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○ Make plans to attend the 7th Annual Blast Cleaning and Shot Peening Workshop

We anticipate approximately 100 students again this year. See our web page at www.shotpeener.com for more information including a roster of registered students and lists of previous year's students and instructors. This year we continue a tradition of offering commercial displays and as of this writing we have nine co-sponsors. These vendors will have literature and samples to help you find your way in the wilderness.

○ New product from Electronics Inc.

Electronics Incorporated will be displaying their new media monitor, a device to indicate media flow for ANY TYPE OF MEDIA. It works on glass bead, plastic media, sand, aluminum oxide, etc. You throw it and we monitor it. The display will be a ten-element bar graph. It will not be a calibrated system but it will give you relative flow information with dual output alarms.

○ The article on Almen strips

The cover article on Almen strips was inspired by the efforts of the SAE Surface Enhancement Committee, which I chair. The next meeting of our committee will be in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 13, 14 and 15. Topics included will be J442, J443, and J2277. For more information see the web page "insiders information" and SAE.

○ More on the workshop

Dave Cooper from Blastworks, Burlington, ON, Canada, promises to wear an interesting tee shirt to the 1997 Workshop. I'll try to get pictures for the Winter issue.

○ Gene Tarabek is retiring

Gene Tarabek, "The Schoolmaster", will be retiring this year. The workshop will be one of his last assignments. We'll miss Gene. He has been an instructor for Wheelabrator since before the creation of _____ (fill in your own term here). Keep in touch with Gene at his e-mail address: etarabek@compuserve.com.

○ Certification test

Level I Shot Peening Technician Certification test will be held on Friday, November 7. The class starts at 9:00 a.m. and you can register at the door. Cost is \$100 and the test will last approximately one hour. Preparation is attendance at the workshop or prior shop experience. Upon registration you will be sent a list of recommended reading material. Level I (basic) and Level II (intermediate) certification will be conducted next year at the workshop. Level I certification must be held for one year prior to sitting for a Level II class. Level III certification (advanced) will be offered after the 1998 workshop. The levels will recognize skills necessary for various aspects of shot peening. Basic is for operator procedures. Intermediate is for supervisors and setup specialists. Advanced is for experimental and developmental practitioners.

○ Purdue Shot Peening Center

Industry input on the Purdue Shot Peening Center is still being sought. If your company or organization could benefit from access to a university environment then please contact Ben

Hillberry at Purdue University. His e-mail address is hillberr@ecn.purdue.edu.

○ Classified advertising on the web

Classified ads are now available on The Shot Peener web page. The cost is free during introductory period of 1997. If you need or have used equipment for sale or you're looking for employees, this is the page to visit.

○ More on the web

And while you are at it, be sure to visit the HotSpot page. It's a listing of all of the companies that have their own homepage on the web. Previously you had to go to their freepage to get to their site, but not anymore. These are obviously the LEADERS OF THE INDUSTRY :)

Don't forget to check out the "Ricochet Club" and Letters-on-Line for late breaking news and trivia. Get wired, get on the web.



Jack attended Progressive Technologies' Open House in May. From left to right are Terry Wilmert of Progressive Technologies; Stanford Jackson, United Airlines; and Jack. Jack is presenting Stanford with a free Almen Gage as the winner of a contest.

Below: Jack is working the Electronics Inc. booth at the Open House; he's selling but Al DeVoogd of Progressive ain't buying.

