



Wabash Valley Chapter

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Chapter Members,

As many of you are aware, one of our oldest members, main stays and organizers is no longer with us. Stephen G. Reynolds passed away on Wednesday, January 29th, 2003 at age 89. His drive, and daring are well recognized in his courage to establish Reynolds and Co., a machining enterprise which now flourishes under the able guidance of his son Jerry. He was proud of his life membership in ASM and has been very influential in guiding the destiny of the Wabash Valley Chapter almost from its inception. The chapter was first chartered in 1942 and he appeared on a picture in the local paper as one of the officers in 1946. After a number of years of inactivity the chapter was reinstated in 1979 mainly due to the efforts of Steve and Dave Roth who served as Chapter Chair after the resurrection. When Alcan reduced its labor force significantly the chapter faced another crisis, and again it was mostly with Steve's effort that a total collapse was averted, and Steve and Uwe Hansen served as joint chairs in an effort to rebuild the chapter. Since that time Steve's influence has been gratefully felt in chapter affairs as he has served continuously on the Chapter Executive Council.

Steve's wide ranging interests make him a true Renaissance man. At the funeral service, Ken Grubb, a personal friend and minister at Steve's Church quoted a scripture which had earlier caught Steve's attention: Proverbs 27:17, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend". His keen wit and compassion has surely sharpened the countenance of many of his friends.

As Chapter officers we express our gratitude for Steve's influence in the affairs of the chapter over these many years. We will miss him, and attempt to emulate his example. Our deepest love and sympathy go to his family.