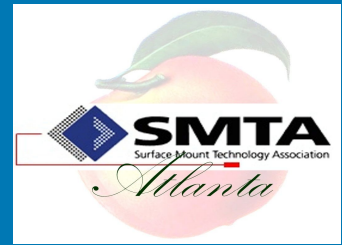




Atlanta Chapter NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ATLANTA CHAPTER
OF THE SURFACE MOUNT TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION



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SEPT 24: ATLANTA CHAPTER MEETING
see special announcement below

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OCT 4-8TH SMTA ANNUAL EXPO
SAN DIEGO, CA

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NOV 19TH ATLANTA CHAPTER MEETING
(location not yet announced)

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Support the Atlanta Chapter: Become a Member

As a member, the benefits you will enjoy include:

- ❑ Member rates on education programs, including the annual SMTA International and Pan Pacific conferences and the International Wafer Level Packaging Conference (IWLPC), courses and tutorials, workshops and symposiums, local chapter events, and on-line presentations.
- ❑ Access to free PDF downloads of full-length technical articles in the Knowledge Base, which is a searchable library consisting of thousands of articles. Downloads are available to non-members for \$10USD per article.
- ❑ The quarterly published SMTA News & Journal of SMT, which features a summary of association activities followed by 4-5 outstanding technical articles that are reviewed by a technical committee.
- ❑ On-line access to and real-time listing in the Member Directory where corporate info is available to all visitors, but where individual member holders' contact info is available only to other members.
- ❑ A dedicated listing in the Member Directory for members who are consultants.
- ❑ Member rates in the SMTA Bookstore, an exclusive list of titles that are reviewed and approved by industry professionals. Additionally, there is no shipping or handling charges for standard ground service within the U.S. and Canada.
- ❑ Job posting of Positions Wanted (individuals seeking) or Positions Available (companies hiring) for up to six months out of a twelve-month dues period.
- ❑ Member News listing for individuals who have changed jobs, received new appointments or promotions, or made other distinguishing achievements.
- ❑ Voting privileges in chapter officer elections, on chapter business issues, and in Board of Director elections (not associate members).

Corporate members enjoy all the benefits above **plus** the following:

- ❑ Member rates on event registrations for all employees (site specific).
- ❑ Member rates in the bookstore for all employees (site specific).
Member Directory listing on-line accessible to all visitors with company info, Web site link, and free logo placement.
- ❑ Free advertising in the member directory for corporate members
- ❑ Press release posting about corporate members in the SMTA Industry News on-line.
- ❑ Quarterly listing in the printed SMTA news & Journal of SMT.
- ❑ Discounts on exhibit booth space at SMTA International.
- ❑ Free SMTA International Technical Conference Pass for corporate members exhibiting at SMTAI.
- ❑ Booth discounts at local vendor shows.
- ❑ Free two-time use per year of the entire SMTA membership list in printed mailing label format (available upon request).



SMTA 25th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Atlanta Chapter of SMTA held an officers meeting recently to plan a special event for us to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the SMTA.

We are planning on a special gathering without a guest speaker and we will instead focus on our members networking and enjoying the company of like-minded people.

This great gathering will be on September 24th at Bahama Breeze at the corner of Pleasant Hill and Breckenridge Blvd. in Duluth, GA 30096.

- ❖ **Thursday, September 24th**
- ❖ **5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**
- ❖ **Featuring island indulgences, tempting appetizers, delectable desserts and refreshing beverages**
- ❖ **Bahama Breeze in Duluth, GA.**

<http://www.bahamabreeze.com/locations2/locationSearchAlt.asp>

(use this link to obtain driving directions)

We want to make this special event open to both *SMTA members* and *non-members*. Bringing an adult guest is encouraged.

The price schedule is as follows:

- ❖ **FREE** for SMTA members
- ❖ SMTA members may bring a guest for \$20 each
- ❖ Non-members will pay \$30 for themselves and \$30 for their guest
- ❖ We are encouraging everyone to pay in advance via our website using PayPal. Add an additional \$5 to the ticket price if paying at the door

NOTE: Please RSVP and pre-register at this sign-up link so we can get a count of the number of folks attending this event.

Thank You!

<http://www.atlantasmta.com/meetreg.html>

Remember, *this is for you to enjoy*. It is the Atlanta Chapter's way of saying thanks for your support. We hope you will attend this special event and enjoy the company of other SMTA interested folks. Guests are certainly encouraged.

