

Last issue's farewell editorial by our founder and original publisher, Michael Goldstein, sparked a lot of feedback and comments from our readers. Here's a sampling of what your fellow subscribers had to say.

Dear Michael:

It has been a while since we shook hands – I think it was at the AGMA convention in Tucson some years back.

But I have enjoyed reading Gear Technology all these years even though I did not understand many of the highly technical topics.

The merger of your legacy with AGMA is the wonderful culmination of your work and your crew over many years and I want to congratulate you on this unique accomplishment.

I wish you all the best and hopefully our paths will cross once again!

Happy Holidays,
Herman Pfauter II

Good Morning Michael,

You and I were introduced to each other many years ago by one of our close friends Marty Woodhouse. I have been a subscriber to your magazine from that day.

I'm sure the gear industry wouldn't be the same without guys like you and Marty. Thanks for keeping all of us up to date on what is going on in the gear industry now and in the future.

Happy Retirement!

Best regards,
David Leslie, Manufacturing Manager
Star Cutter Company

Dear Michael,

I would like to say thank you for this magazine. Working in a very large organization that designs its own power transmission systems but no longer manufactures gears, this has been a valuable source of manufacturing information/education and importantly it is has done so in plain language that is accessible to the ordinary engineer.

I do hope you enjoy your retirement as well as the thought that you have done something worthwhile that has added to the sum total of humankind's knowledge. Real Ph.D. material.

Best regards and much thanks,
Mark Will, Transmissions Design SME
Rolls-Royce Plc
Derby, UK

Dear Mr. Michael,

Good Morning! I have been your ardent fan for almost a decade now.

Like in our greatest Epic Mahabharatha, there is a character by name Ekalavya the great archer, he had a GURU by name Dhronacharya.

For all of us, you are A DHRONACHARYA. We did see you only in prints and digital media. The articles, experiences, inputs shared in the magazine helped us a lot.

You were so good that you offered it to us for free. Thank you so much.

Please accept my salute to you.

My Guru Dhakshana would be to spread the knowledge to every other engineer, which I have been doing and will also continue to do.

Regards,

R. Senthilkumar, Deputy General Manager R&D Greaves Cotton Ltd.

Michael,

Very nice editorial. I always looked forward to reading your words. You should be very proud of your accomplishments and this transition. It was well played from start to finish.

Cheers!

Mike McKernin, Sales & Marketing Director
United Stars Inc.

Michael,

Back in 1986, I started reading your magazine and enjoyed it all these 33 years. I enjoyed not only reading and learn from the various articles, I also enjoyed your Publishers Page and contacted some of the advertising companies. I admire you for being so determined and consistent with the wonderful magazine, which many of my colleagues enjoyed too.

Now, I am working in Thailand for the last 9 years and still enjoy the magazine

publisher's page

Gear Technology — To Be Continued



Publisher & Editor-in-Chief
Michael Goldstein

When I started Gear Technology more than 35 years ago, my intention was to create something of lasting value for the gear industry. It was a way of giving back to the industry that had been so good to me and my family.

As a third-generation machinery dealer who specialized in gear manufacturing equipment, I spent a lot of time traveling the world, and I saw first-hand a desperate need for knowledge and technical information about gear manufacturing. It was available and people needed the information, but they just weren't getting it.

Sure, there were technical conferences such as AGMA's Fall Technical Meeting, and papers were being presented at this and other conferences around the world. Unfortunately, that information wasn't being widely disseminated. Back then, the engineering manager for a big gear company might have attended one of those conferences. He'd go and listen to the presentations and come back to his office with new insights and a blue binder full of technical papers. The problem was, by the time he got back home, his desk was already piled high with all the work he'd missed, and the blue binder got put up on a shelf and forgotten while the engineering manager got back to catching up on the work nobody did while he was gone.

A lot of other people could have used that information. I thought. And so the idea for Gear Technology was born. In 1984, we published our first three issues, and we've never looked back.

