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2012 Events

Jan 26

Member Mixer @ Power & Light

Feb 23.....Shop Meeting

March 8-11

NTMA Annual Conference (FL)

March 20..Owners Luncheon

April....Legislative Conference

***April 24**.....Signature Event!

May 10.....Golf Outing

June 18-22.....

SkillsUSA Competition

June 20

NTMA SkillsUSA Dinner

July 26-29

Joint Meeting (Branson)

Sept 27.....Shop Meeting

Oct 23...Educational Program

Dec 8.....Christmas Party

**Date Changed*

Free Member Networking Mixer

Thursday, Jan 26th • 5:30-7:30pm

Maker's Mark Bourbon House & Lounge in the Ambassador Room

KC Power & Light District

1333 Walnut Street KCMO 64105

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Join Us For This FREE Networking Event!

Enjoy cocktails and appetizers compliments of our sponsor, Federated Insurance!

Know a shop that might be a good fit for the KC NTMA? Bring them along to see what networking in this organization can bring to their business. You will be entered into a drawing that evening for bringing a prospective member.

Christmas Party Held



Above (l-r):Mike Hudson installs Rick Schwind as Chapter President.

The Kansas City Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held its annual Christmas Party at the Plaza III restaurant in Kansas City on December 3rd.

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Welcome To Our New Member!
Accessible Technologies, Inc.

Dean Rohr, Manufacturing Shop Manager

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...Christmas Party Held at Plaza III



Above: Part of the crowd at the chapter's Christmas Party. Over 70 attended the event at Plaza III.



Above (l-r): Brandon Crandall, Craig Schroer, Mike Hudson and Kristi Hudson with the statue "The Wonder of Life."

Highlights of the evening included installing Rick Schwind, Continental Tool, as the new chapter president for 2012 and recognizing 2011 president, Mike Hudson of Heartland Fabrication & Machine, for his contributions to the chapter.

A special presentation was made to Mike & Kristi Hudson. Craig Schroer, Unitech, and other members had arranged to have a bronze statue titled "The Wonder of Life" cast as a remembrance and celebration of the life of their 14-year-old daughter, Jacey, who died in a car accident during Mike's time on the board.

The statue, which depicts a young girl admiring a flower was created by Brandon Crandall of Crandall Sculpture and Design and was cast by Aaron Luckeroth at Eligius Bronze.

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

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A&E Custom Manufacturing Installs Amada Robotic Bending Cell

A&E Custom Manufacturing Technologies, Kansas City, Kansas, has recently installed a Amada Astro NT 110-ton robotic bending cell.

The firm, which is ISO-certified, offers a wide range of manufacturing services including: metal stamping; CNC turret punching, laser cutting; tooling and machining; metal fabrication; wire EDM; Mig & Tig welding; assembly and packaging.

The Astro 100 cell can operate completely unmanned. It features automatic tool changing (less than 4 minutes on a complex job) and can handle work up to 33 pounds and 31.5" x 39.5".

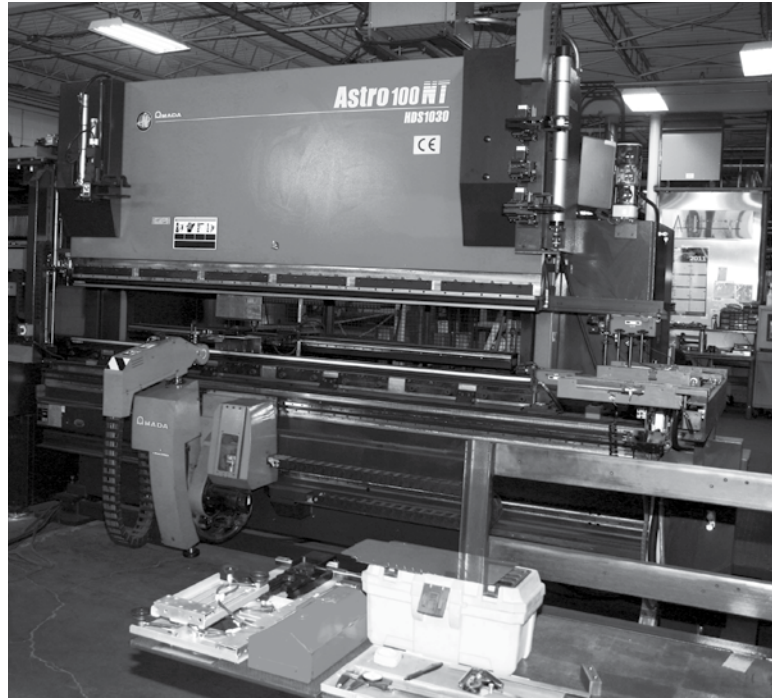
"It is vital that you surround yourself with good people and leverage technology to stay ahead of the curve," noted A&E's Steve Hasty as he talked about the new cell. The average tenure of the management team is almost 20 years. "Keeping up with the technology and trends in our industry is important. We aggressively pursue new technology when it can help us serve our customers better."

Hasty noted that the Astro 100 NT cell is an example of aggressively pursuing new technology. A customer had come to A&E with a metal stamping job. The quantities involved made the tooling costs for a stamping die prohibitive. A&E's crew went back to the customer and pointed out that using a laser and an automated cell the part could be economically produced at the quantities needed with much less tooling expense. A&E got the contract.

The cell robotic features include loading, gage checking, numerous part positioning/indexing, multiple bends (so far, A&E has performed up to 14 bends on a single part) and auto stacking of the completed parts. Hasty credits industry trade groups (NTMA, FMA and SME) with providing numerous ideas for helping A&E survive and thrive over the years.

The firm serves such industries as: food, automotive, medical; transportation; displays; architectural and construction.

For estimates contact: Clark ext. 132 or Jeff ext.



Above: A&E's Amada Astro NT robotic bending cell.

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Wise Chips:

“God is good, but never dance in a small boat.” Irish Saying

“Don’t worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.” Winston Churchill

“When you lose, don’t lose the lesson.” Unknown

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.

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