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2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

January 21: Member Mixer

5:30pm, @ Kill Devil Club (KCPL)

February 18: Shop Meeting

6:00pm, @ TBD

March 2-5: National MFG Conf.

@ Palm Springs CA

March 22: Owners Luncheon

11:30am, @ TBD

April 9: KC NRL Contest

9:00am, @ Olathe NW High School

April 11-13: Legislative Conf.

@ Washington D.C.

April 21: Shop Meeting

6:00pm, @ Lawler Gear, Lee's Summit

May 26: Scholarship Golf Outing

@ Deer Creek Golf Course, Overland Park, KS

July 22-23: Joint St. Louis/KC Summer Meeting

@Lake of the Ozarks

September 22: Shop Meeting

TBD

October 12-15: National Conf.

@ Charlotte, NC

December 2: Christmas Party

TBD

Member Mixer at

Kill Devil Club

Thursday Jan 21st 5:30-7:30 pm

This event is free and is intended to be a laid back mixer for all members to network. Drinks and apps will be served. We had a big crowd last year, which was perfect in the new, larger space at KDC. The Kill Devil Club is just ½ block south of Maker's Mark, right next to Bristol restaurant in the Kansas City Power & Light District, 31 E 14 St, Kansas City, MO 64106.

Welcome New Members!

Centranz, Inc. Buckner, MO:

Joel Gordon, President (816) 650-3161

Talon Machine & Gear, Blue Springs, MO:

Eric McKinney, GM (816) 229-3300

Huhtamaki, Inc., DeSoto, KS

**Tom Goodpasture, Machine Shop Supervisor
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Creative Blow Mold Tooling Installs Haas 5-Axis

Creative Blow Mold Tooling, Lee's Summit, Missouri, has recently installed a new Haas UMC-750 5-axis machining center. The 31-year-old firm specializes in the design, manufacture and repair of tooling for the blow mold industry across North America. It can handle rigid container and PET projects ranging from 4-ounce bottles to 5-gallon containers. Creative also builds blow mold for industrial applications.

The new UMC-750 (the company's 16th Haas) was purchased to help improve the company's efficiency through reduced set-ups/set-up time, improved cycle times, tooling efficiencies and faster delivery times. It also enables the firm to handle more complex parts and expand its capabilities beyond mold manufacturing. "The Haas equipment is reliable and their service has met our needs. We are looking forward to the 5-axis' impact on our efficiency and capabilities," stated Creative's Michael Bohning.

The UMC-750 features: 30" x 20" x 20" capacity; a 40-taper, 8100rpm direct-drive spindle and 41-tool changer.

Creative Blow Mold Tooling serves a wide range of industries including: food/beverage; automotive; consumer goods; household chemicals and many more. Its 35 employees work in a 20,000-sq.-ft. facility with 19 vertical/horizontal machining centers, a full assortment of manual equipment and a quality lab.

Creative's Jim Hensiek, director of business development, noted that a key focus is building strong customer relationships that help the client starting with the initial stages of product development all the way through final production. "We work to be an important part of the customer's supply chain to help them reach the goal of being first to market," commented Hen-



Left: A Haas UMC-750 5-axis machining center at Creative Blow Mold Tooling.

siek. "Our motto is, 'We build it right. Every time. On time.'"

Creative Blow Mold Tooling can be contacted at: (816) 525-4220; Fax (816) 524-8235; 2350 NE Independence Ave, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64064; www.creativeblowmold.com.

ACI Services Installs DMG MORI Equipment

ACI Services, Inc.'s Blue Springs, Missouri facility has recently installed a DMG MORI NHX 4000HMC and a DMG MORI NLX 4000/750 turning center.

The 55-year-old firm specializes in reciprocating compressors for the energy industry worldwide. The Blue Springs facility machines O.E.M. parts for new compressors and replacement parts for legacy compressors in the field. ACI services produces/provides parts for all reciprocating compressors.

