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Celebrating 35 Years

YEE HAA!

Saddle up for a trip to cowboy country and the beautiful city of Dallas, TX for the upcoming Fall meeting October 6th - 9th, 2010. Our host will be Nucor Steel Jewett. Robert Davis will be our host Member. We will be staying at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas.

Once again our Spring 2010 meeting was a great success thanks to the dedication of our members. I hope that everyone came away from the meeting with some valuable information, either from one of the committee meetings, the technical session or just from conversing with each other.

I would like to thank our host companies, SinterMet LLC and Herkules North America, for their hospitality. All their employees were very courteous and willing to answer questions. Thanks to Bill Posey and Michael Chociej and all the members at SinterMet and Herkules for all of their hard work in making this past meeting a great success!

We will continue our focus on **Safety** and make this the first item of discussion at all of our upcoming meetings. We had a long and informative discussion on safety at our operator's round table meeting in Pittsburgh and I believe everyone who was in attendance took away something positive from that discussion.

Technical Sessions: We continue to struggle filling our technical session with both operator, vendor and operator/vendor papers. Many of you are trying new things, equipment, roll materials, tooling, guides, software, monitoring systems, etc.... Doing a joint paper with either a vendor or another person from your plant can make that first presentation easier. So please, contact John Ballani about a paper and share your experiences with us, the positive or negatives. This is how we all learn. Thanks to all those who have presented papers.

Congratulations to Mike Venesky and Thomas Kane on their paper "Material Magic" Applications Engineering for Long Products Rolling, and receiving the Edward G. Malan Award.

It was an honor being selected to receive the Timothy Z. Jenkins Award for my paper "Reducing Changeover Times in the Rolling Mill".

It was good to see everyone that attended in Pittsburgh and I hope our attendance continues to grow. I want to thank my fellow officers for providing me the support needed to make these meetings a great success. I look forward to traveling together over the next two years over some familiar trails and forging some new ones. With your help we can continue to improve and strengthen our membership.

Look forward to seeing you at the Dallas Meeting!

Chuck Berrier

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