

Wells Shoemaker

As a young Cornell chemical engineer just leaving the Navy, Wells Shoemaker started his first filtration 62 years ago, and was employed by 3 corporations involved with fibers, nonwoven fabrics, and filtration. He became a registered Patent Agent. He then created FILTEREX to provide marketing and consulting services [in the industry](#). He chaired AIChE's Separations Program Committee, and then joined in the new English Filtration Society's activities in America. He went on to serve as first American Chair of the English Society, and, chaired the Downingtown World Congress. As Hon. Secretary, he was part of the team that then created the American Filtration Society 21 years ago. Now at age 86, and vexed with old age health problems, he enjoys retirement in the hills of Western NC, but maintains his keen interest in the welfare of AFS and the Filterscape.