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SPE Detroit Section Donates 1,000,000th Toy



For over 18 years, the SPE Detroit Section has been producing and distributing plastic toy vehicles each Christmas as gifts to children by groups such as the Lions Club, VFW, Salvation Army, ESD, and WWJ's Sergeant Santa Program. The one millionth toy was donated this year. This achievement was reported by [Plastics News](#) and is a featured part of a [Plastics News Now](#) video. A full page article will be in the *Around SPE* section of the January 2017 *Plastics Engineering* magazine. President Wayne Hertlein remarked, "It's a great honor for all Detroit Section members to keep this tradition going and shoot for our next million."

Upcoming Events of Interest in Detroit Area

- **Monday, January 23** [Future City Competition](#) – 8:00am, SCS, Novi, MI
- **Monday, January 23** [3D Multi Jet Fusion Printing](#), David Tucker from HP – 5:00pm-8:00pm, ACC*, Troy, MI
- **Monday, February 6** [Detroit Section Board Meeting](#) – 5pm, ACC*, Troy, MI
- **Monday, February 27** [Lightweighting for Automotive](#) – 5pm, SA Engineering Technology Center, 38103 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI

* The American Chemistry Council (ACC), Plastics Division, is located at 1800 Crooks Road on the East side North of 15 Mile Road in Troy, MI.

Events being planned for next Spring include the Material Auction, AutoEPCON, the Annual Golf Outing, Plant Visits, and Technical Meetings, many of which are free to SPE members and provide an excellent networking opportunity.

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.

Nominations for Directors

Nominations are open through January for three-year term Directors of the Detroit Section. If you are interested and willing to serve on the Detroit Board, or if you know someone who is, please contact Irv Poston (ieposton@juno.com) or Nippani Rao (nippanirao@aol.com). Ballots will be emailed to members early in March and will be due by March 31. Please consider making a nomination, and by all means vote! The listing of current Directors, Officers, and Committee Leaders is on the back page of every newsletter and on our website, spedetroit.org.

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