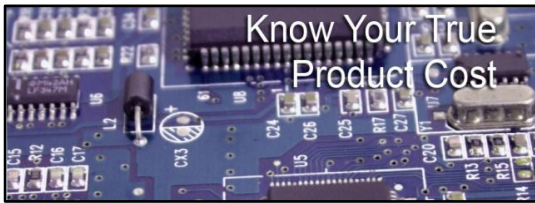


TRENDS & TOPICS

February Newsletter is Only on the Web

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Meeting and Plant Tour February 23



When: Monday, February 23, 2015

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Where: Intellicosting, LLC
980 Chicago Road
Troy, Michigan 48083

Cost: Free to students, University faculty & SPE members; non members \$10

RSVP: Karen@SPEdetroit.com or 248-244-8993 ext3

Overview: Using proprietary software, coupled with experienced costing and tool engineers, Intellicosting's forensic process yields product cost data you can count on. Costing recommendations are based on the science of the manufacturing processes required, not market-based guesstimates. This methodology can even be used to explore the impact of global manufacturing locations and part volumes.

More Information: Visit the website intellicosting.com/newsite/?q=home

SPE Material Auction April 10



When: Friday, April 10, 2015

Time: 4:30 – 9:00 PM

Where: MGM Grand Detroit
1777 Third Street.
Detroit, Michigan

Cost: \$60 each or \$400 for table of eight

RSVP: Karen@SPEdetroit.com or 248-244-8993 ext3

Overview: Since 1994, the **SPE Detroit Section** has successfully presented the annual material auction, and every year the auction has helped fulfill the SPE mission "To promote and provide knowledge and education of plastics and polymers worldwide." Once again SPE calls upon you to help make 2015 another successful year by participating in the festive atmosphere of the auction. Relax in the elegant setting of the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino and enjoy good food, entertainment, and camaraderie while getting ready to bid on great deals! Whether you bid or not, this event will be worthwhile to attend.

More Information: Visit the website www.spematerialauction.com

Events of Interest to Detroit Section

- **Monday, February 23** [Meeting and Plant Tour at Intellicosting](#) – Troy, MI
- **Wednesday, March 11** [ESD Gold Award Plastics](#) – VisTaTech, Livonia, MI
- **Monday-Wednesday, March 23-25** [SPE ANTEC @NPE](#) – Orlando, FL
- **Monday, April 6** Detroit Section Board Meeting – ACC, Troy, MI
- **Friday, April 10** [Material Auction and Dinner](#) – MGM Grand, Detroit, MI
- **Monday, April 13** [Mid Michigan Community College](#) – Harrison, MI
- **Tuesday, May 5** [SPE AutoEPCON](#) – Troy Marriott, Troy, MI
- **Monday, May 11** Plant Visit – [Hi-Tech Mold & Eng.](#), Rochester Hills, MI
- **Wednesday, May 13** [WardsAuto Interiors Conference](#) – Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI

For information about any of the above upcoming events or other future events and activities, visit the Detroit Section website spedetroit.org, or contact Karen Rhodes-Parker, SPE Detroit, 248-244-8993 ext3, karen@spedetroit.com.

Election Ballot Deadline February 28

Detroit Section members were sent an email with instructions and links to candidate bios and the ballot for voting. Be sure to vote, respond to a few survey questions (optional), and submit your ballot before the deadline of Saturday midnight, February 28, 2015. [Click here for the Bios](#). [Click here for the Ballot](#).

Calls for AutoEPCON and TPO Conference

Plan now to make a presentation at the May 5, 2015 [SPE AutoEPCON](#) in Detroit and/or the October 4-7, 2015 [SPE TPO Conference](#) in Detroit.

Websites to Visit Often

Be sure to bookmark as favorites the following websites (in addition to our Social Media sites listed above):

- SPE International 4spe.org
- The SPE Chain thechain.4spe.org
- Detroit Section spedetroit.org
- Detroit Section Material Auction spematerialauction.com
- Detroit Section SPE TPO Conference auto-tpo.com

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