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

50 Years ago

- Hans Meier was the SESA President.
- Bill Murray was the SESA Secretary -Treasurer.
- 1951 Spring Meeting was held in Washington D.C. in May.
- Ed Wenk was the Meeting Chairman.
- 1951 Annual Meeting was held at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel in Philidephia, PA November 29-29 with Bruce Sutton as the meeting chairman.

40 Years ago

- Dan Drucker was the SESA President.
- Bonney Rossi was Executive Secretary.
- 1961 SESA Spring Meeting was held at the Hotel Franklin in Philadelphia, May 10-12 with S. Sennet as meeting chairman.
- 1961 SESA Annual Meeting was called “The First International Congress on Experimental Mechanics” and was held at the Hortel New Yorker in New York City, Nov. 1-3. Attendance 300 and E.R. Lewis was meeting chairman. SESA President Dan Drucker opened the meeting by reading a message to the SESA from President John F. Kennedy.
- E. Orowan presented the Murray Lecture.

30 Years Ago

- Bonney Rossi was the Managing Director.
- 1971 SESA Spring Meeting was held at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City, UT May 18-21.
- Jim Dally was SESA President.
- Larry DeVries was meeting chairman.
- 1971 SESA Fall Meeting was held at the Sheraton-Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 19-22.
- Aldie Johnson was SESA President.
- Don Niles was meeting Chairman.
- Dan Post presented the Murray Lecture.

20 Years Ago
• Ken Galione was the Managing Director.
• 1981 Spring Meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI, May 31-Jun. 4.
• Mike Fourney was the SESA President.
• Clarence Chambers was the meeting Chairman.
• Mike Broutman presented the Murray Lecture.
• 1981 SESA Fall Meeting was held at the Keystone Lodge in Keystone, CO, Oct. 11-14. Attendance was 130.
• Dave Willis was SESA President.

10 Years Ago

• Ken Galione was the Managing Director.
• 1991 SEM Spring Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Milwaukee, WI, Jun. 12.
• Bob Sullivan was SEM President.
• Harry Fessler presented the Murray Lecture.
• 1991 SEM Fall Conference on Structural Testing Technology at High Temperature was held at the Stouffer Center Plaza Hotel, in Dayton, OH, Nov. 4-6.
• Bill Fourney was the SEM President.