

Gear Faces in Unlikely Places



It has come to the attention of the Addendum staff that various people in our industry have been dabbling in pursuits outside of gearing. At first, we were quite upset by the thought that there are gear people out there who are involved in other activities. But our therapists have assured us that this is O.K. Not everyone can spend all of their free time pondering the beauty of the involute curve or contemplating the perfect gear ratio.

You can imagine our surprise when we learned that certain prominent members of the gear industry have not only been dabbling, but they've been caught on film. The paparazzi have captured these gear industry leaders and plastered their pictures on the covers of magazines—with nary a gear in sight. (And we thought Addendum staffers were the only ones who stalked gear industry leaders).

Fred Young of Forest City Gear was recently featured on the cover of *Fish & Game New Zealand* magazine. Looking into it further, we also learned this wasn't Fred's first cover shot. We dug up an old copy of *Canoe* magazine from July/August 1974, where Fred was also featured.

And then there's Herman Pfauter. You recently read in these pages about Herman's younger days, when he spent some time in California and worked as a bus driver. Here we present the cover of *Teenage Nudist* magazine, where Herman was caught in action.

We know it's tempting to condemn these men for their pursuits outside the gear industry. But we've given it a lot of thought, and there's a logical explanation. When Fred Young was captured on the cover of *Fish & Game*, we're now convinced that he was secretly researching the action for a new geared fly reel.

And after further examining the Herman Pfauter cover, we're now quite certain that Herman was, in fact, pondering the beauty of an involute curve.

If you or any other gear industry professional have been "caught in the act" and featured on another magazine cover, please scan it in and send us a copy at addendum@geartechnology.com. We're confident that we can come up with a logical explanation for your non-gear-industry activities.