The troops are back from “Desert Blast & Peen”. The 1997 annual workshop on Blast Cleaning and Shot Peening was in Scottsdale, Arizona. A record number of students (120) stormed into town and got some education, good food and lots of fun. Hummer tours of the desert seemed to be very popular, as well as a few rounds of golf. A hospitality reception was held Tuesday evening, compliments of the co-sponsors that all had commercial display booths (13 this year).

Those that were brave enough to attend the “little” reception held on Wednesday evening got to enjoy 18 dozen fresh oysters on the half shell. A big “thank you” to our world famous instructor Dr. John Cammett; John checked those little critters as luggage in an ice cooler and brought them all the way from North Carolina.

Unfortunately, the room smelled a little odd after three days, and the microwave oven used to loosen up the shells was somewhat abused. Gene (schoolmaster) Tarabek cut his hand while opening shells and had to allow substitute shuckers Ron Evans and Rick Johnston a chance to satisfy the crowd’s appetite.

The first sitting for Level 1 Shot Peening Certification was held on Friday morning and 28 students attended. They will be eligible for Level 2 Certification examination next year.

Visit our web site for updates on the 1998 Workshop. The dates are November 3, 4, 5. The location will be on the web as soon as it is finalized. www.shotpeener.com
A Salute to Our 1997 Workshop Attendees and Instructors

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Advanced Material Process
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American Airlines
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American Axle & Mfg
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American Saw & Mfg Co.
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Asko Processing
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Associated Spring
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Perez, Carlos
Petrella, Andy
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Blastworks
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Forbes, David
Marriott, Jim

Boeing Helicopter
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Satsky, Richard

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Delphi Equipment
Plastics Inc.
Abrasive Developments

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Scenes from Workshop 1997
The Almen Gage R & R Study

Man, these older gages are hard to read!

Hey, I didn't know we could use laptops!

Teamwork is the key

"Give it to me." "No, I know this is right!"

Professor Ben Hillberry of Purdue University

Everything goes better with Coke

Dr. John Cammett, Naval Aviation Depot, was one of our instructors

Now, this is how this works...

The one with the best penmanship always has to fill out the charts

You put the Almen strip here...