WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY

20 September 2000 MEETING MINUTES

The 20 September 2000 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at the American Legion Post in Denver, IA with 37 members and 6 guests present. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Boorom at 7:38 PM. Following introductions of guests, the past Presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. Minutes of the 10 May 2000 meeting were read and approved. The audit report of the 1999-2000 fiscal year treasure's records was also read and approved.

Gordon Licht presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of $515.46. There were 26 new membership dues payments for the 2000-2001 year.

Jerry Mohling was nominated from the floor for the office of CO-Secretary. Jerry was elected by a voice vote.

Gordon Licht, program chairperson for September, introduced Helen and Marv Schumacher as the evening speakers. Helen and Marv discussed Schumacher Elevator's history and product line. Schumacher has 140 employees with 80 being employed in Denver and the rest located in sales and service branches away from Denver. Schumacher Elevator began business in 1936 as a machine shop when Marv's grandfather and father moved off the farm. The Wolf Hatchery wanted an elevator to move eggs to another floor for candling. The funeral home in Sumner was their second customer. During the early years of Schumacher Elevator they were involved in the installation and servicing elevators. At that time they purchased the elevators from outside firms.

Schumacher Elevator began manufacturing elevators in the late 1960's and sold some units to Otis Elevator. In 1980, Schumacher installed the first micro processor into their elevator controls. Since the 1960's, Schumacher has increased the number of components manufactured for their elevators including the electrical and electronic controls. Schumacher Elevator has customers in about 20 countries and continue to service elevators and some escalators worldwide. All of the service technicians are dispatched from the Denver, IA office. Currently Schumacher manufactures passenger and freight elevators, man lifts, and sells some elevator cabins to other manufacturers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 for a very interesting tour of Schumacher Elevator. Scumacher Elevator moved into their new office and manufacturing facilities in Denver, IA in May 2000. With their new facility, they are consolidating their operations from about 12 local locations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell Wright, CO-Secretary