



# The SPECTRUM

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## FEBRUARY MEETING INFO

### PERFORMANCE AND PROCESSING WITH FILLERS AND ADDITIVES IN THERMOPLASTICS.

*Dwight Prince, General Polymers, Senior Technical Service Representative*



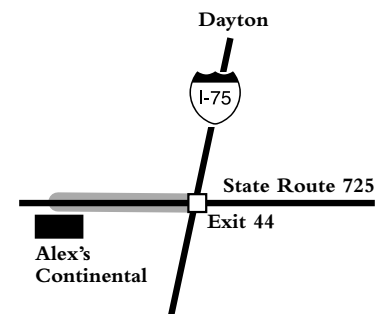
Materials night for the Miami Valley SPE will include; Material Selection, choosing the correct material for the application, how to rank the requirements, the data sheet, and what each item means to you. The second part will include a discussion of amorphous and crystalline materials, what they mean to you in the selection process and how they affect you in trouble shooting your jobs. The final part of our discussion will involve new materials that are coming to market and their fit in your plastic world!

Dwight Prince is a Senior Technical Service Representative who has been employed by General Polymers, covering the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana areas for 14 years. He has been working in the plastics industry for the past 26 years. In serving the General Polymers customers in this time frame his expertise includes injection molding trouble shooting, material selections, part design, and all aspects of injection molding that affect the success of our customers. This combination includes working with industry leading plastics producers in the distribution of over 4000 different grades of thermoplastics.

#### Directions:

Exit 44 from I-75 to State Route 725 West.  
Alex's is .5 mile on south side of 725.

### ALEX'S CONTINENTAL DAYTON



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb.6** Dayton/Alex's  
Additives, fillers, blowing agents
- Mar. 6** Cin./Marriott Union Centre  
Taking the fear out of OSHA
- April 3** Dayton/Alex's  
Student Night/Economic Development
- May 1** Plant tour  
Comet Automation - weigh blenders,  
loaders, dryers, conveying equip.
- June 9** Golf outing  
Hamilton Elks
- June 22-26** Chicago  
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## MEETING NOTICE DETAILS

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2003  
Advance Reservation required by February 4, 2003  
To reserve, call or fax:

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## MEETING AGENDA - FEB. 6, 2003

Board Meeting.....	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Networking .....	6:00 - 6:30 pm
Dinner .....	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Program .....	7:30 - 8:30 pm

MEMBERS \$20 NON-MEMBERS \$25 STUDENTS/RETIREEES \$10  
MEMBERS \$25 AT THE DOOR WITHOUT A RESERVATION

*We are now taking VISA and MASTERCARD  
for registration and other events*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Frank Maus**

As I am sure you noticed, everyone is more and more "cost concerned." Budgets are tighter, companies are leaner, and customers are requiring more of their suppliers. This is affecting The Society of Plastics Engineers on all levels - local, national, and international.

The effect for us is less available funds. We are seeing lower membership, less income from newsletter advertisements, and less participation in fun events (golf outing, etc.). For The Miami Valley Section, we can do at least 2 actions.

The first is to do all we can to promote the benefits of SPE. The educational opportunities for students and professionals are obvious. The plastics industry has enjoyed great success due to bringing qualified individuals in the field, learning new technologies, and sharing knowledge. The Society of Plastics Engineers has been involved in all phases.

The second item is to cut costs. I am sure this is not new for you in the workplace, but we are also implementing this at The Miami Valley Section. This summer, we had a very cost-effective summer board meeting. It was the lowest cost meeting anyone can remember.

But the biggest item we can do to save cost is to have you access the monthly newsletter on-line. Through strong efforts (from Bob Rajkovich, Dean Kroger, Ken Lewis, Erin Porter and others), the website is up and going strong. You can find 2 versions of our newsletter at [www.mvspe.org](http://www.mvspe.org).

By opting for the newsletter not to be sent to you, we save on both printing and mailing costs. This is by far our biggest savings opportunity. You can opt for discontinuing the printed version at the website, or by e-mailing Dean Kroger ([djkroger@ashland.com](mailto:djkroger@ashland.com)) or myself ([finaus@mincogroup.com](mailto:finaus@mincogroup.com)). Thanks to everyone who has already taken steps to save this cost.

The Miami Valley Section is still financially strong. Through the hard work of core members (before my time), there is still a very nice nest egg. We need to make sure we do all we can to ensure we have the funds to continue the benefits of SPE.