Art Schneider
Newsletter Editor, Rhode Island Chapter

ASM Life Member, Art Schneider, is the operational force behind the Rhode Island Chapter. He’s been a key member of the chapter board for many years and served in nearly every role, including many of the executive positions. But the role he’s settled into in the last several years is newsletter and online membership chair. Art maintains the chapter roster, writes and designs the chapter e-newsletter, and manages the mailing list.

Art retired 12 years ago after a long and active career as a metallurgical engineer. He graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit and was first employed by General Motors and then the Fisher Body Division, where he worked on heat treating, failure analysis, corrosion analysis, and formability of body steels. The first computer program he ever wrote (to analyze the formability characteristics of sheet metal) was used by GM long after he left.

“When fasteners became a focus in my work,” recalls Art, of his GM days. Next came employment at Continental Screw in New Bedford, Mass., where he wrote technical manuals, drafted metric industry fastener standards, and traveled to Europe for technical presentations. Ten years before retirement, Art joined Reed Rolled Thread Die Co., where he improved the design and manufacture of custom thread-rolling dies.

“I was first involved with ASM as a member of the Detroit chapter, just attending meetings and enjoying the fellowship,” says Art. Then in Worcester, Mass. he took some ASM courses “just for fun” and in Rhode Island became more involved with the chapter board. “When I first started, we did all the printing, envelope addressing, and postage – which added up in cost. I pushed fast to get email – and we did it. Working with the ASM chapter board, you’re dealing with a professional crew of people who work well together.”

Art is proud of his chapter’s past fundraising and their ability to provide scholarships and support for the local Materials Camp for high school students held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. “I was on our first committee to start Materials Camp. Our chapter put in $1000 the first year,” says Art. At the camp, Art enjoys doing demos to illustrate concepts that are very common to metallurgists, yet completely new to high school students. “We show very simple heat treating principles and try to get a little WOW out of it,” explains Art.

Art encourages ASM members to volunteer and discover what he has. “For a retired person, it’s a great way to keep up with technical changes. You can read about it, but it’s better to be present and working with people.” He likes keeping tuned into what he did professionally, as well as meeting new friends and interesting people in his work on the board.

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