From the Desk of...
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Ο Contest: While proofing a draft of an upcoming manual on the Almen gage, Pete Bailey (General Electric) noticed that the Almen strip thickness mentioned in J. O. Almen’s patent application was “slightly less than .05” thick”. Does anyone know when the standard “A” strip was specified to be 0.51” thick?

Ο In reference to the “Navy in AMS 2432 Compliance with New Shot Peening Machines” article in the last newsletter: I received quite a bit of feedback, this time to comment on the caption on the photo of the Navy machines from Progressive Technologies. Those were the “tallest” machines built at Progressive. Not the “largest”. The largest machines went to Boeing. I stand corrected. Shame on me. I should have known better. Especially since I saw the “larger” machine at Boeing. I got a call from Elke Williams in Boeing’s purchasing department. And Bill Miller at Boeing (see Letters to the Editor). And Terry Wilmert from Progressive Technologies. And Bruce DeClark from Progressive...

Ο Get ready for two new arrivals. Electronics Inc. will begin publishing two new newsletters in early 1996: Blast Cleaning News will come out in January; Paint Stripping News in February. These FREE newsletters will focus on issues relative to their own audiences without getting lost in The Shot Peener.

Ο The 1996 Buyer’s Guide will include all three industries: shot peening, abrasive blast cleaning, and aircraft paint stripping. The notice for free listings and advertising space will be mailed in September.

Ο ICSP® Final Call for Papers. The sixth International Conference on Shot Peening will be held in September of 1996 in San Francisco, California. Abstracts are due on December 1, 1995. Please see page 7 for more details.

Ο Workshop 95. Mark your calendar for November 1, 2, 3 for the 5th annual workshop on shot peening to be held in New Orleans. See page 34 more information. We had 66 students last year at San Antonio. Join the group this year that plans to study smarter and play harder.

We have another winner!

Tetsu Suzuki at the Coordination Department of Itoh Metal Abrasive Co., Ltd. in Japan correctly answered our contest question:

What company has placed the most advertising in The Shot Peener? (Excluding Electronics Inc.)

The answer: Jet Wheelblast Equipment!

Thank you Mr. Suzuki for participating in our contest and thank you Jet Wheelblast for supporting The Shot Peener!

Our Annual Buyer’s Guide. It’s the place to be!

This will be our sixth year of publication for The Shot Peener Buyer’s Guide and it has proven to be a valuable directory for anyone in the shot peening/surface finishing industry. All subscribers to our quarterly newsletter, The Shot Peener, receive a copy of the directory. That means that The Shot Peener Buyer’s Guide will be circulated throughout the United States and in over 57 countries worldwide.

During the year we receive numerous requests for providers of a particular product or service. In response to these requests we provide information from the Buyer’s Guide. So it’s easy to see why you will want your company included in this year’s directory with a listing and an ad!

Listing information and advertising rates will be available soon for the 1996 Buyer’s Guide. Circle the Bingo number below to be included on our mailing list.