The new DMG/MORIs (the firm's 3rd) were needed to bring more operations in-house to better control quality and enable faster turnaround. They also expand the capabilities and size capacity of the Blue Springs operation. The turning center features a 21" chuck and the HMC has a capacity of 400mm. "The new equipment from DMG/Mori has brought an added dimension to our facility allowing us to continue to grow," stated Brett Kyle, operations manager and 17-year industry veteran.

The new equipment brings the total number of CNC milling/turning pieces in the shop up to seven.

The eight employees work in a 7,500-sq.-ft. building. They mainly work with alloy steels.

ACI Services can be contacted at: (816) 224-0544 or www.aciservicesinc.com.



Above: ACI Services' Bret Kyle.

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Christmas Party: Borst Installed & Crossland Honored

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held its annual Christmas Party at Piropo's Grille at Briarcliff Village in Kansas City on December 4th.

The event was to celebrate the holidays and recognize the term of 2015 Chapter President Michael Bohning, Creative Blow Mold Tooling, and to welcome Andy Borst, Clay & Bailey Mfg., as the 2016 president.



Above (l-r): Craig Schroer, Trustee, presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to George Crossland as Michael Bohning, 2015 Chapter President looks on.

Left: 2016 President Andy Borst, Clay & Bailey Mfg. talks at the dinner.



Another highlight was George Crossland being recognized for his decades of service to the chapter and the industry as a board member (for over 30 years), coordinator of the SkillsUSA precision machining national competitions for many years and national NIMS board member. "His tireless

efforts to promote the industry through the attracting and training of skilled workers have had a major impact on the industry in the Kansas City area and the chapter," noted Craig Schroer, Unitech, chapter Trustee and past president, as he presented the award.

Allied Plastic Supply Introduces Boltaron PVC/Acrylic Alloy Sheets

Allied Plastic Supply (APS), a Master Plastics Distributor, is introducing Boltaron PVC/Acrylic Alloy Sheets noted Joe Wolf, KC General Manager and long-time industry veteran.

Boltaron is commonly used in aircraft, transportation and commercial/industrial applications. It is available in thicknesses ranging from .018" to 3.0", ten surface textures and unlimited colors. It can be thermoformed, machined or fabricated and is flame/heat/smoke resistant. It is often used in aircraft interiors, dashboards and seating

"This is just another example of APS responding to customer demands and offering the sizes, colors and sizes they need with no mini-

mums," stated Wolf. "We are excited to offer Botaron to our customers."

APS carries over 130 different materials (50+ brands) of graphic, medical and industrial plastic sheet, rod and tube. It also offers first processing (sawing, cut-to-length, router work) and delivers nationwide.

"We specialize in carrying a wide assortment of materials in a full range of sizes and colors and having them in stock, so no minimums are required," stated Wolf, a 32-year plastics industry veteran. "Our 80,000-sq.-ft. warehouse in Dallas is a one-day truck drive away, so we can be very responsive."

Allied Plastic Supply can be contacted at: (816) 920-5026; (844) 203-6449; Fax (816) 920-5634; 1579 N Topping Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64120; jwolf@alliedplastic.org; www.alliedplastic.org.



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Wise Chips:

“If you do not say it, they cannot repeat it.”

“Failure is not falling down; it’s not getting up again.”

“Some of us learn from the mistakes of others. The rest of us have to be the others.”

Marketing Opportunity

In order to make more activities of the chapter financially self-sufficient, business-card size ads are being accepted to offset the cost of the Chips ‘N Comments newsletter.

This is a great opportunity for members and associate members to gain exposure for their goods and services to more than 200 members and prospective members, as well as support the NTMA. (See examples inside).

Business card ads cost \$125 per issue (three minimum). The newsletter is published 5 to 6 times a year. Members and associate members receive priority for the limited spots that are available. For more information, contact Torree at: 816-739-4422 • execdir@kcntma.org

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