

Newsletter

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SMOKY VALLEY CHAPTER



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The Smoky Valley Chapter monthly newsletter is a great place to inform members of general news, ideas, and events that are of interest to the society. Anyone that has newsletter material they would like to share with the society should feel free to submit the information to Chapter Director Libby Lorenson throughout the upcoming year. Submittals not later than the first of each month are needed to ensure insertion in the current monthly newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars

FEB
20-26

Engineers Week 2022

February 20-26, 2022

JUNE
15-17

2022 KSPE Annual Conference Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, Wichita

June 15-17, 2022



Webinar will be held via Zoom from 9:00am - 11:00am on
March 2 and March 3
4 PDHs available

Full schedule will be available soon.

Smoky Valley Chapter October 2021 Meeting - UPDATE

Smoky Valley Chapter members attended the October chapter meeting hosted by Salina South High's Robotic Team. The team recently placed third in the competition, and will be competing at the National Competition on December 11th in Wichita, KS.

Thank you!

Thanks for attending our Robotics Club meeting and hearing what our competition is all about. We also greatly appreciate your providing us dinner!

Matt. Jolin - Thank you for coming out
Thank you guys! It was super useful to get some feedback on the forklift & we all appreciate the food! - Will

Thank you guys for your assistance with our robotics club this year. I loved talking to you guys about the importance of engineering and its applications moving into the future. Once again, thank you!

Thanks for visiting us and giving us advice! We greatly appreciated having experienced engineers help us. - Marcus Anariba
It was really educational to talk to experienced engineers over the things he were working on. - Aer Matter

Thank you for coming to watch our demo of our robot. It was great to meet you all and hear feedback! - Zac Salas

Thank you for showing interest & support for South Robotics! We appreciate the opportunity it provided for our students!

Alan Lee

Thanks so much for coming to our robotics group & asking questions about our competition. It was great to have outside interest & support!
Lyne Cannon

Smoky Valley Chapter November 2021 Meeting

Smoky Valley Chapter members attended McPherson Concrete Products for an Industry tour during the November Chapter meeting. The Chapter was treated to a tour of the facilities, a presentation by the American Concrete Pipe Association's Central Region Engineer (Jennifer Harrell, P.E.), and a luncheon.

Here is a short history and background of McPherson Concrete Products:

The story starts in 1911 when McPherson farmer Lambert Anderson wanted a silo for his farm, and he wanted one that would last. Instead of using wood he built his using concrete silo staves made with molds he designed. Soon his neighbors were asking him to build silos for them, and just like that a new business was born. McPherson Concrete Products is still owned by the Anderson family and is in its 4th generation of family involvement in the business. With its humble beginning as a stave silo company, it is now made up of three entities: McPherson Concrete Products, McPherson Concrete Storage Systems, and Wichita Concrete Pipe. At the McPherson facility they produce pipe and precast, making products that Wichita doesn't make – like the elliptical pipe. What is made at the McPherson facility complements that which is produced in Wichita. You can read more about MCP from the McPherson Chamber of Commerce from the following link.

<https://www.mcphersonchamber.org/coffee-crumbs/member-spotlight-mcpherson-concrete-products/>



November Meeting



Smoky Valley Chapter December 2021 Meeting

Smoky Valley Chapter members met in December for a Legislative luncheon at Old Chicago in Salina. Chapter members received updates from Executive Director Travis Lowe and KSPE President Brian Coomes. State representatives Clarke Sanders and Steven Johnson were also in attendance. It was great to hear updates from the state level, and discuss ongoing issues in our profession. We want to thank everyone for coming and presenting at our meeting.



