

Keeping in Touch. From a Distance.



Publisher & Editor-in-Chief
Randy Stott

I've been tuning in to a lot of information in new ways, lately. Chances are, you have, too. The pandemic has restructured all of our lives in ways we couldn't have imagined just a year ago. From work to school to family, video chat and teleconference have replaced warm hugs and handshakes. There's no kibitzing around the water cooler.

There's been a big learning curve, and we're still on that path. Although we now know how to Zoom or Webex or meet on Microsoft Teams (some days, it's all three!), most of us are still figuring out how to adjust to the new highly scheduled way we've had to structure our lives.

These changes were coming anyway. The need for social distancing and working from home has just made them happen a lot sooner than anyone thought.

Gear Technology is definitely here to help you stay connected. For starters, now is a great time to renew your subscription. If you're working from home, update your address so that the printed copy arrives where you need it. If you haven't done so already, sign up for the digital version of the magazine, so you can stay up to date on the latest in gear manufacturing technology and technical information whether your office is in the basement, garage or back yard.

At the same time, you can subscribe to our various e-mail products, including our twice monthly e-mail newsletter, product alerts and targeted messages from our advertisers. Each subscription is separate, so you can choose which e-mails you want to receive, and if you feel inundated by too much information, you can change your e-mail preferences or unsubscribe at any time.

To take advantage of these great information tools, just go to www.geartechnology.com/subscribe.htm.

Subscribing to our e-mail newsletters and advertiser e-mails is a great way to learn about some of the other digital opportunities available to you. Over the past several months, we've helped thousands of readers like you find and take advantage of numerous white papers, webinars and educational events that were targeted specifically to the gear industry. If you missed any of them, you can visit www.geartechnology.com/sc/ to see some of those digital content offerings.

The newsletters are also a great way to follow the *Gear Technology* blog. Often, we post content there that can't be found anywhere else, including product information, case studies demonstrating the application of the latest gear related technology and "Gear Talk with Chuck," featuring the advice, musings and commentary of our resident blogger and long-time technical editor, Charles Schultz. (You can also check out the blog without subscribing to the newsletters. Just visit www.geartechnology.com/blog/.)

We've also been trying to keep you updated about all the digital offerings of the American Gear Manufacturers Association. AGMA has shifted many of its highly sought-after training classes to digital formats, and the association also offers many webinars and networking opportunities online. Learn more at www.agma.org.

Of course, we're all looking forward to some return to normalcy. Sometimes it might not feel like it, but it's going to happen. In-person, face-to-face meetings will return in full force, and 2021 will be a much different year than 2020.

That's why the AGMA is declaring itself "ALL IN" for 2021. Please take a moment to read the *Voices* column in this issue (page 10). Written by John Cross, AGMA's chairman of the board and President of ASI Drives, Cross explains how the entire industry is coming together to support MPT Expo in October 2021. We're very much looking forward to getting together with as many of you as possible, and MPT Expo looks like it's going to be the best time and place to do so.

In the meantime, we'll help you keep in touch. Just go to www.geartechnology.com/subscribe.htm.

Randy Stott