



Fluid Power Society

• The International Organization for Fluid Power and Motion Control Professionals •

Detroit Chapter One

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Detroit Chapter 1 is a non-profit organization established in 1959 and celebrating its 42nd year. A group of local hydraulic companies, with first officers being from GMI saw the need to promote and educate people from other companies in the importance of hydraulics as it related to the industrial market. Through the years of the Chapter's work, we have evolved from just hydraulics to fluid power and motion control. *The purpose of our Chapter to further the technology pertaining to fluid power and motion control, and to advance the professionalism of those working in the field of fluid power and motion control.*

Originally our Chapter just covered the greater metro area of Detroit; however, over the years it has expanded to include parts of Ohio and Canada with 235 current members. Detroit Chapter One has an Officer Board that includes President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and an Educational Chair. This Board holds monthly meetings as well as monthly Chapter membership meetings. These monthly meetings are held at various Corporations or education centers that support fluid power and motion control. The purpose of these meetings is to provide the audience with information on new technology, trouble shooting, maintenance techniques, and provide a forum to discuss common industry issues. Advertising from local corporations involved with fluid power and motion control provides sponsorship of our monthly newsletter to our membership.

Detroit Chapter One also sponsors the pursuit of education in this industry by promoting fluid power education by offering student scholarships, materials, and fluid power components to local High Schools and Colleges. There are also several certifications that are available for individuals in this industry that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor.

In order to support our non-profit activity, Detroit Chapter has held a *Motor City Fluid Power and Controls Expo* every two to three years. This is a regional event for our Chapter, and we draw exhibitors from up to a 500-mile radius of Detroit. This exposition has a history of serving the fluid power technical community of the Motor City by exhibiting their latest products, services and system technology in our Industry. "What's new!", is the key theme that will be emphasized by our exhibitors at the 2002 Show. Some key features of this show will be:

- Unique packaging of pneumatic products.
- Can hydraulic pumps be serviced in some unique way?
- No leak hydraulics can be achieved
- What the latest system controls are able to do in one small package
- Discovering who's who in this rapid changing scene of consolidating and emerging businesses.

In addition to promoting the newest technology in fluid power and motion controls, this show will also promote small and large businesses that can provide these products and services. Our target audience is all of those involved with fluid power, maintenance, technicians, purchasing, engineering, etc. There is something for everyone who attends the show.

Since we are a non-profit organization, we are requesting your help in supporting our Show. Our officer board is available to discuss our organization and how small businesses might benefit from participating in this expo. We would be grateful for any assistance you may be able to provide to Chapter One to ensure a successful show.

Sincerely,

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