



APRIL 2005

NCC'S MEMBER DAY – IT'S COMING...YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

NCC's Member Day is scheduled for May 16-17. Just days away – this year's event promises a unique twist. Participants will also enjoy opportunities to network and participate in an atmosphere of mutual learning. Most importantly – it's a chance for each of you – our member companies – to showcase your technologies, advances and success stories.

NCC's fifth annual Member Day will also include a roll out of some exciting news that will have a positive impact on the region's manufacturing and education arenas.

As many of you know, last year for the first time, NCC introduced a special "pre-events" day. The event was well attended showcasing NCC technical presentations, a facility tour and reception.

Member Day 2005 will be expanded over the two days to include more NCC technical presentations, Member company research projects and highlights of new member companies and their stories of invention and innovation. NCC still has time

slots available for speakers. As always, attendance is free. Member companies can participate by simply attending, displaying their expertise by setting up an exhibit or giving a presentation on a new activity or recent advances.

For more information on the event, to make your reservation, arrange for a tabletop display or secure a speaker's slot contact Dave Richard at drichard@compositecenter.org

VECTOR LEADERSHIP TO CHANGE

John Weidner, President and CEO of Vector Composites Inc., announced he has accepted a position as Managing Director for Park Electrochemical, a company located in Dijon, France.

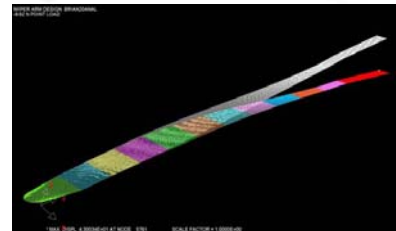
Lou Luedtke will take over as interim CEO while NCC solidifies an equity partner for Vector and names a new president.

Vector Vice-President Dave Sabol will continue to move the company forward with the Center's support. According to Luedtke, Vector has developed strong relationships with several key customers and future prospects continue to remain positive.

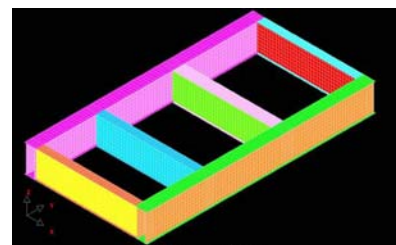
NCC extends its appreciation to John for the important groundwork he laid in sales and technical positioning and wishes him success in his new assignment overseas.

NCC INTRODUCES DESIGN OPTIMIZATION AT SAMPE

The National Composite Center (NCC), a leader in linking composite technology to commercial markets, will showcase key technologies including its new design and optimization capability at Booth #739 at SAMPE 2005.



Wiper Blade Design Optimization



Vehicle Structure Design Optimization

In addition to NCC's breakthrough **Rapid Fiber Preforming**, comprehensive closed molding expertise, patented Litecast® technology and advances in Long Fiber



Reinforced Thermoplastics (LFT), booth visitors will be able to access first hand details about Genesis™ Design Optimization.

With Genesis™ NCC is helping manufacturers integrate composites into structural designs and harvest substantial cost and weight savings among other benefits. The Center is also highlighting its patented Litecast® technology, Rapid Fiber Preforming, closed molding and Long Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastics (LFT) processes.

NCC MANAGER OF THERMOPLASTIC TECHNOLOGY TO CHAIR ANTEC SESSION

Following his election in 2004 to the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Composite Division's Board of Directors, Dr. Bob Brannon, Manager of NCC's Thermoplastic Technology has been elected this year as SPE Composite Division's Treasurer.

He will also chair a session on Thermosetting Nanocomposites at the 2005 Annual Technical Conference (ANTEC) in May. In April Dr. Brannon led a thermoplastic tutorial sponsored by the SPE-Composites Division and held at NCC. Thirty-eight participants attended.

In September the SPE Automotive and Composites Division will jointly sponsor the 5th Annual Automotive Composites Conference and Exhibition.

This event is intended to educate and inform automotive design and production engineers, sales personnel and management from OEM's and Tier I/II suppliers about the benefits and expanding importance of polymeric composites in cars, light trucks and other transport applications.