In fact, we've come a long way since those first issues. Today, in

addition to the print magazine, we communicate with you now via the Internet, e-mail and social media. In 2007 we launched Power Transmission Engineering. But through the years our core mission has never changed. Our goal is still to bring that educational information to the widest possible audience.

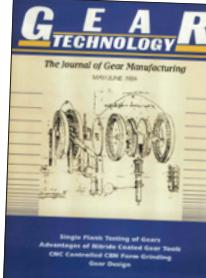
That's why one of the things I'm most proud of is the online library of technical content we provide to the industry, free of charge, and without any kind of restriction, registration or roadblock. Thousands of articles from our 35-year history are available for anyone who wants to read them.

Some of the most valuable articles we ever published were the "Back to Basics" articles we ran in the early years. These articles explain in simple terms the interrelationships between cutting tools, parts and machines, making it easier to conceptualize the mechanics of how designs are transformed into gears.

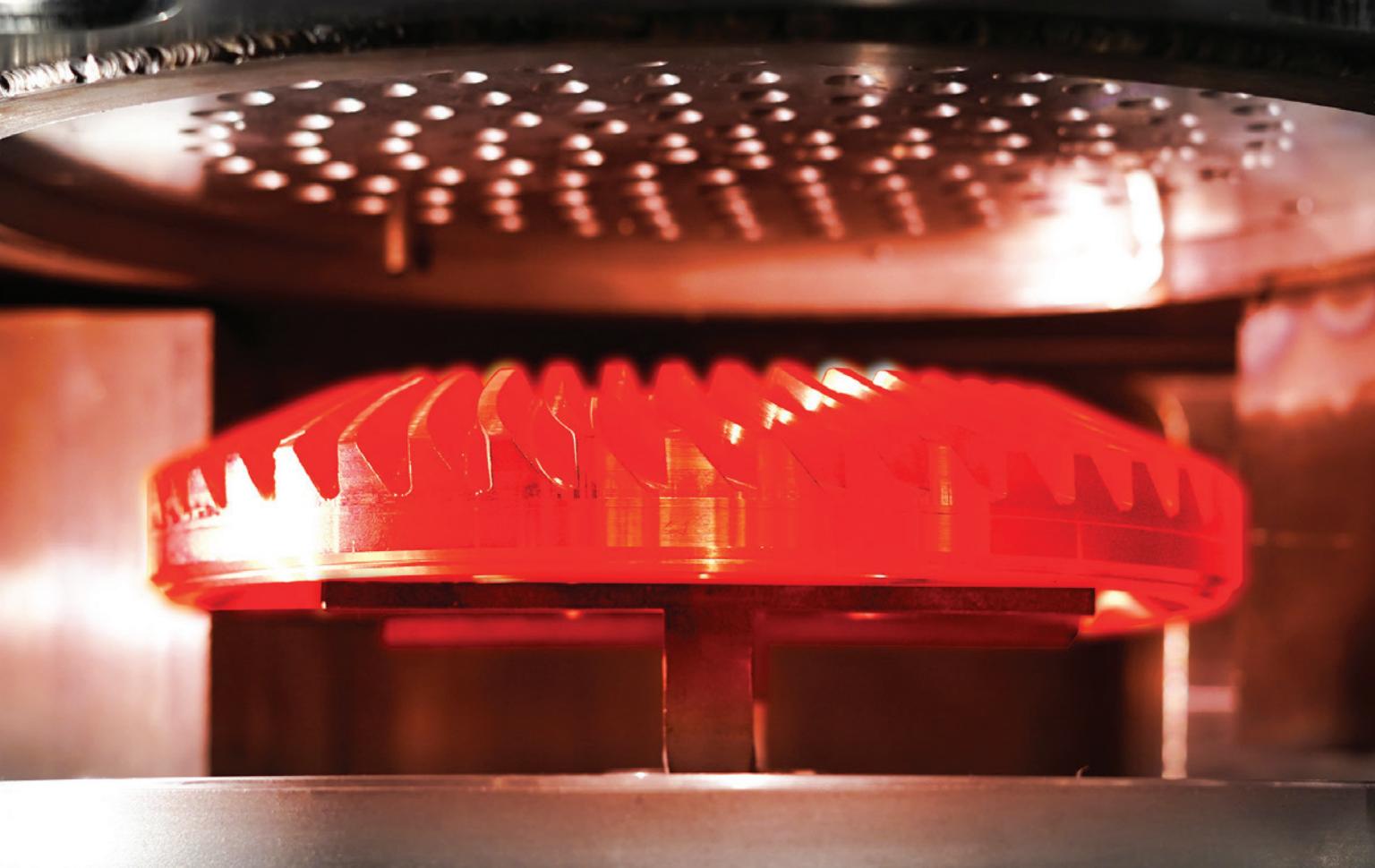
All of our back issues have been painstakingly indexed and organized so that you can find articles on carburizing, crowning, carbide hobbing or any number of other subjects. More than 10,000 unique visitors make use of those articles on our website every month.

