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2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

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

@Lake of the Ozarks (see right)

September 22: Shop Meeting

@ Unitech

October 12-15: National Conf.

@ Charlotte, NC

December 2: Christmas Party

@ Piropos

July 22-23 Joint St. Louis/KC Summer Meeting @ Lodge of Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks

Theme: Strategic Leadership!

Breakout sessions on building leaders in your business. An industry roundtable. Great speakers on industry topics. Valuable networking with your peers and numerous recreation/leisure options will make this a productive and relaxing weekend for everyone!

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Welcome New Member! **High Tech Laser & Polishing**

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Thursday Sept. 22 **Shop Meeting @ Unitech**

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6:00 Tours/Networking

7:00 – Dinner

7:30 Speaker

\$35 per person for buffet dinner

Speaker will be Margaret Reynolds, author of *REIGNITE, How everyday companies spark next-stage growth*. Each person will receive a copy of her book.

For Reservations or Information about meetings/events contact: Torree Pederson

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Chapter Scholarship Golf Outing

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held its annual scholarship golf outing on May 26th at the Deer Creek Golf Club in Overland Park, Kansas.

Over 80 golfers participated and the event raised over \$4,000 for the chapter's scholarship fund. Sponsors included: Top Level Sponsor Federated Insurance; Silver Level Ryerson; Other sponsors; BMO Harris Bank, Clay & Bailey, CliftonLarsonAllen, Hass, Maruka & Creative Blow Mold.

Photos from the event are on this page and the chapter's website: www.kcntma.org.



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Van-Am Receives ISO Certification; Installs 5-Axis Laser & Turning Center

Van-Am Tool & Engineering, LLC, St. Joseph, Missouri, received ISO 9001:2008 certification and recently installed a new Mazak 5-axis laser and a DMG-Mori NLX 1500 SY CNC turning center.

The 34-year-old company is a full service source for tool and die, metal stamping, machining, metal fabrication, laser cutting, and manufacturing solutions source.



Above: Van-Am's Preston Punzo.

The new Mazak 4,000-watt 5-axis laser cutting system can perform 2D and full 3D laser cutting and has a capacity of 131.6" x 60.8" x 28.3". This makes the fourth laser cutting system at the company. It is ideal for flat plate, formed or drawn shapes and tubing, pipe and structural items. The new DMG-Mori features a 2.4" diameter through the spindle, 15.1" max diameter, 20.2" max length, 10,000 rpm direct drive live tooling, and sub-spindle. "The certifications and new equipment demonstrate our commitment to technology and growth and further diversify our offerings to our customers," stated Eric Bruder, President & CEO.

"This additional equipment is part of our ongoing efforts to leverage technology to improve our capacity, efficiency and turnaround times," stated Van-Am's Preston



Above: Van-Am's Mazak 4,000-watt 5-axis laser cutting system can handle 2D & 3D work.

Punzo, Vice President of Sales & Marketing. "In some cases, this equipment will dramatically improve our productivity compared to older equipment."

The company has also brought on Greg Smith to handle outside sales. Smith is a 20+ year industry veteran. "We are pleased to have someone of Greg's experience and caliber join the team," stated Punzo.

Van-Am's services include: complete design and build of progressive, transfer, louver, blank, form, and draw dies; die maintenance and repair; short or long run production stamping; general and custom machine work (manual and CNC); wire EDM; design and build of jigs and fixtures; design, build, and repair of special machines; laser cutting and precision CNC press braking; custom fabrication and welding; robotic welding and plasma cutting; vibratory finishing; assembly; packaging, and warehousing.

Van-Am operates in an 82,000-sq.-ft. facility and serves customers nationwide in a wide range of industries, including: agriculture, automotive, construction, electrical, petroleum, government, HVAC, pharmaceutical

Right:
Van-Am's
Greg
Smith



and transportation.

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***“How do you drive an engineer insane?
Tie him to a chair then have him watch
you fold up a road map the wrong
way.”***

“I refuse to star in your psychodrama.”

***“Take comedians seriously and
politicians as a joke.”***

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@kentma.org

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