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UPCOMING 2014 EVENTS

May 29

Golf Outing (see right)

July 25-26

Joint Summer Meeting with St. Louis in Branson

"Achieving Operational Excellence"

Friday & Saturday July 25-26

Chateau on the Lake, Branson MO

Seminars, Roundtable, Golf, Sailing, Sporting Clays

Socialize with KC/St. Louis members & NTMA Staff

Dinner speake: economist Chris Keuhl

Come for a day or make a weekend of it!

September 18

Shop Meeting at Ruco Products

October

National Fall Conference-New Orleans

December 6

Christmas Party at Pieropos in Parkville

Scholarship Golf Tournament

Promoting the industry with
scholarship support!

Thursday, May 29th

12:00 Noon Registration & Lunch

1:30 Modified Shot Gun Start

4-person Scramble

Awards afterwards

\$100 per player

Teams & Singles Welcome!

Deer Creek Golf Club

7000 W 133rd St.

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K-Ter Imagineering Completes Major Project

K-Ter Imagineering, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, has recently completed the production and assembly of a multi-component cell for straightening 3/8" carbon steel plate for Exltube's facility in Kansas City.

K-Ter, which is employee-owned, started-out supplying the vinyl siding industry with special machines and tooling.

Today the company's 18 employees (with an average tenure of 12 years) operate in a 33,000-sq.-ft. facility.

K-Ter Imagineering offers a complete range of services including: tool & die work, jigs, fixtures, machining, fabricating, welding (aluminum, stainless and mild steel), EDM work, design and build special machines and prototyping.

The engineering department has a crew of four that works with the latest versions of Solidworks and Mastercam for engineering and design work.

The straightening cell is made up of three different pieces of equipment. K-Ter was responsible for the machining, assembly and painting of two of these



Above: Part of a straightening cell for EXL Tube constructed at K-Ter Imagineering..

components. "This cell will help Exltube's efficiency and eliminate waste," stated Roger Gubbels, president. "It has been a good challenging project for our crew. We have a workforce that can handle all aspects of a project like this from start to finish."

Other company leaders include Gar Stovin, VP manufacturing; and Steve Miner, VP marketing. Combined with Gubbels, these three account for well over a century of experience in manufacturing.

"We work to become partners with our customers and anticipate their needs," commented Miner.

K-Ter Imagineering is responsible for several patents. The company serves numerous industries across North America including: injection molding; automotive; bearings; railroad; food; utilities; retail packaging.

"We can take a project from concept/design all the way through production," stated Stovin.

K-Ter Imagineering can be contacted at: (800) 233-5837; (816) 453-6551; Fax (816) 453-4689; 8600 NE Underground Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64161; www.k-ter.com

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Chapter Shop Meeting at United Metal Spinning Ruco Products Welcomed As New Member

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held a Shop Meeting at United Metal Spinning in Kansas City, Missouri.

The meeting was sponsored by Environmental Air Tech.

The evening started with tours of the 5th generation family firm. The 84-year-old company offers metal spinning. This unique process takes a flat piece of metal and makes a cylindrical object without a seam. The pieces produced include: funnels, goblets, light fixtures, fuel cans, missile nose cones, and can be made out of all types of metal including: steel, aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, stainless steel, pewter, silver, and even gold.

United Metal Spinning can produce parts manually or with CNC equipment. This allows them to make prototypes or small runs as well as large runs.

The speaker for the event was Don Hamer, national sales manager for MicroAir Clean Air Systems. He discussed air quality issues and regulations in the industry and the various methods to deal with them.

In other chapter business, Ruco Products, Blue Springs, Missouri, was presented a new member plaque.



Above: Examples of spun parts produced at United Metal Spinning in KCMO.



Above (l-r): Don Hamer and Mike Ellis were the speakers for the meeting.




Above: Part of the crowd at the KC NTMA meeting at United Metal Spinning.



Above (l-r): United Metal Spinning's Laura and Larry Brennaman Sr.




Above (l-r): Ruco Products' Derek Kirkpatrick and Brenda Rupert.



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Wise Chips:

“Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of government. But then I repeat myself.”

Mark Twain

“Sometimes you get and sometimes you get got.”

Old Famer’s Advice

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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