, join or renew your membership today by visiting our Membership Page:

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/membership.htm>

### Scholarship Update

The CRG would like to congratulate Jessica Mueller and Charles Litchford, who are the winners of the 2010 Harold Stark Memorial Scholarship and Robert Kann Education Award respectively. Go to our Scholarship Page to find out more:

<http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/scholarships.htm>

### 2010 Basics of Rubber Technology Course a Success!

The CRG's 2010 Basics of Rubber Technology Course was held as SKF Sealing Solutions in Elgin, IL from March 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. This course is held every two years by the CRG and as usual, it was a well-attended success! Special thanks to all the companies, individuals and volunteers that helped to make it so. To read more about the course, go to our Rubber Course Page:

[http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/rubber\\_course.htm](http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/rubber_course.htm)

### Renew or Begin your Newsletter Advertisement

Further help our group by placing your business card-sized advertisement in this newsletter, and on our website. The renewal deadline for 2010 has been extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>:

[http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/newsletter\\_ad\\_form.pdf](http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/newsletter_ad_form.pdf)

### 2010 CRG Golf Outings

Due to dwindling interest and a lack of volunteer support, the CRG regrets to inform the membership that the Central Illinois Golf Outing that is typically held annually at the Soangetaha Country Club in Galesburg, IL will be cancelled for 2010. However, we are pleased to announce that the Chicago outing will once again be held at Hilton's Indian Lakes Resort on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, and that the Wisconsin Golf outing will be brought back for 2010 and will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI. Tim Day from ChemRep has stepped forward as the new Golf Chair for this outing – special thanks to Tim for his contribution to our group. Please visit our Annual Golf Outings Page for the latest information and to register your foursomes:

[http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/golf\\_outings.htm](http://www.chicagorubbergroup.org/golf_outings.htm)

### Rubber Division ACS Update

The 177<sup>th</sup> ACS Rubber Division Technical Meeting is occurring next week in Akron, OH. With this meeting being so close and yet after the release of this newsletter, Leonard Thomas, CRG Area Director has differed his report in this issue of the newsletter to Karen May at the Rubber Division. Please click one of the links below to see the latest on this event and others at the Rubber Division ACS. Remember that Milwaukee will be hosting this year's fall meeting (178<sup>th</sup> Technical Meeting and Mini Expo) in Milwaukee, WI. Please go to <http://www.rubber.org> to make your reservations to attend this session, as the RDACS may bring more technical meetings to the Midwest if this Milwaukee meeting is a success.

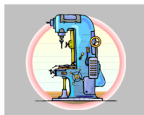
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