

John Q. Gear Meets Martha Stewart

Gear Technology's bimonthly aberration — gear trivia, humor, weirdness and oddments for the edification and amusement of our readers. Contributions are welcome.

When you need totally useless information about gears, you can turn with confidence to the pages of Addendum, where we scour the globe for the obscure, the unusual and the ridiculous (the latter being our forte).

Where the Gears Are

In past issues we've brought you valuable information on famous or semi-famous people who have been named Gear (see past issues of Addendum for biographical sketches of John Henry Gear, Luella Gear and Dale Dudley Gear). But in the spirit of equality and in the interests of fairness, we thought we'd give you a portrait of the common Gear, the everyday Gear, the Gear next door.

According to the PhoneDisc CD-ROM at our local library (©1997 American Business Information Inc.), people with the surname **Gear** live in every American state except Arkansas, Hawaii and South Dakota. Most of you will be interested to know that an average of 15 Gears live in each state.

Even more interesting is that some states seem to have a disproportionate number of Gears based on the entire population. For the nation as a whole, there are approximately 2.86 Gears per million people. The state with the highest number of Gears per capita is West Virginia, with 10.56 Gears per million. Next comes Wisconsin, with 9.02 Gears

per million, Massachusetts, with 8.85 Gears per million and Washington, with 6.85 Gears per million.

We hope you are beginning to see a pattern here. We're not entirely sure what it means, but the evidence is clear. From this highly scientific study, we conclude that there is a greater tendency for a person named Gear to live in the North. There also seems to be a correlation between people named Gear and states beginning with the letter W.

That's It, We're Moving!

In our cross-country travels in search of people named Gear, the Addendum staff also has come across a number of streets named Gear.

For example, there is Gear Road in Rochester, NH, Gearing Road in Monongahela, PA, Gearing Avenue in Pittsburgh, PA, Gear Avenue in Nashville, TN, and Gearing Street in Goose Creek, SC. We're pretty sure there are additional streets, roads, avenues and boulevards named Gear out there. We're counting on you to find them for us.

Until then, we are pleased to announce that the Addendum team is opening branch offices on Gear Road in Rochester, NH and Gearing Street in Goose Creek, SC (as soon as the right properties become available).

It Was Too Much To Hope For

We regret to report that we were unable to find anyone named Gear living on a street named Gear. We'll keep looking.

Martha Stewart Is In The Building

Is your office looking tacky, tacky, tacky with all those back issues of *Gear Technology* strewn about? Have you despaired of ever finding the perfect storage solution for them: the one that keeps them neat, tidy, in order and out of the way until needed? Well, your search is over.

TOP TEN STATES FOR PEOPLE NAMED GEAR

1. California	74
2. Florida	70
3. Massachusetts	54
4. Ohio	51
5. Wisconsin	46
6. Texas	42
7. Washington	37
8. Illinois	27
9. New York	24
10. Georgia	22
Virginia	22

One of our faithful fans, Bill Rollins of South Windsor, CT, has found the answer. His recommendation: Go to your friendly neighborhood office supply store and look for a 2" vinyl binder with D-rings. According to Bill, one of these will hold two full years of Addendum columns (and all that other stuff in the magazine). The D-rings allow each issue to lie flat when it's opened for reading. You will have to use a three-hole punch on your magazines, but we've checked—the margins are deep enough to prevent making holes in the copy.

Now Martha says, get in there and tidy up your office.

If anyone has the plans for crocheting covers for the notebooks, don't call us. There's really just so much Martha Stewart we can stand. ☉

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