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2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28: Shop Meeting
@ HF Rubber, Topeka KS (See right)

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

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

September 28th Shop Meeting At HF Rubber Machinery, Topeka KS

HF MIXING GROUP-HF Rubber Machinery
1701 N. Topeka Blvd Topeka KS 66608
<http://www.hf-mixinggroup.com>

The 57-year-old firm offers design, manufacturing, maintenance, and rebuilding services to the rubber processing industry (tire and technical rubber goods) worldwide. Examples of equipment the firm produces includes rubber mixers, extruder screws, mills, as well as field service.

Dinner catered in shop:

Tossed dinner salad

Roast Brisket w/Jack Daniel's Sauce

Grilled Jerk Chicken

Oven Roasted New Potatoes

Home style seasoned Green beans w/bacon

Dinner rolls

6PM – Tours/Networking

6:45 – Dinner & Announcements

7:00 – Speaker – Federated Insurance

\$35 per person. Register and pay online:

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

Contact Torree if interested in carpooling

Chapter Holds Joint Meeting With St. Louis Chapter



Above (l-r): KC NTMA President Mike Hudson and St. Louis NTMA President Mark Bockerstett at the joint summer conference in Branson, Missouri. See page 3 for the story and more photos.

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C&R Mfg. Installs New Okuma Center

C&R Manufacturing, Shawnee, Kansas, has installed a new Okuma LB3000 EX II Space Turn 4-axis live-tool lathe.

The precision manufacturing firm, which offers machining (including 5-axis), waterjet cutting, welding, assembly, kitting, laser part marking and inspection, started out in the basement of founder Ron Wosel's home in 1979.

The new Okuma CNC lathe, purchased from Hartwig, Inc., features 4-axis, live tooling and a bar feeder

"We needed the new Okuma to reduce our setups, improve our efficiency and expand our capacity," stated Wosel. "Okumas are great and Hartwig is easy to work with. We have worked with Hartwig since the early '80s and have always found them to be a great partner to work with."

C&R's 20 employees operate in a 32,000-sq.-ft. facility with an impressive array of 26 pieces of CNC equipment. Wosel noted that the average tenure of the company's employees is 19-23 years. The firm works with all standard metals, titanium and many plastics.

"Our great employees are a key factor in our success," commented Wosel. "On-time delivery is always a major focus for us. We have many of our original customers and celebrate long-time anniversaries with several each year. C&R is often the top rated supplier with our customers for quality and delivery."



Left (l-r): C&R Mfg.'s Ron Wosel, Brian Wosel & Andrea Wosel with a new Okuma turning center.

The 38-year-old company serves a wide range of industries such as: medical, electrical, food, automotive after-market, trucking, marine, construction, work-holding, rail, energy, material handling, printing, advertising, architectural, woodworking and many more. The firm also holds a Federal Firearms License.

C&R Manufacturing can be contacted at: (888) 441-4500; (913) 441-4120; Fax (913) 441-0330; 6790 Martindale, Shawnee Kansas 66218; info@c-rmfg.com; www.c-rmfg.com.





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KC HFO Hosts Demo Day



Above: Part of the crowd at the Haas KC HFO Demo Day.

The Haas Factory Outlet in Olathe, Kansas, hosted Haas National Demo Day on May 10th.

The event featured Live Machining Demos on: the Haas UMC full five-axis VMC; VF-3SSYT VMC and Haas DS-30Y live tool, two spindle, y-axis turning center with barfeeder. A Bar-B-Q lunch was served and numerous prizes were given out to attendees.

For more information visit www.haascncoutlet.com.

Chapter Holds Joint Meeting With St. Louis

The Kansas City and St. Louis Chapters of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held their annual joint lake meeting conference at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Missouri, on July 21-22.

Sponsors of the conference included Federated Insurance, CliftonLarsonAllen and Paulo.

Friday afternoon started off with session on R&D Tax Credits led by CliftonLarsonAllen's Blaine Adams. Other seminars that afternoon included: Shop floor Best Practices by MEMEX's David McPhail; "Is your shop ready for 5-axis machining?" by GROB's Bill Vejnovic and Anti-Vibration Tooling Technology by Big Kaiser's Jack Burley.

A two-hour industry roundtable was then held. Topics covered included; BOTS programs/competitions; recruiting, training and development of employees; government regulations, insurance and national organization topics.

Friday night featured a buffet dinner and a speech by Eric Maddox, a former Army Ranger who played a key role in capturing Saddam Hussein during the gulf war. His gripping presentation about interrogations and intelligence provided a great lesson on how to find new ways to get results when the standard practices are not working.

Activities during Saturday included skeet shooting and a catamaran cruise on the lake.

The Saturday evening featured a dinner and the show "The Million Dollar Quartet."

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



Above: **GROB's Bill Vejnovic.**



Above: **Eric Maddox.**



Above: **MEMEX's David McPhail.**

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Wise Chips:

"Luck is what is left after you give 100%."

"We may not imagine how our lives could be more frustrating and complex...but congress can."

"I never learn anything talking. I only learn things when I ask questions."

Lou Holtz

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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