# From the Desk of JACK CHAMPAIGNE . . .

The third annual Shot Peening Workshop was held in Orlando, Florida in November. And did we have fun? I wasn't real sure until several reports came in on the third day. Something about Charlie Mason (Menasco Aerospace) and a group at the "Howl At The Moon" saloon.

*Caution*: Do not ever, ever ask John Cammett (U.S. Navy, Cherry Point) if he has any stories he wants to share. The man missed his calling. He should be at The Improv.

Did we learn anything? Yes. We were honored to have "The Schoolmaster" Gene Tarabek for training on wheel machine maintenance. Gene is retired from Wheelabrator and now operates as a consultant.

Students got some "hands-on" training with the Almen Gage. It went pretty well, except I don't understand what happened in Kim Benefield's (Wheelabrator) group. Strange.

Many thanks to our own Linda Hoadley and Lina Brickley for helping to host the workshop. They did all of the background work.

This year's workshop—probably San Antonio on the riverfront. Plans haven't been finalized yet, but plan to keep your calendar open in November 1994. Watch the spring issue of this newsletter for further details.

And—if you do come to the workshop, do not follow John Cammett to dinner. He offered to lead us to a little Chinese restaurant. Little? Not! Nearby? Yes, no. Our first U-turn showed a sign "19 miles to Orlando". Then—for some reason—I'm paying \$1 for a ride on a turnpike. Then we're on International Drive—again. But we finally got there—only one hour and twenty minutes. The food was great. The ride back to the hotel was a boring fifteen minute anti-climax. Thanks, John, for an interesting evening.

Here's a salute to all the students (and instructors) that came and had a good time. And here's an invitation to see more of you at the 1994 Shot Peening Workshop.

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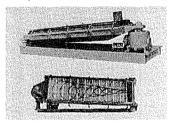
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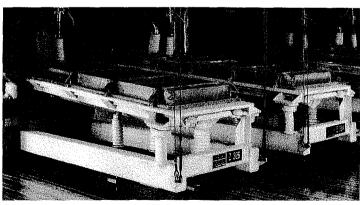
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