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STLE Lube School Funds Scholarships for Kansas and Missouri Engineering Students STLE Kansas City Section instructs 123 individuals on topical lubricant matters

Olathe, Kans. – STLE (Society for Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers) Kansas City Section held two days of instructional courses on lubrication topics this past August 25-26. More than 120 people involved in the lubricants industry attended the sessions, held in Kansas City, Missouri. The training was designed to assist professionals involved in the formulation, production, sales, plant management and maintenance in the lubricants and fuels industries. Taught by industry professionals, the training allowed individuals to gain a better understanding of additives and finished formulations in lubricants and fuels.

STLE is committed to being the leading source of educational information on lubricant-related topics. "At Petro-Canada America, we believe the investment in developing our people is vital to our success. STLE training offers us a great training value," says **Chuck Stevens** (see photo), district sales manager for Petro-Canada America. "Training like this allows our people to become instant experts. Those newer to the industry learned the basics on lube and fuel additives, and the more experienced people learned about new trends and important regulations. For



Chuck Stevens of Petro-Canada America presented the latest information on automatic transmission fluid



Phil Korosec, of MidContinental Chemical Company, Inc. and STLE section leader, presented on emerging additive technology for "diesel exhaust fluid."

example, who would of thought five years ago we'd be selling a special lubricant for wind turbines?" Stevens also presented current information on trends in automatic transmission fluids.

Presenters at the program included, **Philip Korosec**, Technical Director at MidContinental Chemical Company, Inc. (see photo). Korosec presented information on the emerging additive technology, "Diesel Exhaust Fluid," a chemical solution that allows for a 90 percent reduction in nitrogen oxide emissions in diesel-powered cars and trucks.

According to Korosec, "The era of clean diesels has arrived, and the infrastructure to support it is rapidly expanding. Major truck stops are committed to providing DEF and urban fuel stations are right behind them."

Fund raising for student scholarships

Proceeds from the learning program helped fund scholarships for Kansas and Missouri students entering or enrolled in a college-level program with an emphasis on engineering, science and technology. Several thousand dollars have been raised from this and similar events, allowing the STLE Kansas City Section to offer four scholarships of \$1,500 each to Kansas and Missouri students. An additional \$5-600 may be included in each scholarship from a "cap match" award from the parent organization's scholarship fund. "The scholarships are small but meaningful way for our section to help students pursue their educational goals. We will begin accepting nominations for the scholarship beginning February of 2010," says **Steve Parsons**, chair of STLE Kansas City.

Additional scholarship information can be obtained from Mr. Steven Parsons, Chair of the STLE Kansas City Section (see contact information below).

About Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE)

The Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers is an international professional association founded in 1944. STLE advances the study and application of lubrication between interacting moving surfaces. We strive to improve the performance of equipment and products, conserve resources and protect the environment through best friction management practices. This interdisciplinary field of tribology and lubrication engineering encompasses aspects of physics, chemistry, metallurgy, applied mathematics, material science, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering and/or applied mechanics.

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