

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Six years ago this month, the very first issue of *GEAR TECHNOLOGY*, the *Journal of Gear Manufacturing*, went to press. The reason for starting the publication was a straightforward one: to provide a forum for the presentation of the best technical articles on gear-related subjects from around the world. We wanted to give our readers the information they needed to solve specific problems, understand new technologies, and to be informed about the latest applications in gear design and manufacturing. The premise behind *GEAR TECHNOLOGY* was also a straightforward one: the better informed our readers were about the technology, the more competitive they and their companies would be in the world gear market.

We've come a long way in the six years since the first issue when Randall Publishing had a two-desk office. Now our staff numbers ten, and we have an international reader and advertiser base. For this growth and success we have you, our subscribers and advertisers, to thank. Without your consistent support from the very beginning, *GEAR TECHNOLOGY* would not be the premier publication for gear manufacturing, design, and research.

Anniversaries are times to remember, consider accomplishments, evaluate goals, and, most important, plan for the future. We want to continue to merit your support. To do this, we need your help. We are constantly striving to bring you the best material available.

As our readership and our reputation have grown, we have started to receive more and more original manuscripts. *GEAR TECHNOLOGY* has become the publication of first choice for many of our authors. This means that our readers see more of the latest developments in gearing in our pages first. We will continue this trend in the future. But good contributors and good ideas are always a scarce commodity. If you have an article, a letter for our Viewpoint column, an idea for a new column, or some other way in which we could improve the content of *GEAR TECHNOLOGY*, please share it with us.

Keeping our mail list current is another challenge that you can help us meet. Letting our circulation department know about personnel changes, new mail stop numbers, and other "housekeeping" matters helps insure that copies of *GEAR TECHNOLOGY* get to where they are supposed to go. Filling out the information on this issue's wrap cover will help us spread the word about *GEAR TECHNOLOGY* to others who might be interested in it.

You may have noticed in the past few issues some changes in our type and design style. More of these will appear in the future. We want *GEAR TECHNOLOGY* to have an attractive, contemporary look and at the same time be as readable and "user friendly" as possible. We would like your feedback and comments on these changes as well. We pride ourselves on being, not only the most informative publication available about gearing, but also the best looking.

However, in spite of these cosmetic changes, our goals will remain the same — to bring you the best, most informative, up-to-date, technical information available about gear manufacturing, design, and research.



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