

History of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' Kansas City Chapter #57

Chapter 57 began in 1943 (chartered Feb 11, 1943) when a small group of manufacturing men decided to begin a chapter in Kansas City. As the number indicates it was the 57th chapter of what then was the American Society of Tool Engineers (ASTE). LaRoux has reconstructed the chapter's thrusts and events, its volunteers, leaders and programs covering 70 years of its existence. In 26 pages he captures the history in text and in an additional 74 pages he documents the programs, and the names and positions of every volunteer listed in his files.

The men (and women) involved with SME Chapter #57 made an impact on Kansas City manufacturing. They brought new technology ideas to the city, shared knowledge among themselves, and helped develop leadership skills and insights. They coordinated tool shows in Kansas City, supported students and universities. Through monthly meetings and annual seminars they brought new knowledge to hundreds of engineers and shop personnel. The chapter members and leaders drove manufacturing in Kansas City.

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