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UPCOMING 2014 EVENTS

January 16-17

National Leadership Summit in Florida

January 23

Member Nteworking mixer at Power & ..
Light @ 5:30

February 27

Shop meeting at Holland 1916 @ 6:00

March 5-8

National MFG Conference in Arizona

April 10

Shop meeting at United Metal Spinning

May 5-7

National Legislative Conference in D.C.

May 29

Golf Outing

July 25-28

Joint Summer Meeting with St. Louis in Branson

September 18

Shop Meeting TBD

October

National Fall Conference-New Orleans

December 6

Christmas Party

Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 7 at Plaza III Steakhouse Lower Level

6:00 Dinner

7:30 Dancing & Entertainment

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\$80 per person

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We will recognize John Jaixen's work

as chapter president in 2013 and

welcome Roger Gubbels as the

2014 president!

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Shop Meeting At Accessible Technologies: 3D Printing Expert Speaks

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held a Shop Tour at Accessible Technologies in Lenexa, Kansas on September 19th. Over 80 attended the event.

The manufacturing firm produces the Procharger brand of super chargers for autos, trucks and motorcycles and also produces the Inovair brand of turbo blowers for industrial use.

The featured speaker was Josh Boggs of Fisher/Unitech. He spoke about 3D Printing Technology and its growth in the manufacturing arena. He specifically talked about polyjet and FDM 3D applications and their potential uses for NTMA members. These included prototyping, tools/fixtures and inspection. He noted that the typical savings of time and/or money in using 3D printing can range from 70-75% for most manufacturers.

The KC NTMA chapter can be contacted at (816) 739-4422 or www.kentma.org.



Above: Part of the crowd at the chapter's shop meeting at Accessible Technologies.

KC Haas Outlet Holds Demo Day

The KC Haas Factory Outlet hosted Demo Day on October 2nd. The event celebrated 30 years of Haas innovation and featured some of the latest Haas CNC equipment. The HFO locations featured ST-30 & ST-20Y turning centers and VF- 2SS & VF-4SS vertical machining centers.

The KC HFO hosted educational seminars on the latest trends for boosting output and increasing profits. Haas Application Engineers as well as representatives from major tooling, workholding and CAD/CAM manufacturers were

on hand to help customers adapt the newest machine technology and manufacturing strategies to their shop floor.

Brian Cregg, HFO President stated, "We are very proud of the team Mike Hamilton is building and our improved ability to support customers in KS, MO, and Southern IL. Over the past couple of years we have grown our team in Kansas City and St. Louis from 8 people to 18 and we are not stopping there. With this investment and growth we are able to support our customers locally better than ever before."

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Roberts Tool & Die Installs Two Pieces of Mori Seiki Equipment

Roberts Tool & Die Co. (RTD), Chillicothe, Missouri, has recently installed two pieces of Mori Seiki CNC machining equipment.

The 29-year-old firm offers tool & die design/build; CNC machining, wire EDM, special machines, stamping and assembly. The die work includes all types of dies such as progressive, blank, pierce, draw, form & trim and manual transfer.

The new Mori Seiki equipment, purchased from Maruka, was needed to expand Roberts Tool & Die's capacity and improve its productivity. The Mori Seiki Dura 5100 VMC and the Mori Seiki NLX 2500 SY CNC Lathe represent the 6th and 7th pieces of Mori Seiki equipment at the company. The 5100 VMC features 3-axis with a 4th axis indexer and the 2500 SY lathe features Y-axis milling, 12 station turret, sub-spindle and live tooling. "We have been very happy with the equipment and Maruka's service," stated Randy Grell who co-owns the company along with Rick Grell and Gary Sivill. The trio combines for almost a century of experience in manufacturing.

Other equipment at the ISO-registered firm include seven CNC machining centers; three CNC turning centers; three EDMs; a full-service tool room; 18 stamping presses (10-350 ton) and welding stations for spot, projection, MIG, TIG and Arc welding.

RTD has an experienced crew (average industry experience of 25 years) in over 45,000-sq.-ft. of space. The



Left(l-r): Roberts Tool & Die's Rick Grell, Randy Grell and Gary Sivill with a new Mori Seiki Dura 5100 VMC.

team works with all standard metals and plastics and serves customers nationwide in such industries as: agriculture, auto, transportation, appliances, HVAC, medical, petroleum and recreational.

"Our success is due to a good, diverse team and our focus on quality parts, on

time," commented Rick Grell.

Roberts Tool & Die can be contacted at: (660) 646-5950; Fax (660) 646-4520; 401 Industrial Road • PO Box 527, Chillicothe, Missouri 64601; www.r-t-d.com.

Deco Tool Open House



Deco Tool Supply's Lees' Summit, Missouri, branch held an Open House on September 17th.

Forty different vendors exhibiting the latest and greatest in cutting tools, tool holding, abrasives, vending, coolants,

MRO and safety products. Live demonstrations of vending solutions were also conducted.

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John Glenn

“A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always count on the support of Paul.”

George Bernard Shaw

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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