



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, hope you all have survived the winter and are enjoying the onset of the chilly spring weather. That brings us to the preparation of the various activities of the Connecticut Rubber Group for 2005.

We have had already the Spring Technical Session on March 24, 2005. The attendance was light which was probably due to the weather and also due to the fact that it was held day before Easter Friday!. However thanks to Ray Cash who organized the technical meeting. The speakers were Steve Henning(Sartomer), Leonard Palys(Arkema) and Ray Cash(RT Vanderbilt). Ray Cash is also in touch with Boston and Rhode Island Rubber Groups with regard to the Tri-State Meeting and the details will be announced as soon as it is available.

As announced in the first newsletter of 2005, we have replaced the "Mixing Course" with "Basic Rubber Technology Course" which has been approved by the Rubber Division. Our very dedicated members have put together an excellent program which is to be held on September 20 & 21 at the Courtyard Marriott, Waterbury. Please see inside the newsletter for more information and also registration. We request you to pass on the information about this course to your technical and sales staff and encourage them to participate.

Also the Golf and Tennis outing is scheduled to be held on Thursday June 16, 2005 which is always lots of fun because it gives all of us an opportunity to socialize with customers and colleagues.

If any of you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any Board members shown in the Contact list.

Finally, Art Delgrosso and the web designers from RT Vanderbilt have done an excellent job in revising the CRG web site, so please check out our web site.

Best regards,
[Chitta R. Lahiri](mailto:Chitta.R.Lahiri)
2005 Connecticut Rubber Group Chair

2005 Annual Dues

With the start of the new year, it is time to pay the annual dues for membership in the CRG. Please send your check for \$15.00 along with the membership application form on page 3 in this newsletter, as soon as possible. You need to be a paid member to continue to receive mailings (for the golf outing and technical meetings), be eligible to sponsor scholarship applicants, and receive this Newsletter.

Even if you are a life member or an emeritus member, you still need to return the membership application form, so that we can be sure we have your correct address and know that you are still interested in remaining a CRG member.

Any questions, please contact your CRG Treasurer, Juan Cardona at:

203-426-4223 or

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Reserve these dates!!!

Tri-State Meeting

Details to Follow

Date Not Finalized

Golf Outing June 16, 2005

See Page 4 For Details
& Application Form

BASIC RUBBER TECHNOLOGY COURSE

The Connecticut Rubber Group is planning a "new" Educational Program in **Basic Rubber Technology**. This course will be a two day intensive meeting covering natural and synthetic rubber, their characteristics and applications. In addition, there will be speakers fillers, accelerators, processing aids and their effect on rubber compounds. Also, vulcanizing methods, testing and mixing equipment will be discussed. The course is planned for September 20-21, 2005 at the Courtyard Marriot, Waterbury. (see Flyer enclosed in the Newsletter for details)

Please plan to attend and make others in the industry aware of this new and exciting course offering from the Connecticut Rubber Group.

Mike DiGiovanni

See pg. 5 for course summary, enrollment details, and hotel accommodations.

CT RUBBER GROUP WEBSITE

We invite you to sign onto our website which is WWW.CTRUBBERGROUP.ORG

After reviewing Chitta Lahiri's Chair Message we direct your attention to the links which are to the left of the screen.

These links will place you directly into the Cradle of the Rubber Industry, our Historian's Corner, our file of past Newsletters, more details on Upcoming Events, the application forms for Membership and Scholarships, our CRG Contact List and a Links section that allows you quick access to the ACS, Rubber Division, The Naugatuck Historical Society, Rubber World Magazine and Rubber & Plastic News.

Art Delgrosso
Editor

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of	1/1/05	5/6/05
Checking & Savings	6,470.40	6,578.85
Investments	95,674.13	95,556.67
Total	102,144.53	102,135.42

Payment of 2005 dues and dinner at the Spring Technical meeting account for the increase in checking and savings.

Investment performance has been mixed; the gains in one fund has been less than the loss in the other because of which there has been a slight decrease in the total value of the investments.

Juan Cardona - Treasurer

DON'T FORGET

**Complete your 2005 Membership Application
and mail your check to Juan Cordona.
Thank you.**

Refer to Page 6

ANNUAL CRG GOLF OUTING

It is time to get your foursome
together for this popular event

Golf Outing Information



The course at The Tradition in Wallingford has been reserved for Thursday, June 16th. After a luncheon buffet, we will have a shotgun start with a scramble format.

The fee for golf and dinner will include a cart and driving range.

For tennis players, the fee includes the buffet luncheon at the Tradition.

Lower fees will apply for people who can attend only golf, tennis or dinner.

Mike DiPina
Golf Committee Chair

The course's website is:
www.traditionalclubs.com/wal/

The address is:

The Tradition Golf Club at Wallingford
37 Harrison Road
Wallingford, CT 06492
Telephone: (203) 269-6023

Directions:

From I-91 South, Exit 14, turn right off exit, then left onto South Airlines. Turn left on Route 150 then right on to Harrison. The course is on the left. From I-91 North, Exit 14, turn right on Route 150, then right on Harrison. The course is on the left..

Note: Additional Details And Registration
Form is noted on page 4

same company. no refunds after 8/31/05.



The Connecticut Rubber Group
A Subdivision of the Rubber Division, American Chemical Society
www.ctrubbergroup.org

2005 Membership Application

I wish to ____ remain / ____ become a member of the Connecticut Rubber Group for 2005.

NAME: _____
COMPANY: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____
EMAIL: _____

- Yes / No This is a change to my current CRG mailing address
- Yes / No I prefer to have newsletters and mailings sent to me by email*

Primary function: ____ Sales/Marketing ____ Technical ____ Production ____ Purchasing ____ Other
(specify _____)

- _____ I am a Life Member.
- _____ I am an Emeritus Member.
- _____ I am at least 65 years old and request Emeritus status. I have been a member of the CRG for a minimum of 10 years.
- _____ I am a Rubber Division member.
- _____ I am a member of the American Chemical Society.

- _____ I would like to serve on a committee of the CT Rubber Group.
- _____ I would like to serve as an officer / director of the CT Rubber Group.

Please list any topics of interest that you would like to have presented at the meetings of the CT Rubber Group: _____

Please forward the completed form with your check for \$15.00** (the fee is optional for Emeritus and Life Members) made out to The Connecticut Rubber Group to:

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2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
March 24: Spring Technical Meeting – Rapps Paradise Inn, Ansonia, CT
Sept. 20 & 21 Basic Rubber Tech.Course - Waterbury, CT
June 16: Golf & Tennis Outing – The Tradition, Wallingford, CT
Oct/Nov: Fall Technical Meeting – Location & date TBA

* Mailings by email are in Adobe Acrobat Reader (pdf) format.

Connecticut Rubber Group

** Membership dues covers the printing and mailing costs of newsletters, meeting notices, scholarship notices, Golf Outing and Mixing Course Fund Raiser notices, annual ballots, publishing of membership directory every 5 years, and support our educational scholarships.

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2005 Meetings	
ACS Rubber Division	Connecticut Rubber Group
May 16 –18 Spring Meeting San Antonio, TX	March 24 Spring Technical Meeting, Rapps Paradise Inn, Ansonia, CT
November 1-3 Fall Meeting Pittsburgh, PA	Sept. 20 & 21, 2005 Basic Rubber Technology Course – Waterbury, CT
	Oct/Nov. 2005 Tri-State Technical Meeting

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