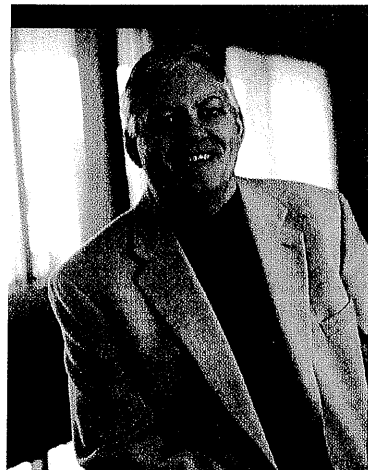


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The Parting Shot Jack Champaigne

2005 U.S. Workshop

Electronics Inc. is proud to be the first organizer of shot peening workshops worldwide. Since 1991 when the first Shot Peening workshop was held in Atlanta, Georgia, it has been our concept to bring industry leaders together to educate students as well as each other on not only the fundamentals of shot peening and blast cleaning but the current trends and changing technology.

Fifteen years later, the original concept stands true today more than ever. At this year's workshop in Fort Worth, Texas, we had 60 first year students of which 40 took the level one exam. Additionally, we had attendees who returned this year, as every year, just to keep abreast of the industry. Each attendee designed his/her own curriculum from four classrooms that covered 47 different topics with 29 instructors. Between classes, attendees had an opportunity to discuss issues one-on-one with instructors, each other and with the show exhibitors.

Kumar Balan's article on page 20 re-caps his workshop class on machinery as it applies to designing equipment to meet audit requirements (notably Nadcap). His material was of interest to many attendees, even if Nadcap accreditation was not necessary to their organization since all aspects of controlling the process are critical to improving quality, while reducing costs. This starts with specifications and criteria as it applies to a given part design requirement. In this case, Mr. Balan highlights the need to meet Nadcap audits (see article on page 20) with machine design criteria.

In the end, this workshop was a huge success. First year students as well as seasoned attendees were able to continue to learn more about the industry and the new trends that will strengthen the process. I would like to thank all the instructors, attendees and friends who contributed to make this workshop an opportunity for everyone to learn, as I do, at every workshop. ●

