

From the Desk of... Jack Champaigne

○ **Changes at Electronics Inc.** New Faces: Scott Johnson and Tom Brickley. Scott will manage our growing Almen Strip and Gage Division and assist in shot peening training. Tom will be involved with Marketing and Strategic Planning. More product information: Check our web pages for EI product troubleshooting guides and generic shot peening or blast cleaning tips and techniques.

○ **Workshop Notes.** Come early and stay late. Ride the Cog Railway up to Pike's Peak. Visit the Air Force Academy. This year we have added training for inspectors and auditors. The sessions on masking and Almen Curve Computer plots will be expanded. Registration is limited to 200 students this year because of classroom size limit of 50 per session. Please call Pam or visit our web site to register. Arrive Monday (or before) for registration and acclamation to the altitude. Tuesday evening is hospitality from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Shot Peener of the Year announcement and presentation will be on Wednesday evening. Be sure to leave lots of extra space in your baggage to accommodate your reference materials and gifts. There are a few spaces left for exhibit booths. Contact Pam for details. Don't be conspicuous by your absence. We know who you are and your competitors already have a booth reserved.

○ **Purdue University** has received their shot peening machine donated by Progressive Technologies, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Professor Christine Corum is the contact person for special peening development projects. Christine will also be conducting research on media size analysis and will soon have a state-of-the-art Computer Particle Analyzer from WS Tyler Company, Medina, Ohio. The goal of that project is to study the size practice of the industry and capability of the media manufacturers. Eventually media size/shape histograms with upper and lower spec limits and three sigma capability will replace sieve analysis for media control. Christine needs media samples (on periodic basis) for her study. Purdue also needs a 2000 CFM air dryer. Christine can be reached at 1-765-494-7530 or by e-mail at clcorum@tech.purdue.edu.

○ **ICSP-8 International Conference on Shot Peening** will be held in September 2002 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. The Chairman is Prof. Lothar Wagner, Technical University of Brandenburg at Cottbus, Chair of Physical Metallurgy and Materials Technology, P.O. Box 10 1344, 03013 Cottbus, Germany. Email: wagner@tu-cottbus.de Web page: <http://www.shotpeening.org>

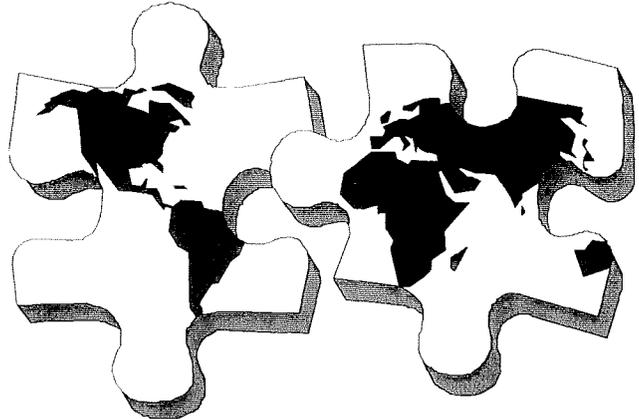
○ **ICSP & BC-2 International Conference on Shot Peening and Blast Cleaning** (India) will be in September, 2001. For more information contact: Dr. M.C. Sharma, Head of Mech. Eng. Dept., MACT, Bhopal, 452007, India. Telephone: 91-755-557800 Fax: 91-755-554562

○ **Letters-on-Line** is available for dialogue on various topics relating to peening and cleaning. Post a message or respond to earlier requests for information. Share your knowledge.

○ **SAE** is going paper-less. All meeting announcements, ballots, etc. will be conducted by e-mail or web browsing. If you would like to be active on the Surface Enhancement Division of the Fatigue Design and Evaluation Committee, please contact me. If you cannot attend the semi-annual meetings in person, you can be a "Virtual" member of my committee.

○ **Annual Buyer's Guide 2001** will be available in January FREE if you request a copy before November 30. See this issue of The Shot Peener or our web site for registration details. Requests for copies after the publication date will be charged \$15 USA or \$25 foreign.

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