



Greater Kansas City Chapter

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2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26: Scholarship Golf Outing

@ Deer Creek Golf Course,
Overland Park, KS (see right)

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

@Lake of the Ozarks (see right)

September 22: Shop Meeting TBD

October 12-15: National Conf. @ Charlotte, NC

December 2: Christmas Party Piropos

Thursday May 26 Scholarship Golf Outing Deer Creek Golf Club

7000 W. 133rd St.
Overland Park, KS 66209

7:00AM – Registration

8:00AM – Modified Shot Gun Start
(4 person scramble)

Awards & LUNCH following golf

Enjoy a full day of golf: 18 holes of golf
(including cart), lunch, snacks and awards.

All for just \$120 / player.

Benefits the Scholarship/Education Fund of
the Greater Kansas City Chapter NTMA.

Welcome New Members!

High Tech Tool, 1208 SE Broadway, Lee's Summit,
MO 64081 • 816.347.0739 • www.high-tech-tool.com;
Ken Karczewski, Sales Mfg.; Randy Anderson, Owner;
Jim Ruckdeschell

Qualtiy Tool Service, 1501 S Handley, Wichita, KS
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Jeremy Nelson

Ultra Tech Aerospace, 3003 Power Drive, KCKS
66106 • 913.212.7009 • www.utaero.com Keith Mills,
President; Rick Pillege, Chris Coad, Program Manager

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!**

**Contact Sally at St. Louis NTMA
(314) 378-1293 or visit www.stlouis-ntma.org**

**For Reservations or Information about meet-
ings/events contact: Torree Pederson**

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Chapter Tours Lawler Gear

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held a shop meeting at Lawler Gear in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

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.

For more information visit: www.lawler-gear.com.

After shop tours and a BBQ buffet dinner, representatives from KCP&L and Kornis Electric Supply gave a presentation on incentive programs available through Business Energy Savings programs. This includes subsidies for more efficient lighting systems in shops.

Then Federated Insurance's Cole Waddell spoke about the costs associated with distracted driving claims for businesses and the various ways these type of accidents can be prevented.

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



Above: Ray Lawler speaking.



Above: Federated's Cole Waddell speaking.



Chapter & KCMN Hold Mfg Roundtable at FEC in KCMO



The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) and members of the KC Manufacturing Network held a Manufacturing Roundtable about the recruiting and training of a skilled workforce for the industry at the Full Employment Council in Kansas City, Missouri on March 9th.

Numerous employment and training related groups were on hand to work with the manufacturers represented to develop ideas and strategies on workforce recruiting and development.

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2nd Annual BotsKC Competition Held

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) hosted its 2nd BotsKC competition on April 9th at Olathe Northwest High School.

12 teams had built robots for the competition. The arena built by the chapter was used for the event. This more than doubled last year's number of teams. Numerous members and associate members helped with the teams, judging or running the event.

A crowd of over 400 gathered to watch the robots compete in multiple rounds. Newspapers and TV stations also covered the event.

NRL is sponsored by the national NTMA with the goal of getting students interested in careers in manufacturing.

Photos and videos from the event are also available at the chapter's website www.kcntma.org or at www.BotsKC.org.



Above: Part of the crowd at the 2nd annual BotsKC competition at ONW on April 9th.

Chapter Holds Owner's Roundtable at Maruka

Right: Some of the members at the owner's roundtable held at Maruka's Lee's Summit facility on March 22nd.



The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held an owner's roundtable on March 22nd at Maruka U.S.A.'s Lee's Summit facility. The company's U.S. operations are now headquartered in Lee's Summit. The facility is currently being expanded and remodeled for more office, training and education space.

The event gives members the chance to network with each other and discuss trends and issues facing the industry.

Topics covered included: EPA regulations, workplace violence, OSHA inspections, training, commodities, export markets, health insurance and trends in certain sectors.



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Wise Chips:

“Behind every successful man is a woman. Behind every unsuccessful man, there are two.”

“Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke .”

Old Farmer’s Advice “Do not corner something that is meaner than you.”

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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