

# From the Desk of Jack Champaigne

We were pleased to recently host **L. F. CHOO** from LAC Technology in Singapore. Mr. Choo will begin distributing Almen strips and Almen gages for The Shot Peener in Asia.



*L. F. Choo and Jack Champaigne*

I was aware that **Pete BAILEY** appreciated his Shot Peener of the Year award, but I didn't think it would lead to a heart attack. Pete is recovering at home for a few weeks—he's doing well. It was minor. Hang on Pete, we need you at the November workshop.

The broken (peening) hammer this month goes to **Ken P'ANSON** at Blastworks. Ken's customer complained that the MagnaValves weren't working properly. After many phone calls and much frustration, Ken spent two days performing calibration catch tests. What he reported was:

| Request | Caught |
|---------|--------|
| 19      | 19     |
| 15      | 13     |
| 10      | 6      |
| 8       | 3      |
| 5       | .5     |

Now I can give Ken credit for asking his customer, "Are you sure you are catching all the shot during the one-minute catch and weight test?" "Yes, yes, yes", was the reply. But when Ken eliminated so many possibilities he finally did something that I think was very clever. The catch bucket weighed 10 pounds. He put 20 pounds of shot into it before the test. Setting the MagnaValve to 10 pounds/minute for one minute should make the total weight 40 pounds. Right? Wrong!

It only weighed 25 pounds. There was a leak. They blew out more shot than they planned to catch. And that's not the best part. The best part was trying to convince the customer that the catch bucket was the problem. Even when he demonstrated flow rate accuracy at any requested flow rate, the customer didn't want to believe that their catch bucket had caused all the problems. Ken, I hope you left some Pinocchio stickers with them.

We've lost one of our own. **Harvey VAN FOSSEN** passed away July 12 in Punta Gorda, Florida. He was 79 years old. Harvey did the original work on magnetic valves as a Wheelabrator employee from 1962 to 1981 and earned two U.S. Patents. Harvey was a magnetic genius with some very smart designs.

The local working committee for ICSP-6 is now active and planning the sixth conference to be held in September of 1996 in San Francisco. The call for papers will be issued in May of 1995. Please keep this publication opportunity in mind.

The next meeting for SAE Surface Enhancement Division, FD&E committee is Oct. 4-5, 1994 in Detroit, Michigan. For additional information, contact **Pat JACKSON** at the SAE office (412)772-7161 or **Charles BARRETT** at (908)972-1562. **30**

The Shot Peener is preparing a course and certification for shot peening operators. If you have material or curriculum you might want to contribute, please contact me at 1-800-832-5653. **Marcia ALMASSY**, metallurgist at AlliedSignal in South Bend, Indiana is collaborating on this project. ○

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## Our Queer Language

When the English tongue we speak  
Why is break not rhymed with freak?  
Will you tell me why it's true  
We may sew but likewise few;  
And the maker of a verse  
Cannot cap his horse with worse?  
Beard sounds not the same as heard;  
Cord is different from word.  
Cow is cow but low is low:  
Shoe is never rhymed with foe.  
Think of hose and dose and lose.  
And think of goose and yet of choose.  
Think of comb and tomb and bomb:  
Doll and roll and home and some.  
And since pay is rhymed with say  
Why not paid with said, I say.  
We have blood and food and good  
Mould is not pronounced like could.  
Therefore done but gone and lone  
Is there any reason known?  
And in short it seems to me  
Sounds and letters disagree.

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