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2021-2022 Committees

Chapter committees are currently being filled. If you wish to serve on a committee, please contact President Justin Owens

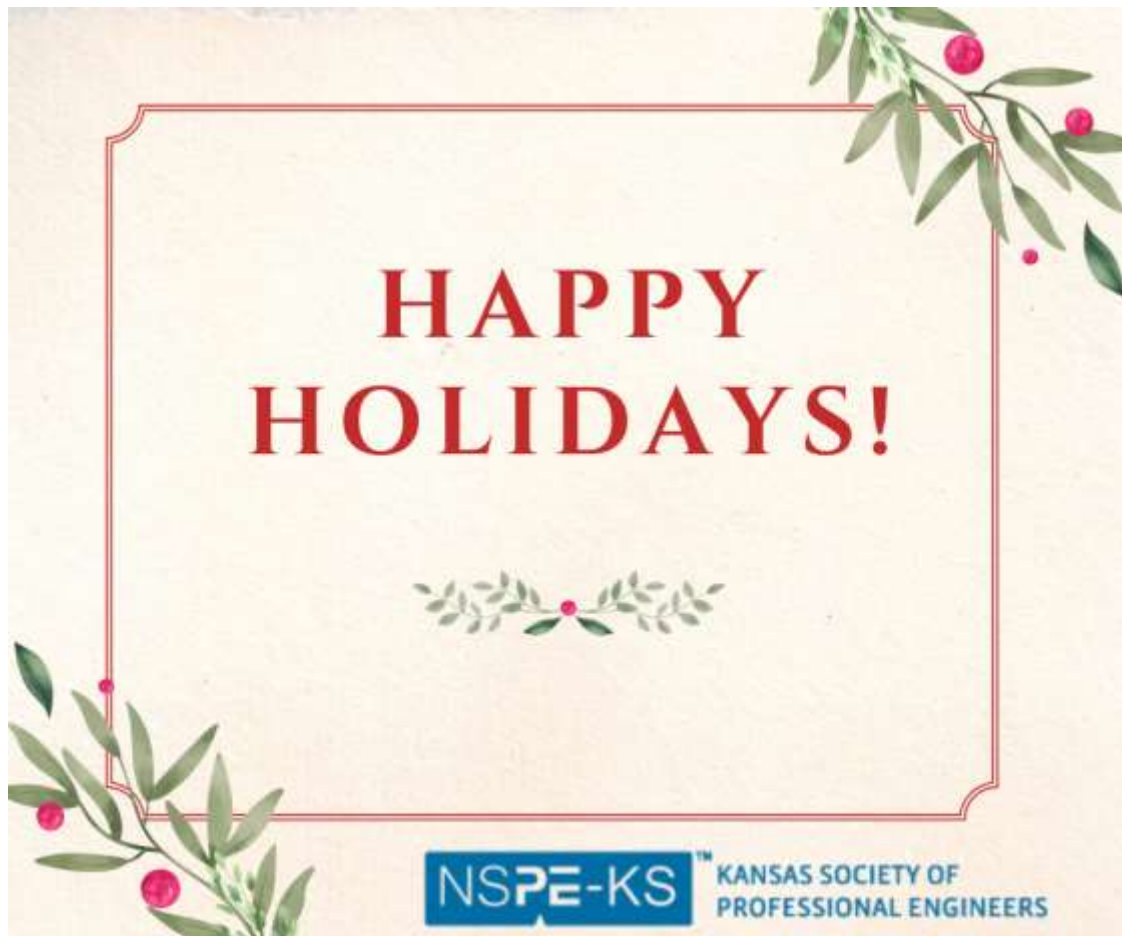
Recruits...

If you know any prospective members, invite them to a chapter meeting. A membership application is available at the KSPE website at www.kansasengineer.org.

Call for KSPE Award Nominations

The awards committee is accepting award nominations for outstanding achievements in the engineering profession. Categories include **Engineer of the Year, KSPE Award, Outstanding Citizen, Outstanding Engineering Achievement, Outstanding Engineering Intern, Outstanding Teacher, Outstanding Young Engineer, Government Engineer, and Professional Development Award**. Award nomination forms and selection criteria can be found on the KSPE website at <http://www.kansasengineer.org>.

There are many outstanding professionals in the Smoky Valley Chapter. Awards will be presented to the most deserving candidate nominated. If no nominations are received, however, no award will be presented. We challenge each member to nominate at least one candidate for an award. Nominations are due in January, and may be sent to Jacob Allen at jacob.allen@wilsonco.com; or to any other chapter officer.



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