

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report June 1, 2009

Section: Southeastern

Section Officers

Director: Don Woodyard
Chair: Rick Smith
Vice Chair: Jason Craig
Secretary: Ricky Harrison
Treasurer: Ricky Harrison

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1
Number of section members: 53
Average attendance at section meetings: 15-25 (Business Meeting attendance)
Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)
 Educational Social Speaker Tour Workshop
 Other

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location
 Difficulty in organizing a meeting
 Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
 Poor attendance at section meetings
 Difficulty in finding section officers
 Difficulty in collecting Dues

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

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Southeast – Southwest
Section Meeting
April 17 & 18, 2009

The Southeast and Southwest sections of the ASGS combined their efforts and held their Annual Section Meetings in Baton Rouge Louisiana. We had 61 persons in attendance, a fairly even mix from both sections.

Events

Friday April 17:

We met at Albemarle Corporation Library for a presentation about Albemarle, safety instructions, and a tour of the research and development labs, chemical processing units and the Glass Shop. An aluminum alkyls demonstration was also presented. This was a real treat.

Lunch was provided by Albemarle Corporation.

After lunch we held our respective annual Section Business Meetings in the Albemarle Library.

Friday afternoon:

Following the business meeting traveled to the **Center for Advanced Microstructures and Devices (CAMD)** operated by Louisiana State University. We toured this facility that houses a synchrotron and is used for basic research in the area of atomic and molecular structure and micro device fabrication. www.camd.lsu.edu

Friday evening:

We held an Exhibitors Reception at the Marriott. Many thanks go out to our supporting vendors: Technical Glass Products, Quartz Scientific, Ace Glass, VM Glass, Friedrich & Dimmock, Wilt Industries, Wale Apparatus, and GM Associates. It is always a pleasure to spend time with our friends.

Saturday April 18:

We toured Technical Glass Products in Gonzales, LA. TGP is a leading supplier of fabricated quartz ware to the semi conductor and research industry. There was quartz working; wet saw cutting, photo abrasive, and borosilicate glass working demonstrations. Technical Glass products provided lunch.

Saturday evening:

A Cajon Fais-Do-Do was held at Technical Glass Products hosted by Bob and Nancy Singer. Jack Korfhage cooked boiled crawfish with corn and potatoes. Bob Singer cooked seafood gumbo and his Cajon friends cooked chicken and sausage jambalaya. We all spent the evening "Pinching Tails & Sucking Heads".

Acknowledgements

This was a great meeting and the Southeastern Section thanks Jack and Bob for hosting this joint meeting. The idea of a joint meeting worked well for our two sections. We have had joint meetings in the past.