

Member News!

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2010 Legislative Reception & Dinner a Success

Manufacture Alabama launched the 2010 Legislative Session on January 12th with its 7th Annual Membership Meeting and Legislative Reception & Dinner. MA members were able to meet and converse with their Representatives and Senators as well as many other elected and appointed officials including members of the judiciary, state agency heads, and members of Governor Riley's staff. We had a large turnout from our legislative members and state leaders including: **Speaker Seth Hammett**, Alabama House of Representatives, **Senate President Pro Tem**

Rodger Smitherman; Greg Shaw, Supreme Court Justice; **Bill Thompson**, Court of Civil Appeals; **Craig Pittman**, Court of Civil Appeals; **Tommy Bryan**, Court of Civil Appeals; **Terri Thomas**, Court of Civil Appeals; **Terry Moore**, Court of Civil Appeals, State Treasurer **Kay Ivey**; **Susan Parker**, Public Service Commission; **Chancellor Freida Hill**, Department of Postsecondary Education; **Ed Castile**, Director of AIDT; **Matthew Hughes**, Director of Workforce Development; **Samantha Shaw**, State Auditor, and Agriculture Commissioner **Ron Sparks**.

The 2010 MA Board of Directors were elected. Members serving on the 2010 Board are **Allen Sanders**, Chairman, AbitibiBowater; **David Carroll**, Secretary, Hunt Refining Company; **Ron Fantroy**, Treasurer, Shaw Industries Group; **Don Forst**, International Paper; **Terry Patterson**, Toray Carbon Fibers America, Inc., and **Paul Vercher**, U.S. Steel.

Speaker Seth Hammett Receives MA's Leadership Award

Speaker Seth Hammett was honored on the night of the opening session for his leadership and service in the House of Representatives. Manufacture Alabama's President, George Clark, presented Speaker Hammett with MA's Leadership Award. Speaker Hammett has served as Speaker of the House of Representatives for three terms and has served in the House since 1978.



Seth Hammett, Speaker of the House, is presented with the MA Leadership Award

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Tony Owens, MeadWestvaco Receives Award

On January 12th, during the Manufacture Alabama Membership Meeting, Tony Owens received an award for his leadership as Chairman of the MA Environmental Committee and participation in Manufacture Alabama. Tony has served as the Chairman of the Environmental Committee for the past seven years. He is also active on the Governmental Affairs Committee, Federal Affairs, Energy and Safety & Security Committee.



George Clark presents Tony Owens with an Award of Leadership

MA Welcomes the Alabama Pulp & Paper Council

Manufacture Alabama is delighted to announce that the Alabama Pulp and Paper Council is the association's newest council. The Alabama Pulp and Paper Council has a rich and valuable history working alongside state agencies such as ADEM and the Alabama Forestry Commission and offering expertise in issues affecting pulp and paper related industries in this state as well as across the nation.

Manufacture Alabama is excited about the future of the Alabama Pulp and Paper Council and its relationship with our association and looks forward to building on the history the Council has within our state and within our association.

Roy McAuley joins the association as the Executive Director of the Alabama Pulp and Paper Council (APPCO) and will be coordinating the activities of APPCO. Roy has served for 36

years in the paper industry, technical, and environmental work. His experience includes serving as the Environmental Consultant for APPCO and serving as the Technical Services Manager for International Paper's mill in Prattville. He is a 1965 Auburn graduate. He lives in Prattville with his wife Elaine, has 4 children, and 11 grandchildren.

Daikin America Inc. Receives OSHA VPP Star Award

MA would like to congratulate Daikin America, Inc. for being recommended by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) participation as a STAR site!

In June 2009, Daikin America, Inc. was officially awarded this top Safety award from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The VPP is an elite program, shared by only 2,129 of approximately 7 million employers nationwide. It emphasizes management accountability for employee safety and health, the continual identification and elimination of hazards, and the

active involvement of employees in their own protection. There are three levels of participation in the program: Demonstration, Merit, and Star.

The Star designation is the most comprehensive program in the VPP, and OSHA encourages companies to achieve this highest level of VPP.

All Daikin employees demonstrated their involvement during the OSHA evaluation week, in November 2008. The OSHA evaluation team was comprised of five Safety and Health professionals, who spent an entire week at the plant interviewing employees, reviewing records, and auditing operational areas. Several Daikin employees gave presentations to OSHA about

Daikin's Safety and Health program. The OSHA team was very complimentary on the level of employee enthusiasm and involvement with regard to Safety.

At the end of the evaluation week, OSHA announced that they would make a recommendation to the United States Secretary of Labor, to include Daikin in the VPP program as a STAR site.

