

Tri-State Tooling & Manufacturing Association

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DID YOU KNOW?

**Output per hour
for all workers in
the
manufacturing
sector has
increased by
more than 2.5
times since 1987**

**Productivity is
roughly 1.7
times greater for
all nonfarm
businesses.**

**Unit labor costs
in the
manufacturing
sector have
fallen 8.4
percent since
the end of the
Great
Recession.**

TTMA MEMEBRSHIP IS GROWING!

**Our 2017 Membership Drive is off to a great start as we
welcome New Members to TTMA!**

Bear Mechanical
F&M MAFCO
Fortech USA
Konecranes
Morsco AEC, LLC, Inc.
Rieck Services

Do you know someone interested in joining TTMA?

We are raffling 2 FREE NTMA Memberships through February 28th. The two companies that refer the most new TTMA members will each receive a FREE membership to NTMA.

Contact Jon Kozesky for more information!

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Looking Ahead: February Meeting – Monday, February 20th

Welcome Steve Staub, Xtreme STEM

Xtreme STEM works to inspire the pursuit of careers in manufacturing.

Xtreme STEM is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation made up of business leaders and educators who want to solve the skills gap in manufacturing. A workforce development program, Xtreme STEM is providing hands-on programs that engage our youth in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The Xtreme STEM mentor program with manufacturing companies gives students one-of-a-kind opportunities to work with professionals and develop professional relationships for the future.

Companies involved with Xtreme STEM improve their image in the community as a company that is willing to invest in the personal development of local STEM students. Participating companies are also able to advertise for job openings at Xtreme STEM events.

Approximately 80% of students participating in the program go in to a job in manufacturing.

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Jon Kozesky, Executive Director

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Chicken Picatta

Member RSVP \$28
Non-Member RSVP \$35

Prime Rib

Member RSVP \$38
Non-Member RSVP \$45

Greg Morris of GE Aviation joined TTMA in January

Our January meeting saw another robust crowd as we welcomed Greg Morris of GE Aviation to discuss Additive Manufacturing.

Greg Morris joined GE Aviation in 2012 as part of the acquisition of Morris Technologies, Inc. and Rapid Quality Mfg., bringing over 20 years of additive manufacturing experience to GE. Greg is Leader, Additive Technologies within GE Aviation, helping to develop and execute on GE's additive strategic and tactical initiatives. Prior to joining GE, Greg was a principal owner & CEO of Morris Technologies, Inc. and a principal owner of Rapid Quality Manufacturing (RQM). Morris Technologies, Inc. was a rapid prototyping, product development and engineering firm and RQM was an additive manufacturing production – oriented company.

Greg has been involved in the Additive Manufacturing industry since 1994 and has written numerous related articles and presented at various trade shows, including SME's RAPID Show, Aerospace Design Expo, EuroMold, AeroTech, MoldMaking Expo, IMTS, PDx/Amerimold and AIRTEC. Greg is a member of SME's RTAM Steering Committee and Event Advisors board and is a past-Chair of these groups. Greg is a current member of both the DaytonDefense board and Boston University's Industrial Advisory Board, serving as GE Aviation's representative. Greg, his wife and two daughters reside in Cincinnati, OH.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Bear Mechanical & Rieck Services

BEAR MECHANICAL GETS A VISIT FROM TTMA!

Bear Mechanical is one of TTMA's newest members, and welcomed TTMA Leaders to tour their shop in Hillsboro, Ohio and to learn more about the products they provide.

Bear Mechanical was started in 1970 and is an LLC partnership owned by Charles W. (Bill) Bear, and his sons Ray (Tony) Bear and Heith Butler. The facility is currently home to three companies, including Bear Mechanical's state of the art machining center. Two other companies that make our facility their home are Frog Blasters International, LLC and Railroad Tools and Solutions (LLC).

Frog Blasters International, LLC performs a process familiar to railroaders called EDH to a major component of a railroad switch called a frog. The process lengthens the life span of a frog by hardening the metal manganese, from which the frog is cast.

Railroad Tools And Solutions (LLC) is a tool and supply company. This company serves railroads, contractors, transit authorities and other suppliers with tools and components. They also offer a state of the art web site for purchasing and quote requests.



MEET RIECK SERVICES' CINCINNATI ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE DAVID CROOKHAM

RIECK SERVICES IS A MECHANICAL CONTRACTING AND service company providing engineering, project management and facility services in western Ohio. The account representative for the Cincinnati market is David Crookham. He comes to Rieck after serving 12 years in the United States Marine Corps as a leader and a helicopter pilot.

A 2003 graduate of Miami University with a B.S. degree in business administration and management, David is responsible for coordinating the implementation of customized heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) maintenance agreements to Rieck's commercial, manufacturing and industrial customers.

"David's tremendous passion and enthusiasm for everything he does makes him the right person as we expand the Cincinnati market," said Rieck Vice President and COO of Service Operations Doug Walker.

Contact David today for assistance on your next project.
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Want to see your company in the spotlight?

Please send us your news, stories, or updates, and be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

News from NTMA

NTMA Selected as National Partner to Grow Apprenticeships in Manufacturing

The National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA) is proud to be partnering with the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), which was been selected by the United States Department of Labor as an industry intermediary to support the expansion of registered apprenticeships within manufacturing. NTMA will work with NIMS to increase access to apprenticeships and assist employers in developing new programs that reach diverse talent pools. As part of this initiative, \$500,000 is available to support companies in establishing a registered apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor. [READ THE FULL STORY HERE](#)

Upcoming events include:

[February 19th 2017 Chapter Leadership Summit – Austin, TX](#)

[March 8th Employee Management & Benefits Workshop – Chicago, IL](#)

[March 22nd The MFG Meeting – Amelia Island, FL](#)

Bureau of Worker's Compensation Safety Grant

Safety Intervention Grant Program

If you are an employer wanting to buy equipment to improve workplace safety, you have a partner in BWC. Our Safety Intervention Grant Program (SIG) provides financial assistance to help you achieve your safety goals. We developed the SIG to help Ohio's employers reduce the frequency and severity of workplace injuries and illnesses. Qualified employers may receive a 3-to-1 matching grant, up to a maximum of \$40,000 per eligibility cycle. This means BWC provides \$3 for every \$1 the employer contributes.

To be eligible to receive a SIG, you must:

- Be a state-fund or public taxing district employer;
- Maintain active coverage;
- Be current on all monies owed to BWC;
- Demonstrate the need for a safety intervention;
- Provide two year baseline data as requested in application;
- Have active BWC coverage with past payroll reports (four if a private employer, two if a public employer) for the purpose of defining employer eligibility cycle.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL GRANT INFORMATION](#)

Contact Jon Kozesky at jon@jonthomasconsulting.com with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE! 2017 TTMA Golf Outing

Monday, June 19, 2017
Walden Ponds Golf Club
Hamilton, OH