

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. (Help!! we have lost touch with Elgin Shaw. Anyone who knows his whereabouts after 1953, please contact Pat Deuschle)

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

Editor's Note: The SEM History series, organized by Chuck Taylor, SEM's Historian, features articles that offer a glimpse at the origins of our Society and the emergence of the technology used throughout the field of experimental mechanics today.

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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.■

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