

From the Desk of... Jack Champaigne

○ I had the opportunity to visit **Progressive Technologies** May 2nd, during the Navy acceptance of the machine heading towards Jacksonville (see article on page 15). I have to admit, that was a very impressive machine. If any of you know **Darrell McKinley**, you may want to ask him if there were any other pictures.

○ **Phil Kurzhal**, our general manager, received a call from one of our Almen holder customers wanting to buy more of the screws and nuts we supplied with the block. They wore out the first set and replaced it with a hardened set that lasted only 25% as long as the original, therefore wanted our replacement parts. Has anyone else experienced longer life with our screws/nuts versus substitute hardened hardware? Please call with details.

○ **ICSP-6** is coming to San Francisco. If you have an article to submit to the Sixth International Conference on Shot Peening please submit a 400 word abstract by December, 1, 1995. For additional information contact me or **Pam Werner**.

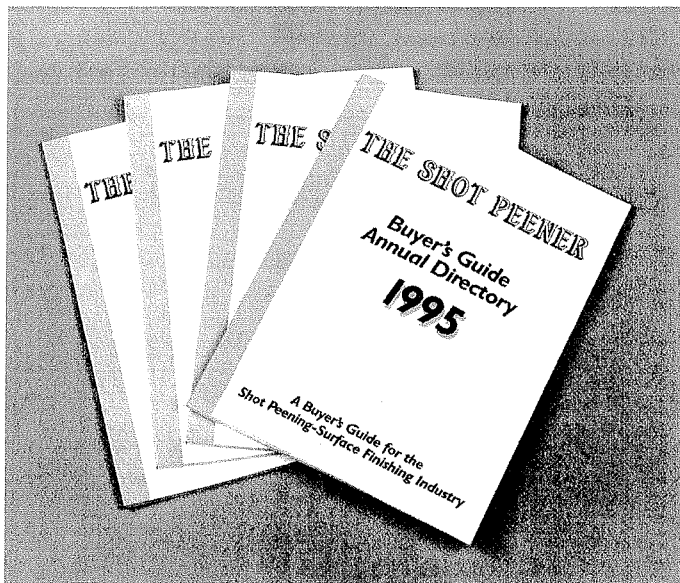
○ **Articles Wanted.** If you have articles relating to shot peening or surface finishing to submit for publication in *The Shot Peener*, or know of articles previously published that might be reprinted with permission from the author, please contact us. Articles of any length can be considered. Short topics, such as graphs, charts, tables, procedures, etc. are also appropriate.

○ By the time you read this (end of June), there should be some progress on two **shot peening specifications** of interest. The Aerospace Materials Engineering Committee of SAE (AMEC) discussed revisions to **AMS 2432 (Computer Controlled Shot Peening)** at a meeting in Las Vegas on June 5 - 6. The Surface Enhancement Committee of SAE discussed revisions to **J-443 (use of Almen Strip)** at a special taskforce meeting in Ann Arbor on May 16. For additional information on these specifications call Pam Werner.

○ In case you are new to *The Shot Peener*, **Pam Werner** is in charge of everything and **Kathy Levy** (KL Advertising Services) does all the work. I took a course on delegation and it works. Pam is our receptionist and executive secretary. She is your first contact when you call Electronics Incorporated or *The Shot Peener*. She also handles the subscriptions and literature searches in our library. Kathy prepares the entire Shot Peener newsletter layout and coordinates it through the printing process. She also handles all of the advertising insertion orders and is available to revise or create advertising copy for (her) clients.

○ **Vacu-Blast Ltd.** has agreed to supply a large amount of engineering information, charts, graphs, tables, etc., to our upcoming revision of the Peening Reference Manual. **Roger Brickwood** (a gentleman and a scholar if there ever was) contacted us about the contribution which we very gratefully accepted. Their efforts to quantify aspects of the process are the most complete I have seen and I think you will agree that they are very helpful in understanding peening machine control. The revised manual should be available before the fall issue of the newsletter (September).

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