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Chips 'N Comments

Chapter Mourns Loss of Ivan Drienik, Founder & President of R&D Tool and Engineering, Long-time NTMA Member



Ivan Drienik

R&D Tool and Engineering, Co. regrets to announce the unexpected death of the company's founder and President, Ivan Drienik, who passed away September 6, 2007.

Ivan started the company in 1976, and under his guidance, developed the company into what is now recognized as one of the world's leading

suppliers of tooling for the global packaging industry.

Ivan was born in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia on March 24, 1942; he served in the United States Army and became a United States Citizen. Ivan loved his adopted homeland of the United States and the opportunities it offered. He went on to make his place in the pages of the American dream.

Ivan was a man who was well respected, quick with a joke and always with a helping hand. Those who knew him best, knew a man who was humble and extremely generous with both his time and resources. He placed his hope in the American dream and was a shining example to everyone of the benefits of hard work and perseverance to achieve those dreams. He will be greatly missed.

His beloved wife, Ardith and daughter Victoria survive.

2007 Events

October 10-14:

NTMA National Conference
Pittsburgh, PA
(See national web site for more information.)

October 24:

Educator Luncheon @ MCC-BTC
12:00 Noon

November 30:

Chapter Christmas Party
Benton's, Kansas City, Missouri

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Memorial Gifts

The National Tooling and Manufacturing Association (NTMA) is establishing up a scholarship in Ivan's name. Donations can be sent to the Kansas City Chapter of the NTMA, P.O. Box 480332, Kansas City, Missouri 64148.

KC & St. Louis Chapters Hold Annual Meeting at Lake of the Ozarks

The St. Louis and Kansas City Chapters of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) held their annual lake meeting at the Lodge of Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks July 27-28.

Friday started off with a series of workshop options including: “**Designated Risk Management**” put on by Federated Insurance; “**Technology Disaster Recovery**” hosted by E-Frame; “**Improving Profitability and Marketing Impact**” by Rich Delaney, 20/20 Marketing; and “**10 Fatal Mistakes That Will Destroy Your Business and Postpone Your Retirement**” presented by Vic Panus..

A member roundtable finished up the day with a wide range of topics covered including: finding & retaining qualified workers; hiring military veterans; health insurance; ownership transition; lake meeting alternatives and lean manufacturing. A golf tournament was held on Saturday morning, while a buffet dinner with live entertainment was held in the evening.

NTMA National Chairman Jeff Kelly spoke at the dinner. He talked about the NTMA’s theme “Filling the Pipeline” and discussed various demographic aspects of today’s workforce. He challenged the audience saying, “What are we going to do to get people interested in our industry?”



Above (l-r): St. Louis NTMA's Pat Walsh; KC NTMA's Tom Goodpasture; National NTMA Chair Jeff Kelly and Past National Chair Mike Mittler at the joint lake meeting.



Left: 20/20 Marketing's Rich Delaney; Right: Panus & Associates' Vic Panus
Below: EFrames' Brad Queck & Matthew Rau



He stressed the power of individual involvement. He also praised the KC and St. Louis chapters for

their local efforts in workforce development and raising the awareness about manufacturing.



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Burger & Brown Installs Mori Seiki Mill-Turn Center

Burger & Brown Engineering, Inc., Grandview, Missouri, has recently installed a new Mori Seiki NT 3200 DCG CNC mill-turn center.

The 29-year-old company specializes in machining, micromachining, injection molding contract inspection and custom automation equipment. It operates in a two-year-old 30,000-sq.-ft. facility with 50 employees.

The new Mori Seiki, one of only a handful in the country, features: nine-axis operation; a 40 taper spindle; a 40-tool magazine; front and back spindles; and a lower turret (with live tooling).

"The new Mori Seiki improves our efficiency and flexibility so we can meet our customers' demands and compete in today's global economy," stated Mark Brown, president. "We have reduced our cycle times and labor dramatically ... by as much as 50%."

Other equipment in the conventional machining area includes: four CNC turning centers (one with live tooling); two CNC Swiss turning centers; six CNC vertical machining centers dedicated to micro-milling and eight CNC machining centers (three with 4axis).

The micro-machining area works with steel, stainless steel, brass, aluminum, tool steel, titanium, plastics and exotic composites. It can handle parts as small as the head of pin.

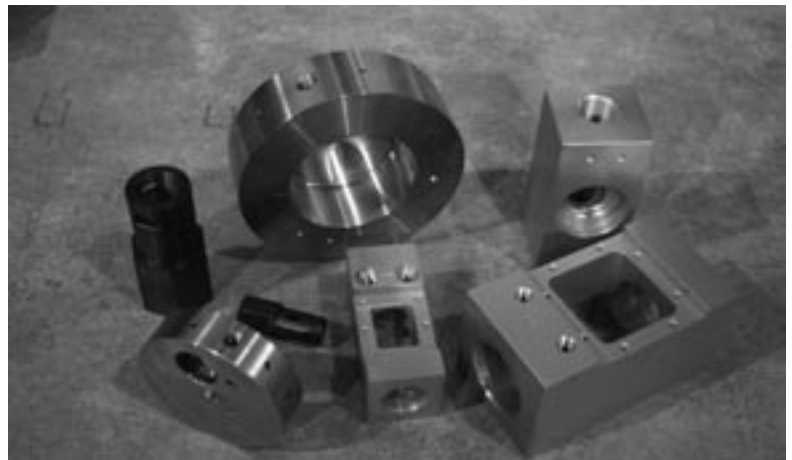
The injection molding department has a 100-ton and a 200-ton injection molding machine. Both are all-electric.

Industries served by Burger & Brown include: medical equipment; aerospace (qualified by NASA); defense; semiconductor; food; computers and recreation.

The company also has its own line of accessories for the plastics processing industry under the



Above: A new Mori Seiki NT 3200 DCG CNC mill-turn center at Burger & Brown Engineering.



Above: Parts produced on the Mori Seiki at Burger & Brown.

SmartFlow brand.

Burger & Brown Engineering can be contacted at: (800) 7643518; (816) 878-6675; fax (816) 878-6680; 4500 e. 142ND Street, Grandview, Missouri 64030.



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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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