Electronics Inc. recognized that something more was needed in the field of shot peening education—an advanced curriculum for engineers and managers that are responsible for the exciting new advanced technologies in our field. We were pleased to offer our Advanced Shot Peening Classes at the 2007 workshop and they were met with tremendous enthusiasm. Another indication that our field is moving forward was the large number of engineers and supervisors at the workshop. This indicates to me that shot peening is getting the recognition it deserves as a viable metal surface treatment because more decision-makers are educating themselves on its benefits. One of my favorite student comments from our workshop surveys summed it up nicely: “This was a great Workshop for a rookie like me. I am a Maintenance Super and learning more about the process makes me a better troubleshooter.”

This workshop was also a time of reflection on how much the workshops mean to me personally. Dwight Lutsko with Lutsko Industrial Sales LLC presented me with a quilt made from nine t-shirts from past workshops (it’s an EI workshop tradition to provide everyone with a specially-designed shirt). See the quilt in the photo below. Students, instructors and exhibitors signed it. You can’t imagine how much I value this quilt—I feel privileged to be a part of this group.