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2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25: Scholarship Golf Outing
@Deer Creek GC, Overland Park, KS

July 21-22: Joint St. Louis/KC
Summer Meeting @Branson

September 28: Shop Meeting
@ HF Rubber, Topeka KS

October 25-27 National Conf.
@San Antonio, TX

December 1: Christmas Party
@ Brio Tuscan Grille on the Plaza

Corey Brown Named VP at Burger & Brown Engineering

Burger & Brown Engineering, Inc., is pleased to announce the appointment of Corey Brown as Vice-President.

The 39-year-old company specializes in machining, micro-machining, injection molding, contract inspection and custom automation equipment. It operates in a 50,000-sq.-ft. facility with 60 employees.

Brown spent four years in different engineering positions before joining the company in 2014. In 2015 he was named Engineering Manager. As VP he will work closely with CEO/Chairman Mark Brown on all aspects of the business. In time, it is expected that he will assume the day-to-day operation of the firm.

Mark Brown, CEO and Chair with 23 years at the company, will focus on strengthening existing and developing new customer relationships. "We are pleased to name Corey as VP," noted Mark Brown. "He is well-qualified and understands the family culture that we have built here at B&B since the very beginning. This transition will set a strong foundation for the company well into the future."

Burger & Brown Engineering can be contacted at: (800) 764-3518; (816) 878-6675; fax (816) 878-6680; 4500 E. 142nd Street, Grandview, Missouri 64030; www.burgereng.com.

May 25 Scholarship Golf Outing @ Deer Creek

Deer Creek Golf Club, Overland Park, KS

7000 W 133rd Street • 913.681.3100

7:00 AM Registration • 8:00 Shotgun Start

12:30 Lunch and Awards

\$130 each/\$500 per foursome • \$25 Lunch only

<https://www.123signup.com/register?id=nrijfh>

July 21-23 Annual KC/STL NTMA Lake Meeting at Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO

*Great Friday night speaker, Eric Maddox, who helped
with the capture of Saddam Hussein.*

Numerous technology speakers and lots of networking!

Special room rates until June 19th.

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Welcome New Member!

Coffman Custom Machine

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BotsKC Competition Held March 25th



The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) hosted its 3rd BotsKC competition on March 25th at Olathe Northwest High School.

20 teams had built robots for the competition. This was over a 66% increase over last year's number of teams. The arena built by the chapter was used for the event.

A crowd of over several hundred gathered to watch the robots compete in multiple rounds. Newspaper 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 www.BotsKC.org.



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April Meeting Is Tour Of Creative Blow Mold Tooling

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) toured Creative Blow Mold Tooling in Lee's Summit, Missouri on April 27th.

Founded in 1984, Creative began with a focus on the design, manufacture, and repair of tooling for the blow mold industry. The 33-year-old company has built a strong reputation in the blow mold industry for designing and producing molds for the bottle and packaging industries across the country. It focuses on collaborating with its customers find the best solution for their needs, not just meeting blueprint specs. Two Haas 5-axis machining centers have been installed over the last two years greatly expanding the custom machining capabilities of the firm.

After tours and a buffet dinner, Joe Wolf, Allied Plastics, gave a plastics industry update.

Then Justin Shelman, CFA, VP & Managing Director-Portfolio Management at The Private Client Reserve of U.S. Bank gave an economic update. He touched on the growth in the economy, employment, manufacturing activity, the job market, wages, capital investments, the deficit and repatriation. He anticipates a choppy market in the near future.

A presentation about the MET-Tec committee at KCKCC-TEC was also given.

Creative Blow Mold Tooling can be contacted at: (816) 525-4220; 2350 NE Independence Ave, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64064; www.creativeblowmold.com.

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



Above: **Creative's Michael Bohning.** Right: **U.S. Bank's Justin Shelman.** Below right: **Allied Plastics Joe Wolf.**





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Wise Chips:

“There is no true lasting success in business without success in the business of living life.”

“Quitters never win. Winners never quit.”

“When you rob Peter to pay Paul you end up with a sore Peter.”

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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