

COMMENTS FROM THREE-DAYS' MANAGERS' MEETING
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
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Speeches...generally very good and pertinent.
Vendors....not always too pertinent
Philadelphia presentation on tooling was example of pertinent data
very good
GPC, Hartford finishing, Butyl Rubber were not too valuable. .
Time..... Same course could be done just as effectively in two days.
Eliminate some of project time. Project work somewhat slow
due to non-availability of cost data. Suggest entire class do a
project (small) together, emphasizing the techniques as work
progresses. A.H. Adams, Mgr. -Equip. Design Engrg.

Speeches...very good. Rotating speakers is a damn good idea.
Vendors ...I'd like to have heard some more.
Anonymous

"I have appreciated the course very much and feel it to be very valuable to
my work. However, I would feel much better if I had more guidance and
practice in the 'Blast and Refine' technique. I think that when we tried it
on our project it didn't work out nearly as clearly and completely as I had
hoped. I will be looking forward to Mr. Miles' visit to our plant as mentioned
by Steve Price. Thank you very much. "
W. W. Smith, Supvr. Req. Engrg. -Calif.

Speeches...well presented, interesting and forceful on the whole.
Vendors ...well chosen, though not, in general, good speakers.
Project Work...broken into too many periods. We should have more room to
work, more time to develop our own system or order of applying
the techniques learned. We learn best by trying--finding out
which techniques work best and most clearly for us. We should
do this trying while you instructors are on hand, not after the
seminar is over. I do feel I gained a great deal from this exposure,
but I'd like to feel my way around in this subject. More project
work would help. H. Chase

More room between tables--better selection of products--should show
effects on own products--closer supervision by table leaders.
Anonymous

Speeches...very good.
Vendors ...half and half. Guess it is because some of them didn't command my
attention.
Time..... probably would be better to have half-day sessions. You have no
doubt noted that many were missing or left for parts of the day.
At this level it is apparent that the individuals cannot be tied up
for full days. Since the program is excellent, everyone should attend
all of it. Anonymous

The course was very effective and enlightening to an engineer. I believe more time and discussion periods could be used after each speech and less project work.

Anonymous

For supervisory personnel, this three-day seminar is ideal. This program presents the technique and worth of Value Analysis clearly, concisely, and completely. Essential to the program, however, is a complete follow-up.

1. Top levels of dept. mgmt must completely understand and agree with this program.
2. The Value Analysts themselves must be extremely well-trained.
3. As many engineers, etc., as possible should have an opportunity to take the full seminar.

I enjoyed the program and am better equipped to evaluate designs.

Tom Lee, Mgr. -Ind'l Switch Conv. Dev. Engr.

Speeches...good. Some appeared to wander from the subject.

Vendors ...too much of a selling job.

Specialists .good

Time..... too short

Project Work...excellent

I was pleased to have had the chance to attend and consider the subject most worthwhile.

W. Yeamans, Mgr. -Engrg. Admin. & Pers. Devel.

This short course has helped to introduce me to a very valuable work being done by the Value Analysis Section of General Electric. It is hoped that Norwood can profit from this work. The course should be longer for more effective training. The value of a Value Analysis Specialist has been proved to me and I will try to sell this to Norwood.

Anonymous

Information provided on data sheets showing annual usage, shop cost, IME, etc. not complete. For example, quantities are for the one catalog number being studied. They do not represent the annual usage of the parts and consequently the savings are not fully apparent. I believe if this was expanded to show correctly the past usage, savings which are now hidden would be brought into view by a more careful study of the volume parts.

C. R. Snow, Req. Engrg. Prod. Specialist