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## Fall Kick-off Meeting Monday, Sept. 14

The SPE Detroit Section [Fall Kick-off meeting](#) will be held at Kettering University, 1700 University Ave, Flint, MI 48504 on Monday, September 14, 2015 beginning at 5:30pm and concluding around 9:00pm.

Mark Richardson of Manufacturing and Plastics Processing will discuss the plastics program at Kettering University including curriculum developments, lab renovations, engaging SPE students, manufacturing initiatives, and some recent research and development projects.

[Click here](#) to read about one of the major research projects in Kettering's Plastic Lab. Be sure to watch the video.

[Click here](#) for more information about the meeting and a map.

Please RSVP to Karen Rhodes-Parker, SPE Detroit, at [karen@spedetroit.com](mailto:karen@spedetroit.com) or at 248-244-8993 ext 3 to provide a headcount for the dinner and meeting.

## Upcoming Events of Interest

- **Monday, September 14** [Kettering Plastics Program](#) – Kettering Univ, Flint, MI
- **Sun-Wed, October 4-7** [TPO Conference](#) – Marriott (I-75/Big Beaver), Troy, MI
- **Monday, October 26** [FSU Plastics Program](#) – Ferris State Univ, Big Rapids, MI
- **Wednesday, November 11** [Automotive Awards](#) – Burton Manor, Livonia, MI
- **Monday, November 16** [Plant Visit](#) – Linear Mold and Engineering, Livonia, MI

Events being planned for next Spring include the May AutoEPCON, the June Golf Outing, and Plant Visits to Midland Compounding & Consulting in Midland MI and Vantage Plastics in Standish MI.

For information about the above upcoming events or to offer other future events and activities, contact Karen Rhodes-Parker, SPE Detroit, 248-244-8993 ext 3, [karen@spedetroit.com](mailto:karen@spedetroit.com).

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