We're on the road again. Instructor Pete Bailey and I visited Garrett in Springfield, Illinois for on-site training. All five students passed the examination with flying colors. This was our second class at Garrett. We have trained 114 students through on-site programs to date. In August, I am assisting Steven Baiker with a workshop session in Singapore.

I will participate in Dr. Sharma’s Shot Peening and Blast Cleaning Conference in Bhopal, India September 17th before I rush off to China. Our General Manager, Tom Brickley, and I are going to Beijing September 19th for the Aerospace Exhibition and then spend the following week in Japan with our OEM customers.

2001 Workshop. The annual Shot Peening Workshop is scheduled for end of October in San Antonio. If you don’t attend, you may be sorry. We have already trained 964 students at our workshops. This year we’ll be on the world-famous river walk and Pam has a very special event planned for Tuesday evening. I can tell you there will be food involved, as in a banquet, and that we will be anointing the Shot Peener of the Year recipients (academic and commercial). We have also scheduled Linda Goodrich from the FAA for a short presentation of their involvement with Shot Peening and training of auditors and operators. We hope to also have a presentation from the NTSB National Transportation Safety Board.

More traveling. If we live through all of this, Tom and Pam and I will try to go to Norway, Denmark and Sweden in November. Pam tells me this is the time for some of the nicest weather and we can beat the tourist rush. If time permits we will schedule a trip to Germany and Italy. We hope to get down-under in the first quarter of 2002. If you would like to participate in a regional workshop, please contact Pam with your details.

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If you are interested in more information on the program, contact Jack Champaigne at (219)256-5001.

- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- The average person’s left hand does 56% of the typing.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Two-thirds of the world’s eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is “screeched.”
- On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
- All of the clocks in the movie “Pulp Fiction” are stuck on 4:20.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, or silver.
- “Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters mt.