75 Years of Tribology and Lubrication

The Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers had its beginnings even before the term “tribology” was coined by Peter H. Jost in 1966. Chartering in Chicago in 1944 as the American Society of Lubrication Engineers, the organization began with fewer than 100 members, all volunteers interested in advancing the knowledge and application of lubrication science.

This year, STLE celebrates its 75th anniversary. It has transformed from a regional organization into a global society with members in 70 countries and more than 1,800 professionals expected at its annual meeting in Nashville this month.

The society provides education courses, publications such as its monthly Tribology & Lubrication Technology magazine, the Certified Lubrication Specialist program, technical and administrative committees, and awards for the benefit of its members and the lubrication industry as a whole.

Lubes’N’Greasers writers and editors have certainly benefited from STLE’s classes and meetings.

Over the years, STLE has stayed true to its original goals, including developing lubrication theories, practices, and techniques; disseminating research; furthering best practices; and increasing the prestige of the sciences of tribology and applied lubrication.

The work of STLE staff, members, and volunteers has spurred more innovation in our industry than we could have ever imagined.

May the society enjoy another 75 years of progress!

On the subject of anniversaries, this issue contains Jack Goodhue’s 250th and final “Your Business” column. We appreciate the keen insights he shared with readers each month for more than 20 years, and we’ve let us know that the regular emails that you do, too. Congratulations, Jack, on your 250th column!

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