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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear Central Ohio ASME,

If you missed the presentation by Roger Gilcrest of Standley & Gilcrest LLP last month, you missed a good one. Roger spoke about "What Everyone (Particularly Engineers) Should Know About Patents." He started by explaining about the different kinds of patents and the process involved to get one. Some common myths about patents are that:

You must have a working prototype,
You must understand how your invention works,
They insulate me from infringement,
It is easy to design around them,
Trade secrets are just as valuable,
I have to prove that I am first.

Roger gave some very good advice if you are considering applying for a patent. One important point to remember is that if you offer your idea for sale anywhere, you must apply for the patent within one year of that date.

There are many details to consider when applying for a patent and having a lawyer is highly recommended to make sure everything is covered. An idea averages about \$4000 to patent, but this may be your best way to protect your idea.

This month we will have a tour of the TS Tech North America. TS Tech North America is one of Honda's two seat suppliers making seats for the Accord and Civic models.

Please sign up for the tour on <http://www.centralohioasme.org> and I will see you there!

Respectfully,

Kyle D. Koestner
Chair, ASME Central Ohio Section

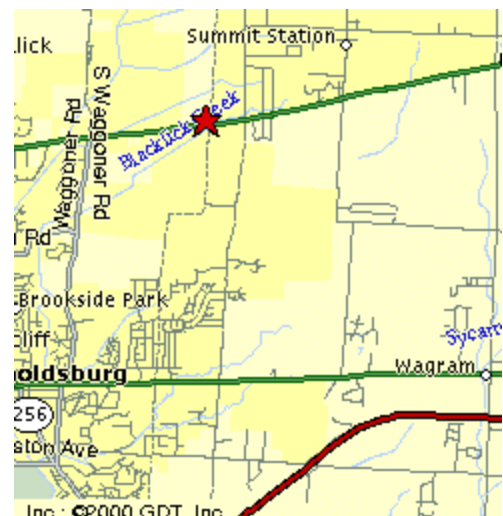
JANUARY PROGRAM - PRESENTATION

TS Tech North America Plant Tour

By Diana Scheiderer

For over 40 years, TS Tech North America has emerged as an industry leader in both design and manufacturing of automotive and recreational vehicle seating and interior trim components. TS Tech is a Tier I provider of auto interiors to Honda of America, among other customers. From concept to completion, TS Tech offers product design, engineering, prototypes and testing. The QCD (Quality-Cost-Delivery) manufacturing operations include injection, metal stampings, cutting and sewing of seat trim covers and complete seat assembly for numerous automotive and recreational vehicles. TS Tech offers world-class quality products at competitive prices with just-in-time delivery, the TS Tech Group has the ability to meet any challenge the customers may present. Comfort, safety and environmental awareness are the three pillars of our approach -- all resting firmly on a foundation of intensive research and the latest technology.

- WHO:** All ASME members, their guests, and ASME student members.
WHEN: Thursday, January 17, 2002, 6:30 PM
WHERE: TS Tech, Inc.
8400 East Broad St.
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
- DIRECTIONS:** The entrance is directly across from The Limited Company.
- RESERVATIONS:** *Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 10 by contacting Adam Wei,* or registering on-line at www.centralohioasme.org/MeetingReservationForm.html
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Central Ohio Section News

TV SHOW ZOOM

There is an opportunity for some of you enthusiastic volunteers to get some great exposure, experience and top-notch training. The TV show ZOOM will be training engineers to prepare them for Engineers Week activities with kids.

There is a story in the October issue of the ASME News that explains the ZOOM project for Engineers Week 2002. <http://www.asmenews.org/archives/backissues/oct01/meetcourse/eweek02.html>. The volunteers have to commit to do an activity for Engineering Week next year, depending on when the training is scheduled. The week of 12/17/01 is the week to sign up for this training. If anyone is interested in attending or have any other questions, please have them contact June Scangarello at cangarelloj@asme.org or 212-591-7880.

PIPELINE SYSTEM SUB DIVISION (PSD)

The ASME Pipeline Systems Sub Division (PSD) is working to increase its primary membership to at least 300, so it can become a permanent full division of ASME International. We are well on our way to that goal with a current count of 185 primary members.

Members can choose their primary technical interest at <http://www.asme.org/> using the "Members Only" tab and then the "Update Technical Interest/Job Function" link. Alternatively, you can contact John Beck (beckj@asme.org) by e-mail.

ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM - BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERING

The executive committee has formulated the idea to organize a one-day symposium. The objectives of the symposium are to provide a professional development opportunity to our members and to organize an event of technical interest to mechanical engineers.

The selected topic for the symposium is "Biomechanical Engineering," and a tentative date is set for **Saturday, March 23, 2002**. We are hoping to get a variety of speakers on topics related to biomechanics. At the end of the day, we are planning a forum session for discussion. If you have any ideas, or if you would like to participate or give input for this symposium, please contact Kyle Koestner at (937) 644-7926 or koestnerk@asme.org.

A LOOK AHEAD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan 17, 2002	T S Tech Tour	Columbus, OH
Feb 21, 2002	Old Guard Competition	Ohio State University
Mar 23, 2002	One-day Symposium on Biomechanical Engineering	Columbus, OH
Apr 18, 2002	Dinner Meeting	Tentative
May 16, 2002	Honors and Awards Banquet	Tentative
June 20, 2002	Annual Golf Outing	Tentative



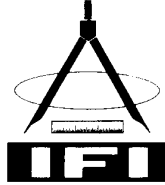
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WWW.CENTRALOHIOASME.ORG has proven to be a popular web site with our members. Since last year's inception of on-line registration and the introduction of newsletters by email, we have been able to communicate much faster with all of you. In the month of December, there were 10,673 visits to the web site. Slightly dropped from the month before but more than doubled from the month of October. Come and look at the information. If you want more sites added to the list, let us know. Also, use the link on the web site to quickly access sites with engineering data, references, and publications.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: If you would like to join the Executive Committee, please contact Kyle Koestner at (937) 644-7926 or koestnerk@asme.org. The committee meets at 6:15 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2002 at the office of Robson Lapina, on 434 East Rich Street in Downtown Columbus.