WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY

9 SEP 98 MEETING MINUTES

The Sep 9, 1998 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Greenstreets Restaurant in Cedar Falls, IA with 42 people present. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Schoenfelder at 7:20 PM. Following introductions of guests, past Presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. The guests were actually new members Marlyn Jerke, Jim Hein, and Dean Waldon. The minutes of the May 13, 1998 meeting were read and approved.

Dick Michael gave the Treasurer's report showing a balance on hand, as of Sep 9, of $594.34. There were 84 paid members for the 1997-1998 season. The report was approved as read.

The Publicity Committee, reported by Chuck Angel, described their summer activities resulting in a recommendation to print a business type card for the Technical Society and to have current members distribute them as a marketing tool. A motion was made and approved to have these cards printed. It was also suggested that a video be made to promote the Waterloo Technical Society.

There was no old or new business to report. Announcement was made for the Oct 14, 1998 meeting.

Dave Dyer, Program Chairman for Sep, introduced the evening speaker, Kevin Harberts of Iowa Metal Spinners. Kevin explained some of the history of metal spinning. Its origin was in China, it progressed to Europe, and then to the United States. He mentioned that Paul Revere had been a metal spinner by trade. Metal spinning is largely manual and very physical. Newer machines are now computer controlled, replacing some of the original "Art" requirement. Iowa Metal Spinners produces a lot of light fixtures, air handling housings, filter housings, and some cookware. The company was started in 1980 by Kevin and Tony Hildman, and Max Jordon in Waterloo. The company moved to Cedar Falls in 1983 and has grown rapidly every since. They now have 52 employees and are again considering further expansion with a possible move to one of the Industrial Parks. Their major market area is the Midwest with 25% of the volume in prototype work. They now have their own web site which is www.iowaspinners.com.

The group then adjourned to Iowa Metal Spinners' facility at 1821 Lincoln Street. The plant tour was very interesting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Hunck, Co-Secretary