

The Spring Manufacturers Institute (SMI) Launches SMI Metal Engineering eXpo

THE SPRING MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE

(SMI) has announced the launch of the SMI Metal Engineering eXpo™ at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. The inaugural event for the engineered spring and precision metal components industries will take place October 20-22, 2015.

According to SMI president Hap Porter, the SMI Metal Engineering eXpo will not only attract members of the North American spring and wire forming industry but participants from South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. A key component of the new expo is a technical symposium for individuals and companies to share their knowledge and expertise on a variety of topics surrounding the design, engineering and production of springs, wire forms and stampings. The show will also include vendors displaying a vast array of machinery to produce these items, along with wire suppliers and exhibitors representing all facets of manufacturing from insurance to machinery to ERP systems and more.

“The launch of the SMI Metal Engineering eXpo came in direct response to a strategic planning process that SMI undertook and adopted in 2013,” said Porter, who is also the president and COO of SEI MetalTek. “The need for a show like this was due to member interest, especially among springmakers who wanted help solving complex engineering challenges. With a forum where technical questions can be answered, this event will go a long way toward elevating industry knowledge.”

Dan Sceli, president and CEO of Peterson Spring, is serving as the chairman of SMI’s newly formed trade show committee that is providing direction in launching the show.

The committee is made up of SMI member springmakers, associate member suppliers and SMI executive director, Lynne Carr.

The Charlotte Convention Center opened in 1995 as a venue for conventions, trade shows, banquets and theater-style conferences, attracting more than half a million visitors each year. The Westin Charlotte Hotel is conveniently located next door to the Charlotte Convention Center, and will serve as the headquarters hotel for the SMI Metal Engineering eXpo. Based in the Chicago area, the Spring Manufacturers Institute (SMI) started in 1933 and embraces its mission statement of: “Serving, supporting and educating North American precision spring manufacturers in their pursuit of competitiveness in world markets.”

For more information about the SMI Metal Engineering eXpo, visit the website for the show at www.metalengineeringexpo.org or contact SMI at 630-495-8588, email: lynne@smihq.org, or visit www.smihq.org.

About Spring Manufacturers Institute

Founded in 1933, the Spring Manufacturers Institute (SMI) is an association of companies that manufacture springs, and their associate suppliers. The members of SMI work together to meet the key issues of the industry worldwide: quality, materials, technology, and government regulations. SMI provides many services including a quarterly magazine, Springs, a variety of technical publications, spring design software, industry data, seminars, meetings, safety and regulatory compliance, and technical assistance. For more information, visit www.smihq.org. ●

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Audience: SMI Members, Spring Manufacturers, Wire Form Manufacturers, OEMs, Customers of spring, wire and stamping manufacturers

Job Titles: CEOs, Engineers, Buyers, Plant Managers, Floor Managers

WHO SHOULD EXHIBIT?

The exhibit floor will be the place for OEMs, spring manufacturers, distributors, coiling, grinding, shot peening and wire forming companies to showcase the newest equipment and latest technologies to key decision makers in the industry.