

Thanks, Team!



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It takes a lot to put together a magazine like this one, issue after issue.

There are articles to edit, materials to gather, production to coordinate, layouts to develop, subscriptions to enter and much, much more. The process for any individual issue begins as much as a year in advance, when we start to talk about the topics we'll cover, sell the advertising that will be included, identify likely technical papers that will serve our audience.

All of that is especially hard when authors, advertisers, contributors and colleagues are all working from home, working intermittently, on temporary leave or furloughed. Everyone is much harder to get a hold of, and even the simplest communications can become challenging.

Here at AGMA Media, we've weathered those challenges extremely well. Although our staff has been mostly working from home, they continue to hit their deadlines, produce quality work and turn out the magazine that all of you have come to expect.

That staff deserves a little recognition.

You're probably used to seeing my name, and our other editors', in the pages of the magazine. But there are quite a few others without whose contributions none of this would be possible.

Each member of our staff has been with *Gear Technology* for many years. In fact, their average tenure here is 17 years, making our team more like friends and family than colleagues and coworkers. These people have been serving the gear industry for a long, long time. Their combined dedication and professionalism are what help make *Gear Technology* the voice of the industry, and their work is delivered to your desk or e-mail inbox every issue.

Much of that work is done behind the scenes, so most of you don't often have the opportunity to interact with them. But what they do is critical to our success, and recognizing them is long overdue.

So thank you, Dorothy Fiandaca.

Thank you, Dave Friedman.

Thank you, Luann Harrold.

Thank you, Matt Jaster

Thank you, Jack McGuinn.

Thank you, Dave Ropinski.

Thank you, Carol Tratar.

I appreciate your efforts over the past many years, but especially throughout 2020 as we've all had to adjust to strange new ways of working. This magazine – with its quality technical articles, well-written features, timely news and relevant product information – is a testament to the significance of your hard work.

It's been a crazy, tough year, and it's taken a crazy-tough team to get through it as well as we have. There's no telling what the future will hold, but I'm confident that no matter what challenges come our way, this team will continue to produce the best possible magazine for the gear industry.

So thanks, team, for everything you do. I appreciate your efforts, and I'm sure our readers do, too.

Randy Stott