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Greater Kansas City Chapter #92

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## 1 – OCTOBER MEETING – Joint meeting with SME

Please join us Tuesday, November 4th for a joint dinner presentation with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME). The program is being presented by ProPlanner - The #1 web-based Manufacturing Process Engineering and Management Solution. Dave Sly, Industrial Engineer with Proplanner, demonstrates their new web-based system for filling the tool gap between product CAD and MRP systems. Proplanner helps engineers bring new or updated products into production faster and at a lower cost than before, while providing instant access to time studies, ergonomic assessments, line balancing studies, manufacturing cost studies, work instructions, layout drawings, MSDS’s, combo work sheets, spaghetti diagrams, process and value stream maps and more. Many manufacturers rely on complex paper trails or antiquated computer systems to record their manufacturing processes. See how streamlined production engineering can be! For more info, visit [www.proplanner.com](http://www.proplanner.com). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

- Presenter:** Dave Sly – Proplanner President  
**Where:** The Red Lobster – 5630 Bannister Road, 64137  
**When:** November 4, 2003  
Social Hour: 6:00 pm  
Dinner: 6:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$20.00 for dinner  
**RSVP:** Mitch Helm 913-664-7596 or [mitch\\_helm@marleyct.spx.com](mailto:mitch_helm@marleyct.spx.com) by 10/29



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## 2 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

IIE Mentor Day is coming soon... Thursday, October 23. Currently, 38 IE students from KSU and MU, as well as 24 mentors are planning on participating. We are looking forward to meeting the students, lunch at Zarda, and tour of Haldex. This event is specific to IIE. If you have questions concerning Mentor Day, please contact Rachel Dubbert.

The November meeting is a joint meeting with SME. This is the first joint meeting with SME that we’ve had in as many years as I’ve belonged to this chapter! The Proplanner speaker, himself an Industrial Engineer, will discuss Proplanner’s manufacturing process management tools. He will overview what they can do for product, process, and plant engineering. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

*Brandy L. Collins*

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### 3 – PREVIEW OF DECEMBER’S MEETING – Plant Tour on December 9th

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will tour Associated Wholesale Grocers. Mark it down on your calendars! More details will follow in the December Newsletter.



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### 4 – UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Tentative Schedule of Events

- November 4<sup>th</sup> - Dinner Meeting: Joint meeting with SME
- December 9<sup>th</sup> - Associated Wholesale Grocers Tour
- January - Dinner Meeting: Joint meeting with ASQ
- February - Tour TBD
- March - Annual Conference – Six Sigma
- April - Tour: Robbie Manufacturing, Topic: Strategic Planning
- May - Community Service Project – Union Hill Cemetery
- May - Tour TBD Topeka or Lawrence area

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### 5 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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*Welcome new members!*    DJ Dammann, Kit Mailen, and Sheila Lukesh

DJ Dammann - DJ is a 1995 graduate of KState, with a BS in IE, and is originally from Kansas City, KS. After graduation, DJ went to Wichita to work for Cessna and Raytheon Aircraft. He has since moved back to KC, where he is now an IE for Peterson Manufacturing Company, working on process improvements, ergonomics, safety, and general problem solving. DJ has two little girls, a dog, and a cat and enjoys keeping busy with all of them. In his free time he enjoys biking, skiing, cars, and working on household projects.

Sheila Lukesh - Sheila is a new transfer to our chapter, having just moved here from North Andover, MA where she was a process engineer for Lucent Technologies. Sheila received her BS in Industrial and Management Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. She now works for General Motors as a Manufacturing Supervisor in Training. Sheila is also recently married, and her husband is a Captain in the US Marine Corps.

Kit Mailen - Kit is also a graduate of KState, with BS degrees in IE and MIS. He is currently working for Sprint as Network Engineer. Some of his primary responsibilities there include supply chain process improvements and driving Chairman's Quality Award initiatives. Kit obtained his pilot's license while in high school and also enjoys airplanes.

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## 6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

### **IIE/SME Join in Partnership** - IIE/SME offer dual membership, certifications

The Institute of Industrial Engineers and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) are offering a joint membership for \$160 per year. Joint members will have access to the benefits of both organizations at a savings of \$50 per year. Current IIE members can join SME immediately by contacting IIE Member and Customer Support at (800) 494-0460, (770) 449-0460, or [cs@iienet.org](mailto:cs@iienet.org). IIE and SME have also joined to offer Certified Engineering Manager (CEM) and Certified Enterprise Integrator (CEI) certifications. IIE will provide the training for these certifications, and SME will administer the testing. Training and exams for both certifications will be offered at the Materials Handling and Logistics Show and Conference, March 29-April 1, 2004 in Cleveland and at IIE's Annual Conference May 15-19, 2004 in Houston.

### **Networking Community** - Construction

A new networking community was started this year to bring together members who are using IE techniques in construction. The community is seeking to grow its membership, and is asking for assistance from IIE. If any chapter members have an interest in design and construction, please view the Construction Community's first newsletter. It can be found at <http://www.iieconstruction.org/CNC%20News%20Sept%202003.pdf>

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## 7 – INTERESTING QUOTE

"Both an optimist and a pessimist can creatively contribute to society. A very optimistic duo created the airplane while a pessimist created the parachute."

–P.C. Bihari –

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## 8 – ENGINEERING SOCIETY INFORMATION

### American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) Meeting

**Topic:** "Performance Measurement and Costing & CPIM Overview"

**Date:** Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Location:** Overland Park Convention Center/Sheraton

For more information, go to [www.apics-kc.org](http://www.apics-kc.org) or email [programs@apics-kc.org](mailto:programs@apics-kc.org).



### American Society for Engineering Management (ASEM) - Management Workshop

**Topic:** "Building Your Career With ASEM"

**Date:** Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 8:00am - 5:00pm

**Location:** KU Edwards Campus, 12600 Quivira Road, Overland Park

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