I regret to inform our readers that Charles Barrett passed away on September 9 after a long battle with cancer. He passed away in his home.

A recipient of the 1994 Shot Peener of the Year award, Charlie had been active in shot peening for over 15 years. He retired in 1989 after 22 years as Manager of Special Projects with Metal Improvement Company. Prior to joining Metal Improvement Company, Charlie spent 18 years in metal fabrication for marine, industrial and medical research equipment fields.

Charlie consulted for MIC after his retirement from the company and had served as Chairman of SAE Surface Enhancement Committee since 1986. Charlie has written numerous articles on shot peening and was one of the world’s leading experts on peen forming. His rich background and easy-going lecture style earned him the highest scores on the Shot Peening Workshop student questionnaire.

Charlie will be greatly missed.

Shot sieves needed for the Shot Peening Workshop. We are asking for donations of old Tyler test sieves for classroom instruction at the shot peening workshop in November. All sizes are needed and sieves with moderate damage are acceptable. Donors will be listed in the The Shot Peener and at the workshop.

ICSP® in San Francisco was a huge success. The caliber of papers presented was second to none. Several of the presentations used computer projection displays and they were very interesting. The opening session by Dr. Abyaneh on Tuesday started with the concept of coverage and the closing session by Marsha Tufft ended with her review of the industry and extensive literature search. For those of you unable to attend you may purchase a copy of the conference proceedings for $75 from Electronics Inc. Proceedings of ICSP® are also still available.

We want to extend a special thank you to the co-sponsors for their financial contributions. The display booths attended by Electronics Inc., Frohn North America and Wheelabrator were especially helpful to our delegates.

A very special thank you to Bill Miller and the Boeing Company. Bill was in charge of the presentation schedule, grouping the topics and scheduling the speaking times with Marcia Almassy’s help. He also selected and delivered the bags given to the delegates by special arrangement through the Boeing store. And then, to let him know how much we appreciated his help, we let him stay BEHIND the projection screen with Darrell McKinley helping with slides and overhead viewgraphs. Thanks Bill, you did a wonderful job.

Be sure to mark your calendar now for mid-September of 1999 for your trip to Warsaw, Poland for ICSP®. We expect a much larger attendance as additional emphasis on applications will be included. Suggestions for ICSP® should be directed to the organizing committee chairman, Aleksander Nakonieczny, care of Institute of Precision Mechanics, 00-967 Warsaw, Duchnicka 3, Telephone: 48 22 663 43 35 Fax: 48 22 663 43 32.

The following photos should give you some of the flavor of the conference.
Pam Wernel; ICSP Secretary, receives a gift of appreciation for all of her hard work.

Phil Kurzhal and Jack Champainge with Electronics Inc. with Dr. Yoshihiro Watanabe of the Toyo Seiko Co., and Mr. Kazuo Kasano, an Electronics Inc. distributor.

Dr. Frank Wustefeld, Jack Champaigne and Prof. Wolfgang Linneweh.

Dr. Frank Wustefeld gets a bib before his lobster feast. Mr. Wustefeld was a presenter at the conference.

"But honey, you'll enjoy the cruise around the bay..."

Bill Miller, ICSP Committee Member, (a.k.a. The Bag Man) at the podium.

Marcia Almassy, ICSP Committee Member, clowns around.

Gunter Schadwill of Vulkan Blast Shot Technology and Dr. Heribert Gey and Peter Beckemehagen of Froha North America.

Jack Champaigne, ICSP Chairman, and Dr. David Kirk, Chairman of the International Scientific Committee on Shot Peening.

Dr. Kisuke Iida from Japan and Dr. Frank Wustefeld from Germany.

Jack is selling but David doesn't appear to be buying.

Pan Werner, ICSP Secretary, receives a gift of appreciation for all of her hard work.

Dr. Aleksander Nakonieczny of the Institute of Precision Mechanics of Warsaw, Poland and Dr. Ru Jilai from the Institute of Aeronautical Materials in China.