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January Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, January 8, 2009
6:00 PM Officer's Meeting
(members welcome)

6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner

7:45 PM Presentation

WHAT: Chad Gossard, Sales Manager, McNeilus Steel, Inc. will give a presentation on steel production, processing and distribution.

WHERE: Holiday Inn South
1630 South Broadway
Rochester, MN

MENU: You will be able to select great food that you will like. Also, there is a bar if you would like to have a drink.

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What else can we do to make you want to come out to a meeting? Please let us know at the meeting or by email. But tell us!

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Member Input Needed!

Folks,

The officers would like to change things so that more of you will want to come out, but to be able to do this we need to hear **what will encourage you** to take the time out of your busy schedule to come out to a dinner meeting. Please give any of the officers your suggestions. All suggestions are welcomed!

We could really use more cooperation from members in suggesting speakers. Mike Rasmussen (or another officer) will gladly follow up with the potential speakers. We just need a name and a phone number to follow up on.

The website is in transition, as is the Tool Chatter. Keep an eye out for the great changes you will see shortly.

eTool Chatter Problems?

For comments or contributions to the Tool Chatter or problems receiving it or accessing the website, please contact Bill Brooks at: 507-282-3305
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The January 09 Technical Meeting

Speaker:	Mr. Chad Gossard, Sales Manager, McNeilus Steel, Inc.
Presentation Topic:	Chad will give a presentation on steel production, processing and distribution.
Abstract:	<p>Chad will discuss the following items in his presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ History of Steel Making process (Integrated Mill vs Mini Mill) ○ History of McNeilus Steel ○ Evolution of Coil Processing (Traditional Leveling, Temper Leveling, Stretcher Leveling) ○ Fabrication Capabilities at McNeilus Steel ○ McNeilus Steel – Automated Distribution Process
Website:	http://www.mcneilus.com/

IMPORTANT!

We always need good ideas for future meetings and tours. So if you have some ideas, please contact Mike Rasmussen who has generously signed on as temporary Technical Program Director!

Technical Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Presentation	Speaker	Website
Dec-08	12/04/2008	Nature Photography	Steve & Debbie Stark	-
Jan-09	1/8/2009	Steel Production, Processing & Distribution	Chad Gossard	http://www.McNeilus.com/
Feb-09	2/5/2009	-	-	-
Mar-09	3/5/2009	-	-	-

MINUTES OF SME CHAPTER 162 EXECUTIVE MEETING

Secretary's Report December 4th, 2008

Attendees: John Ruegg Bill Brooks Dick Ask Andy Seegmiller
John Koenigs Marv Berreth

Meeting: The meeting was called to order by Andy at 6:45 PM.

Secretary's Report: There were no minutes for November because there was no officer's board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: To date, we have \$4932 in checking with \$3699 in the Virg Canfield Fund account. The report was approved.

Newsletter/Website: I am working on the website and it will be up and running soon, but it won't be really finished until I can get some officer input about its design.

Virg Canfield Scholarship: We discussed giving this out twice a year. Seems like an excellent idea given that we are doing fairly well financially. We can certainly give out more in the future because our expenses are down and our income is staying about the same.

Meeting Management: Everyone is happy with Holiday Inn so let's plan on continuing here at least through Spring..

Annual Picnic: We'll do the picnic at Fisherman's Inn again this coming August, assuming that they are still in business then. (There has been some talk by them that they were planning on selling out so that condos could be built there, but the condos on the former site of Sandy Point restaurant are not selling, so hopefully Fisherman's Inn will stay in business). It worked very nicely last August. It will be the first Wednesday in August this coming year.

Academic and Student Development: No report.

Certification/Continuing Education: No report.

Telephone List: No report.

Technical Programs: We're going to have a program by Steve Stark and his wife Debbie tonight on Wildlife Photography.

Advertising: About 50% of the advertisers have paid now. John will follow up soon with anyone who hasn't paid by then.

Election: We need to have more people volunteer or be nominated to fill slots. Scott Brandt will take the Chairmanship for this coming year.

Chairman's Comments: No report.

Old Business: We have decided to buy a 1024 by 768 dpi projector from Dell. Last spring Dell offered their Dell 1800 MP for \$649. I will look for what is now. Prices should be down. This will get us ready for future meetings.

New Business: No report.

Adjourned: 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Brooks, Secretary/Tool Chatter Editor/Webmaster

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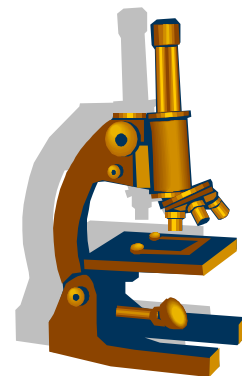
I'm Scott Brandt and I am taking over the reins as Chairman this month.

Our December presentation was a great nature photography presentation by Steve and Debbie Stark. They have taken a lot of very beautiful pictures as a hobby in the past and now as a second vocation for them both. What a great thing to do; turn a hobby that you love into a business. Marv Seppanen has done that too with is vineyard and winery. We should all learn from this!

Be sure to come to the Holiday Inn South Thursday night for dinner and a presentation by Chad Gossard of the McNeilus Steel company. He is going to inform us of many of the aspects of the modern steel making and distribution process as well as giving us some history of McNeilus Steel.

I've looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Scott Brandt
Chairman
SME Chapter 162





Incoming chairman Scott Brandt having the chairman's pin attached to his shirt by his wife, Renee.



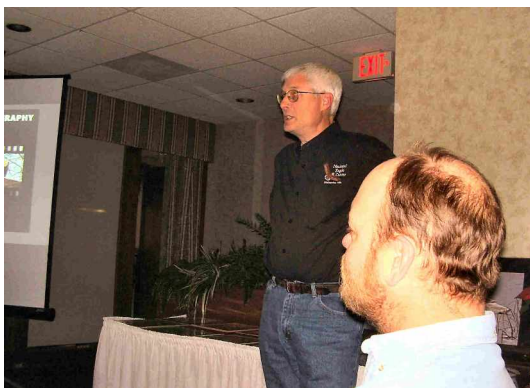
Some of the attendees enjoying dinner.



More attendees relaxing and enjoying their dinner just before the presentation



Steve and Debbie Stark preparing for the presentation



Steve presenting while Debbie runs the computer and Andy looks on.



Some of the beautiful prints that Debbie and Steve have available for sale. They are truly beautiful!!