Since the VPP process is one of continual improvement, Daikin will continue to work with OSHA on an ongoing basis. The benefits of VPP are countless, but the primary beneficiaries of OSHA's VPP are the employees who arrive safely to their families at the end of each day.

Nucor Receives OSHA VPP Star Award

MA would like to congratulate Nucor Steel Corporation— Decatur for being recommended by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) participation as a STAR site!

To be considered for OSHA's Star VPP status, Nucor Steel first had to have a safety and health management system, one monitored by management and practiced by employees. The facility also must maintain an injury/illness rate that is below the national average of its industry. Lastly, regular self-evaluations must be performed, with participants striving for improvement.

This is the company's fourth facility to achieve this OSHA designation. Nucor Steel—Decatur was recognized during a flag-raising presentation on Dec. 10, 2009.

Nucor President and Chief Executive Officer Dan DiMicco spoke at the historic event, saying, "First, and most importantly, I would like to say thank you for all

members of the Decatur team for your focus on safety, continuing improvement and taking care of our customers. The Star designation is the highest in the VPP levels, and you should be proud of the record you've achieved."

DiMicco's focus on safety first is by design and flows through the entire 20,000-person organization. Commitment to the safety of its employees in Alabama is how Nucor Steel – Decatur recently was welcomed into the OSHA VPP at the Star level. Earning the mill's VPP status was no easy feat, as only about 2,100 worksites out of 8 million across the United States qualify for membership to this elite worksite safety circle.

"The folks who work alongside one another in this mill are family. In this type of setting, we look out for everyone's well-being," explained Mike Lee, vice president and general manager of Nucor Steel - Decatur. "I'm just proud of this Decatur team to be recognized by OSHA for our proven safety record."

Shondel King is one of the 700 local residents employed at Nucor Steel – Decatur. Of the OSHA Star VPP news, he said, "We work safe, or not at all."

Nucor Corporation and its affiliates manufacture carbon and alloy steel – in bars, beams, sheet and plate; steel joists and joist girders; steel deck; fabricated concrete reinforcing steel; cold finished steel; steel fasteners; metal building systems; light gauge steel framing; steel grating and expanded metal; and wire and wire mesh.

Upcoming Events

- **Spring Golf Event**
March 24th
- **Safety & Security/HR Conference**
April 22nd
- **Washington Fly-In**
June 8-10
- **Fall Annual Meeting**
September 16-17

Chairman Frank McDaniel Honored For His Leadership

Chairman Frank McDaniel (D-Albertville) was honored this month for his service, leadership and commitment to the business community and manufacturers. Chairman McDaniel has served as Chairman of the House Commerce Committee from 1999-2010. Manufacture Alabama's President, George Clark, presented Chairman McDaniel with a plaque and portrait of the Chairman presiding over the Commerce Committee.



Mrs. Frank McDaniel, George Clark, Chairman Frank McDaniel

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Spring Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars! Manufacture Alabama will host Spring Issues & Answers on the Green at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail—Capital Hill on the Legislator Course on Wednesday, March 24th. Members are encouraged to consider inviting business colleagues to participate. This will be a great opportunity for you to interact and network in a relaxed setting. Registration is \$275 per person including sleeve of golf balls, golf towel and tees; green fee, cart, GPS, range balls, lunch and dinner. Registration is available on MA's website at www.manufacturealabama.org. For questions, please contact Rebecca Camerio or Kendra Vaughan at 334.386.3000.

Safety & Security Conference

Safety & Security Conference is scheduled for April 22 at the Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Alabama. Conference will include; informative speaker presentations, exhibitors, presentation of the 2009 MA Safety Achievement Awards along with the Governor's Award of Excellence certificates. Registration fee is \$105 per person up to 5 attendees and \$95 per person for 6 or more attendees. Register on MA's website at www.manufacturealabama.org.

Washington Fly-In

Manufacture Alabama has scheduled the Annual Washington Fly-In for June 8-10. The Fly-In is a great opportunity to meet with our Congressmen and Senators and to discuss issues that are presently affecting your business and Alabama's manufacturers. We will keep you posted as more details unfold.

Welcome New Members

Manufacturers

Aker Solutions
Alabama River Companies
Kimberly-Clark Corporation
Technip USA

Partners

Alabama Iron & Steel Council
All4 Inc.
American Overhead Door Inc.
C&G Railway
Gulf Atlantic Operations
Heritage Environmental Services, LLC
Highland Technical Services, Inc.
Mark Walpole & Associates, Inc.
United Consulting
WTS, Inc.