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2015 UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29, 2015*

5:30 Networking Mixer @ Kill Devil Club
in KC Power & Light District

February 26, 2015

Shop Meeting TBA

March 4-8, 2015

NTMA MFG Conference in Florida

March 24, 2015

11:30 Owners Luncheon @ MCC-BTC

March 28, 2015

KC NRL Competition at Olathe NW

April 16, 2015

Shop Meeting TBA

April 21-22, 2015

NTMA Legislative Conference in D.C.

May 28, 2015

Golf Outing at Deer Creek

July 23-25, 2015

KC/St. Louis Lake Meeting

September 24, 2015

Shop Meeting TBA

October 21-24

NTMA Fall Conference in St. Louis

December 5, 2015

Christmas Party

**New date since last newsletter*

January Member Mixer

January 29th • 5:30-7:30

Kill Devil Club

Power and Light District

31 E 14 Street KCMO 64106

This event is free and is intended to be a mixer for all members to network. Drinks and apps will be served. The Kill Devil Club is just ½ block south of Maker's Mark, right next to Bristol restaurant.

Send in your RSVP now:

Lawler Gear Founder Cal Lawler Passes Away

Calvin A. Lawler, 86, recently passed away after a short illness. He grew up farming near Coal, Mo with his mother and brother after losing his father at the age of one. Lawler left school in 9th grade to run the farm while his brother served in WWII. He married Bonnie Pauline Parks in 1947. He owned a blacksmith shop until 1952 when he went into the US Army and was trained to be a machinist and instructor. Lawler worked for several machine shops in the KC area until 1978. Then he started Lawler Gear, growing from himself to 25 people. "Making gears was his passion," noted his son Ray. "I got to spend a lot of time with him over the years at our gear business since 1978. He was one of the old time machinist that could make anything out of nothing."

Lawler was a member of the Blue Ridge United Methodist church and a scout leader in Troop 469. He was a founding member of the KC Woodworkers Guild and the Lee's Summit Woodworkers Guild. Their Toy Projects produced 100,000 toy's over the years for the United Way.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Pauline, four children, nine grand-children and four great- grandchildren.

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

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Lawler Gear Installs Hwacheon VTC

Lawler Gear Corp, Lee's Summit, Missouri, has recently installed a Hwacheon VT950 MC vertical turning center (VTC). The precision gear manufacturer was founded in 1978 with 2 employees in a 1,200-sq.-ft. building. Today, the precision gear manufacturer operates in a 31,000-sq.-ft. facility with 16 employees.

The company produces spur, helical, worm, bevel and rack gears from ½" to 90". Lawler Gear's processes include: CNC gear hobbing; internal gear shaping; broaching; milling; turning; sawing; wire EDM; and CNC gear inspection.

The new Hwacheon, purchased from Maruka, features 12 station live tooling, Fanuc controls and can handle parts up to 37.4" in diameter and up to 33.4" tall and weighs 33,290 pounds.

"We needed the new Hwacheon VTC to expand our capacity in larger, higher quantity turning," stated Ray Lawler, president. "This is our 6th piece of equipment we have purchased from Maruka. We have been pleased with the quality and lack of service needed on the machines purchased from them. They have treated us really well since we bought our first machine in 1981."

Other equipment at Lawler Gear includes CNC gear hobbers, CNC lathes, CNC mills and over 40 pieces of conventional and gear-producing equipment.

The company serves "just about every industry there is" across the country. Lawler credits the company's experienced crew, with an average of 20 years employment each, and high quality customers for the firm's success.

Lawler Gear can be contacted at: (800) 346-3038; (816) 525-0002; Fax (816) 525-1133; 1320 Hamblen Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64081; www.lawlorgear.com.



Above (l-r): Lawler Gear's Ray Lawler and Wayne Lawler with a new Hwacheon VT950 MC vertical turning center.

Hartwig's Vestal Retires



Above (l-r): Rod & Sandy Vestal at the retirement reception.

Hartwig-KC hosted a retirement reception for long-time associate Rod Vestal on December 22nd. He worked for Hartwig for 38 years in a wide range of leadership positions in five Mid-America states and several mountain states. Family, friends, customers and Hartwig associates from KC, Omaha and St. Louis attended the event.

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Christmas Party Held At Piropos'

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held its annual Christmas Party at Piropo's Grille in Parkville, Missouri on December 6th.

The event was to celebrate the holidays and recognize the term of 2014 Chapter President Roger Gubbels, K-Ter Imagineering and to welcome Michael Bohning, Creative Blow Mold, as the 2015 president.

Past President John Jaixen, A&E Custom Mfg. Technologies, presented a plaque to Gubbels.

Photos from the event are on this page and on the chapter website.



Above (l-r): Roger Gubbels, and Michael Bohning at the NTMA Christmas Party.



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P.J. O'Rourke

“America is the only country where a significant portion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.”

David Letterman

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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