ATLANTA SMTA CHAPTER RUNNER-UP FOR "CHAPTER OF THE YEAR"

Chapter of the Year Announcement

Earlier this month the Chapter Leaders Committee held a meeting to determine our winner and runners-up for the 2009 Chapter of the Year. All of our chapters are outstanding; however, several stand above others and have proved their organization, leadership and success through our Chapter of the Year Award Program.

Domestic Chapters

In 2009 we are excited to announce that **three** chapters will be receiving our top place - 2009 Chapter of the Year Award recognizes the following chapters:

LA/Orange County Chapter
Oregon Chapter
Space Coast Chapter

Four chapters who have come so close to our top award are being recognized as our 2nd place or the runner-up award winners for Chapter of the Year. Our 2nd place chapters include:

San Jose Chapter
Upper Midwest Chapter
Ohio Valley Chapter
Atlanta Chapter

GREETINGS FROM SMTA HEADQUARTERS

We hope that you all have been enjoying the summer! We have been very busy at SMTAHQ getting things ready for SMTAI - San Diego. First, thank you to all of our chapters, especially the *officers* for helping us promote SMTAI. You know it is an extremely important event for us for a variety of reasons:

- ❖ To provide our members and colleagues leading edge information at our premiere technical conference
- ❖ To offer a place for our supplier members to "show their wares" to the industry at the exhibition
- ❖ To provide a friendly venue for networking of colleagues

Tell all your colleagues to COME TO SMTAI-San Diego. See new products at the tradeshow and to attend the WORLD'S BEST Technical Conference.

Gayle and Sara

SMTAI at a Glance

SMTAI is *our* event, and the success is critical to the future of our association. This year we have a full schedule of events. The conference promises to again offer the highest level of technical presentations in the industry and we have a nearly full exhibit hall of industry companies.

One of the most difficult things in achieving success in any event is getting people there. You all know that from your own chapter experience. We are asking all officers to be a part of the success of SMTA by working with us as we plan this wonderful event. Partner with us again in promoting SMTAI - tell all your colleagues that it's the place to be in October - to learn, to network, to share, and to support.

EXHIBITS PASS

Please send an e-mail message to everyone in your address book and provide them with an attached FREE EXHIBIT PASS to SMTAI. Good timing for this to be sent would be about late August or early September....or

better yet, send one in August and a reminder in early September. Here's a sample of what your message could be:

As an officer of a local SMTA chapter I feel that the conference and exhibition, SMTAI - San Diego, being sponsored by the SMTA is an excellent venue for industry colleagues to attend. At the event you will find

FREE technical programs, receptions, panel discussions, and unending networking for attendees.

Please make plans to join me at SMTAI, October 4-8 at Town & Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego.

TO get the free exhibit pass, please copy and paste onto your browser:

http://smta.org/smtai/Free_Exhibits_Pass_SMTAI.pdf

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We invite all Chapter Officers to be a part of the event by VOLUNTEERING to help with the SMTA Welcome Center on the show floor. This is an ALL SMTA event so we will really appreciate your support if you could give us one hour of your time. This year the Welcome Center will be a place to see old friends and meet new ones.

We will be having a water cooler so everyone can gather together and get the latest and greatest information. If you will be attending and interested please get in touch with Gayle (gayle@smta.org). We thank you!

SMTAI Technical Conference

Whether you attend a tutorial, workshop, conference or a FREE session, we guarantee you will learn something new at our *World Class Technical Conference*. Tutorials begin on Sunday, October 4 and the Conference begins

Tuesday, October 6. Check out the full program brochure mailed to you or on-line at: <http://www.smta.org/smtai/>. Registration on-line is up and ready for you. There are even some FREE programs available to everyone, no registration required.

SMTA Annual Golf Tournament

Be a sport and join in our Golf Tournament on Thursday October 8 at Riverwalk Golf Club. See more information for registering at:

https://www.smta.org/event_registration/smtai_register.cfm, or sponsorship at <http://www.smta.org/smtai/sponsorinfo.cfm>.

SMTA's Annual Meeting and Keynote Luncheon

Join us at SMTA's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. Our guest speaker is Peter Barry of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. His presentation will be on "NASA's Missions- Achieving Success." Come join your colleagues at our luncheon where we will present the SMTA 2009 Annual Awards and hear a great speaker from NASA. The cost is \$45, register on-line at:

https://www.smta.org/event_registration/smtai_register.cfm

25th Anniversary Dinner & Celebration

Join all your SMTA friends at our celebration on Monday, October 5th at 6:30pm. Cost: \$75. Register online at

https://www.smta.org/event_registration/smtai_register.cfm