

### Greater Kansas City Chapter

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# Chips 'N Comments

#### **2015 UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 24, 2015

11:30 Owners Luncheon @ Hartwig KC

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** 

# NRL Competition Arena Completed

The KC NTMA board is pleased to announce the completion of its NRL (National Robotic League) Competition Arena. The project was led by Craig Schroer (Unitech & Advanced Coatings).

The 12' x 13' x 8' arena features Lexan panels, lighting and camera ports. It comes in eight folding parts that fit on five carts designed to fit through standard double doors. It takes four people approximately four hours to assemble.

The arena was funded by the chapter with generous donations of time, material, hardware and work from Unitech, Advanced Coatings, Ronson Mfg., EMJ, Allied Plastic Supply and Deco Tool.

# March 24 (Tues) Owner/Principal Roundtable

11:30AM-1PM

Hartwig Board Room 6110 Deramus Avenue, KCMO 64120 Free to attend and boxed lunch is provided!

March 28 (Sat)

**NRL Competition** 

Olathe NW Gymnasium 21300 College Blvd. Olathe, KS 9 AM-Noon Judging 12-3PM Competition

### **Welcome New Members!**

ACI Services, GAS Products
Brett Kyle 816.224.0544
Intercontinental Engineering Mfg.
Greg Appel 816.741.0700
Vita Craft
Ken Phillips/Gary Martin 913.631-1143

New Associate Member
Allied Plastic Supply
Joe Wolf 816.920.5634

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

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# Mixer Held At Kill Devil Club

The KC NTMA Chapter held a member networking mixer to kick off the new year at the Kill Devil Club in Kansas City's Power & Light District on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 attended the event.

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









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# Chapter Tours Huhtamaki & VitaCraft

The Chapter toured the Huhtamaki and VitaCraft plants in the Kansas City area on February 26th. Over 60 attended the event.

Huhtamaki produces consumer goods packaging and foodservice products including the CHINET® line of table ware.

VitaCraft, an NTMA member, manufactures a premium line of cookware under the same name.

After the tours, dinner was held at a nearby restaurant where brief presentations by David Baltuska, EMJ metals; Joe Wolf, Allied Plastic Supply and Cliff Slater, Chemetall cutting fluids were made about trends in their respective industries.

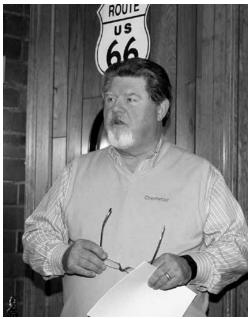
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Above: KC NTMA members tour the VlitaCraft plant in Shawnee, Kansas.



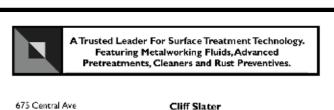
Above: EMJ's David Baltuska.



Above: Chemetall's Cliff Slater.



Above: Allied Plastic Supply's Joe Wolf.



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### Wise Chips:

"Snow boarding is an activity very popular with people who do not feel that skiing is lethal enough."

Dave Barry

"By the time a man realizes his father was right, he has a son who thinks he's wrong."

## **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