I consider that content to be my legacy, and I want it to be available forever.

No one wants to consider his own mortality, but in October I turned 77, and over the past couple of years I've been thinking a lot about how to ensure that what I've built not only will be



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but, being surprised to read your age and the change to AGMA, which might be a good plan for continuation of Gear Technology.

Turning soon 68 years old myself, I have also plans to retire sometime in a year or so.

Thank you for many years of Gear Technology and I will continue reading the magazine even after retirement (Gear guys never retire!) of both of us. However, I wish you the best for the future including best health for many years to come.

With best regards from Thailand,

Volkhard P. Scharpf
(formerly: Getrag Gears, Newton, NC)

Do YOU have something to say about an article you read or something you observed in the industry? Send your letter to Randy Stott, Publisher & Editor-in-Chief (stott@agma.org).

Reading Michael Goldstein's editorial in the December Issue of Gear Technology magazine, I was moved by his comments. Michael has contributed so much to the gear industry. Like myself and many others, I am saddened by the fact that he is "stepping back" from his role at the publication. At the same time, I am very pleased that the AGMA will continue his legacy with the ongoing availability of the valuable assets he created. I can say personally that since 1985, I have both enjoyed and relied on the knowledge provided through the Gear Technology publication, and later with the digital library, and I take great pride in having had the opportunity to author some of these articles as well. I have found over the years that some people want to keep their technical information for job security, but what Michael has provided is a major contribution that all can benefit from.

Michael, you have my most sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Joe Arvin, President
Arvin Global Solutions

Michael,

I can very much appreciate why you are stepping to one side in your roles — 77 is a good working run!

I backed into my knowledge of gears and gearing through a machinist's apprenticeship and I'm sorry to state that I was part of one of the last groups that was going to include instruction on gears and gearing including the making of some forms of gears.

That experience only made me want to learn more, which is part of what led me to Gear Technology. I've saved every last issue although I find the electronic ones are far easier to search and store today.

Thank you again for your sharing and willingness to include those who aren't at the center of the field in that sharing!!

Regards,

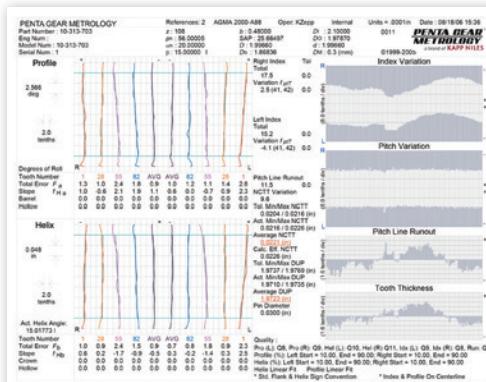
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