



## SPE® TO BESTOW FIRST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH IN COMPOSITES IN HONOR OF STEVE LOUD

Organizers for the **SPE Automotive Composites Conference & Exhibition** (ACCE) will bestow two scholarships for graduate research in composites that impacts ground transportation. The first scholarships, funded from proceeds from last year's conference, will be in the amount of \$2,000 USD each and will be given in honor of long-time composites industry leader, supporter, and journalist, Steve Loud, formerly of Solana Beach, Ca. A *Call for Scholarship Applications* has been announced, with forms available for download at [www.speautomotive.com/comp.htm](http://www.speautomotive.com/comp.htm). Applications should be submitted electronically to [ACCEpapers@gmail.com](mailto:ACCEpapers@gmail.com) by June 30<sup>th</sup> for awards to be announced in early August.



Steve Loud, whom this year's scholarships honor, spent his entire career working in various aspects of the composites industry. His wife Susan Loud said, "I think Steve could have easily worn the title of 'Mr. Composite.' He was such a believer in the composites industry and did his best to support it and move it forward during his 43-year career." Steve grew up in the Detroit area in a family that worked in the auto industry. He spent 18 years at Owens Corning working in sales and marketing. In 1981, Steve moved west to become vice-president of Teledyne Ryan before starting his own company, Composites Worldwide. With his wife, Susan, he published award-winning print and online newsletters on high-performance composite materials and processes, and maintained the Composites News supersite. Steve died July 21, 2006. Both Steve and his wife were long-time supporters and media sponsors of the **SPE ACCE**.

Now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year, the ACCE has become the world's leading forum for automotive composites and draws exhibitors, speakers, and attendees from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia / Pacific as well as North America.

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