

SEM History

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SEM Milestones

SEM has a long and rich history, dutifully recounted by Chuck Taylor. It helps us all to place events by landmarks. Here, Chuck has outlined several milestones throughout SEM History.

50 Years ago

- Elgin L. Shaw was SESA President.
- Bill Murray was the SESA Secretary and carried out virtually all of the Society's business from his MIT office.
- 1950 Spring Meeting was held in Cleveland
- 1950 Annual Meeting was held in New York

40 Years ago

- Ben Lazan was SESA President
- Bonney Rossi was hired as Executive Secretary
- Len Vidmark and Carl Willers also joined the Westport Headquarters Staff
- 1960 SESA Spring Meeting was held in Indianapolis
- 1960 SESA Annual Meeting was held in Berkeley in October
- Bob Steidel was the meeting chairman
- R. E. Peterson presented the Murray Lecture
- Edward Teller was banquet speaker

30 Years Ago

- 1970 SESA Spring Meeting was held in Huntsville:
- Cliff Barton was SESA President
- "Doc" Sturm was the meeting chairman
- 1970 SESA Fall Meeting and Exposition was held in Boston:
- Jim Dally was SESA President
- Everett Reed was the meeting chairman
- Bernie Langer presented the Murray Lecture
- Bill Murray's past students serenaded and surprised him with a birthday cake with 60 candles.
- Sam Levy led a very successful ASME Exchange Session which included: Phil Hodge, Burton Paul, Y.H. Pao and George Herrmann

20 Years Ago

- 1980 The Fourth SESA International Congress on Experimental Mechanics was held in Boston in May:
- Bob Johnson was SESA president
- Ken Galione was the Managing Director
- Aldie Johnson was the meeting chairman
- Anthos Bray presented the Murray Lecture
- A concert by the Boston Pops Orchestra was a popular scheduled highlight.
- 1980 SESA Fall Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale:
- Mike Fourney was SESA President
- John Prosser was the meeting chairman
- Fall SESA meetings were being greatly scaled back
- The meeting was held at The Bahia Mar Hotel (with elegant accomodations and a beautiful marina, who needs technical sessions?)

10 Years Ago

- 1990 SEM Spring Conference was held in Albuquerque: Albert Kobayashi was SEM President
- Mike Fourney presented the Murray Lecture
- 1990 SEM Fall Conference was held in Baltimore:
- Bob Sullivan was SEM President
- Karl Stetson and R. J. Pryputniewicz organized an International Conference on Holographic Interferometry and Speckle Metrology commemorating the 25th anniversary of the development of those methods.
- Founding members and Past Presidents, Bill Murray and Charles Lipson died in 1990. We also lost Lee Weymouth and Jim Starr.