

# TRENDS & TOPICS

**News Brief from the SPE Detroit Section**

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## **September Newsletter Available**

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## **Kick-off Meeting September 11**

**Time: 5:00pm-8:30pm Location: MSU Management Education Center  
811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. MI**

Our Fall Kick-off meeting will feature a presentation on “Innovative Solutions in Engine Air Inductions Systems” by Marco Barbolini, Automotive Engine Systems Product Manager at [Röchling Automotive Company](#). The plastic components of an air induction system from Röchling begins with the unfiltered air section, the air filter, the filtered air pipe, and the charge-air tube. Many parameters are taken into account during system design with the individual components of an engine air induction system: Reduced pressure losses, Estimated and measured service life, Consideration of regional climate conditions, and Reduction of entering of snow and moisture spray. Even if you are not involved with air induction systems, the techniques and methodology could be valuable to you. This meeting will also include the presentation of recognition awards to some of the current outstanding contributors to the Detroit Section.

## **TPO Conference October 1 – 4**

**Time: Sunday, 3:00pm Location: Detroit Marriott - Troy  
200 W. Big Beaver Rd. (16 Mile) at I-75, Troy, MI**

Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual [Automotive TPO Engineered Polyolefins Global Conference](#) is the world's leading forum on the use of rigid and elastomeric thermoplastic polyolefins (TPOs) in automotive and ground transportation. This conference provides the latest innovative developments in transportation polyolefin's and growing range of thermoplastic elastomers (TPE's) and thermoplastic vulcanizates (TPV's). This year's conference will be expanded to include more technical presentations and exhibits. To help enhance networking opportunities, the event also features networking receptions and exhibits by key members of the transportation engineered polyolefin supply chain. The conference typically draws over 500 key industry decision attendees from 4 continents and 20 countries. We hope you will consider being one of those attendees this year.

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, September 11** [Fall Kick-off Meeting](#) – MSU Education Center, Troy, MI  
**Sun-Wed, October 1-4** [TPO Conference](#) – Detroit Marriott, Troy, MI  
**Monday, October 16** [Composites Institute Scale-Up Facility](#) – Corktown, Detroit  
**Monday, October 23** [Detroit Section Board Meeting](#) – ACC, Troy, MI  
**Wednesday, Nov. 8** [Automotive Innovation Awards](#) – Burton Manor, Livonia, MI

For information about the above events and others, visit our website Events page ([spedetroit.org](http://spedetroit.org)) or call Karen Rhodes-Parker, SPE Detroit, 248-244-8993 ext 3, [karen@spedetroit.com](mailto:karen@spedetroit.com).

## Important Links to the Web

- Detroit Section Website, [spedetroit.org](http://spedetroit.org), a valuable resource for information on local Events, Scholarships, Essay Contests, and PlastiVan Visits.
- Detroit SPEaker Social Media, [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#).
- Detroit communities in [The Chain](#) for interactive discussions and Q&A.
- Detroit Section Webpage on SPE Website, [Detroit Section](#) for cross-linking.
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