



**Notre Dame
Chapter**

The Link Newsletter

A Five Star Chapter



September Meeting

Imaging Talk at Leco

Speaker: Tim Pallet

Topic: Hirox Digital Microscope System

September 16th, 2008

The September talk will be the first of our ASM's 2008-2009 year. It will take place at Leco Corporation with Leco's own Tim Pallet discussing the Hirox Digital Microscope system. Dinner will be catered. [Email](#) me with any questions.

New Meeting / Event Tracking System

We will be implementing a new event tracking system – Google Calendar. You will get an invitation in email form that will ask you to click Yes/No/Maybe. From there you will be directed to the event where you can see who else is coming, as well as post comments / discussions about the event. Don't forget to check your Junk Mail box just in case!

This solution works because it doesn't require logins, Google experience, or extra work on your part. Simply click your choice (Yes / No / Maybe) and you are done. You only have to do more if you choose to.

Date: Tuesday September 16, 2008

Meeting Time:

6:00 PM – Dinner
Following Dinner – Talk

Dinner / Talk Location:

Leco Corporation
3000 Lakeview Ave.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(Corner of Hilltop Rd. and State St.)
[\(Map / Directions\)](#)

Dinner / Talk Cost: \$15

Dinner: Will be catered at Leco.

To Make Reservations:

Primary: An email will come out about the event. Select Yes/No/Maybe via the link in the email.

Secondary: Email Josh Haines (me)
(Joshua.Haines0@gmail.com)

Tech. Tidbits

Google is releasing a new browser named "Google Chrome" as I type this. It will be Google's answer to the old antiquated browser systems. It is designed from the ground up to run rich interactive web applications (RIA) such as Gmail and Open Office, among others. If IE has you down, or you are tired of the memory issues in Firefox, give Chrome a try at <http://www.google.com/chrome>

ASM Leadership Days – Quick Summary

I was recently sent to the ASM leadership days to both meet a requirement of our chapter, as well as try to learn more about the structure of ASM. I'll try to summarize some of the useful things that I learned while I was there, just to get the creative juices flowing. Perhaps an outline structure would be the most efficient use of your time.

Overall Ideas for Local Chapters

- Cheaper rates to students
- Awards to local scientists
- Two year terms for officers
- Member surveys (Zoomerang?)
- Larger / Different speaker benefits/gifts
- Broader Topics
 - SR-71 Program rather than SR-71 composites

Speaker / Event Ideas

- Patent Attorneys
- Students (their research)
 - Could bring in more students
- Other – non technical – topics in the community
 - Political
 - Business
 - Community
- Trustee, VP, President of ASM national
- Toast Masters / Speechcraft members
 - Communication / leadership clubs

National and Local ASM Strategic Plan

- Presented by President of ASM – Diane Chong (Boeing Corp.)
 - Volunteerism – Leads and supports the Organization
 - Lifelong commitment to learning – Books, classes, training programs
 - Overall content is “Everything Material” – Gone is the metals focus
 - Emerging Technology – Looking to the future to keep ahead of the curve

[Email](#) me to discuss any of these ideas, or if you have any of your own of how we can better serve you.