



# Fort Wayne

# ENGINEERS' Club

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## October Tour

### Micromatic, LLC

525 Berne Street, Berne, IN 46711

**Wednesday**, October 17th at 7:00 PM

Micromatic, LLC ([www.micromaticllc.com](http://www.micromaticllc.com)) is a world leader in rotary actuators and automation systems. Their history reaches back to 1929; Micromatic has evolved over decades into one of the premier manufacturers of world-class rotary actuators and automated assembly equipment. The major markets they serve with their **Rotac® Hyd-ro-ac® rotary actuators and Micro-Precision® automated systems include: general industry, automotive, material handling, utilities, and heavy duty off road. They also custom design and integrate any rotary actuator or automation system – no matter the application.**

Micromatic is also hiring, for more information please see the FWEC website at: <http://www.fortwayneengineersclub.org/employment.html>

**Directions to Micromatic:** Take US 27 South past Decatur, turn left (East) on W. Parr Road, then turn right (South) on Welty St. and then left (East) on Berne St. Anyone wishing to carpool can meet at the old Tire Barn parking lot at the Southeast corner of Lafayette and Pettit Ave. at 5:50 PM.

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## FWEC 2012-2013 Board

The FWEC has openings on its board for the 2012-2013 membership year. Open positions are: Vice President, 1st Year Board Member, and 1st Year Board Member. Board meetings are held once a month and generally last 1.5 hours. Please review the FWEC constitution (<http://fortwayneengineersclub.org/constitution.pdf>) for specific board duties, but position duties generally include helping set up tours and assisting with Engineers' Week. Please contact any current member of the board with questions or interest in becoming a board member for next year.

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## Open House

MSKTC & Associates, Inc. is having an open house on Thursday, October 11th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. They are located at 1715 Magnavox Way, Fort Wayne, IN. For more information please visit: [www.msktd.com](http://www.msktd.com)

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## **Power Up Conference**

Friday, October 12th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
7967 South Wayne Street, Hamilton, IN 46742

The "Power Up" conference promotes energy savings solutions, educational and informative, with workshops and displays, and experts to speak with all in one place. Please see [www.solarusagenow.com](http://www.solarusagenow.com) for more information or contact [nrenner@solaragenow.com](mailto:nrenner@solaragenow.com) with question or RSVP.

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## **September Tour History**

The FWEC toured Folkcraft Instruments on September 27th; the tour corresponded with an Open House that Folkcraft had for the general public. The company is the top dulcimer maker in the world and started making dulcimers back in 1969, though it was previously under a different name. The owner is Richard Ash who bought the company in 2007 and moved it from Connecticut to Woodburn. During the tour the FWEC got to see Folkcraft's showroom/museum, look around their woodshop, and see/hear Richard play the dulcimer. The woodshop could easily be called "a woodworkers dream", and a lot was learned about what goes into making a dulcimer as well as what woods are used and what type of woods give different sounds. All of Folkcraft's exotic wood comes from farms overseas, but the FWEC did learn that there are certain types of woods that are illegal to use in making instruments, and a company can get in big trouble if they use them (Folkcraft hasn't but other instrument makers have). The tour was well attended and the FWEC (especially Treasurer Ryan Stark who set up with tour) would like to thank Richard for hosting us, providing refreshments, and also playing a version of Michael Jackson's "Beat It" that will be hard to forget. If you would like to see a Folkcraft dulcimer in action, it is highly recommend to search for Bing Futch on YouTube.

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## **Engineers' News Past**

The FWEC has a significant history; Treasurer Ryan Stark and his wife were able to find past Engineers News documents dating back to 1939! Here is an excerpt of the past newsletter (a scanned copy of the entire newsletter is available through the FWEC website):

### [Engineers' News December, 1957](#)

ESSAYS – ON ENGINEERSMANSHIP (Or, How to be an Egghead)

Don't worry about your employer making money on your project. The government just taxes it away anyhow and lets it back in new contracts. This is the fundamental law of feedback.

Never finish a project on time. That only makes it look easier than it was, and the customer may feel that he didn't get his money's worth.

Never arrive at a conference on time. Your supervisor will think that you had nothing better to do, and you may lose stature.

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## **The FWEC Newsletter E-Mail Delivery**

The FWEC newsletter is now available for e-mail delivery. This saves the club postage and newsletter fees as well as getting the newsletter to the membership sooner. Please add [News@FortWayneEngineersClub.org](mailto:News@FortWayneEngineersClub.org) to your address list ensuring proper delivery of the newsletter.

## **Future Tours**

The FWEC is looking for ideas for future venues. Is your place of work somewhere that you'd like to show off? Are you interested in a specific company in the Fort Wayne area? Please submit all tour ideas to [FortWayneEngineersClub@yahoo.com](mailto:FortWayneEngineersClub@yahoo.com).

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## **Welcome New FWEC Members**

Welcome to new FWEC member Robert "Bruce" Kelsey from Elkhart Products.

## **In Memoriam**

The FWEC would like to remember Elmer Broan.

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## **FWEC Board Meetings**

The FWEC board meetings are open to any interested party within the FWEC membership. The next FWEC board meeting will be held on Tuesday November 6th at 6:00 PM on the Indiana Tech campus in the Zollner Engineering Center room Z-203.

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