

# Gear Expo is for Gear Buyers

## Most of you who read this magazine have a close relationship with gears and gear drives.

According to our surveys, 75% of you recommend, specify or buy them. It's a shame, then, that the majority of you will miss Gear Expo (Oct. 24-26 in Columbus, OH) this year.

Don't get me wrong. I hope you'll go. I think you should. But the fact is, Gear Expo comes every two years, and most of you have been missing out on it all along. Meanwhile, the show has continued to grow in relevance to become one of the hidden gems among trade shows, particularly for those of you who rely on gears to make your products go. Particularly for those of you who are gear buyers.

Gear Expo is the only trade show in North America where you can find so many potential suppliers of gears and gear drives all in one place. There will be more than 50 gear and gear drive suppliers in Columbus this October. Whether you need open gears, gearbox repair or custom gear assemblies, you'll find qualified suppliers to choose from at Gear Expo.

You'll also find traditional gear manufacturers alongside manufacturers of plastic and powder metal gears, and you'll find them specializing in aerospace, automotive, off-highway and industrial gears. So if you're looking for some design insight or application knowledge, there's still time to book your trip.

We've talked to many of these key suppliers in advance, and we've prepared booth previews (see our article beginning on p. 20), highlighting their capabilities and product specialties. In addition, a number of our advertisers have prepared their own special messages for you in our "Gear Expo Showstoppers" advertising section (p. 28). And finally, we've customized the show map and booth listings specifically for you (p. 30), identifying the exhibits that should be of most interest to *Power Transmission Engineering* readers.

But all of this is just a taste. To get the full experience, you really have to go.



When you do, we hope you'll stop by our booth (#1022). One of the highlights this year will be our live interviews conducted by editors with many of the leading companies in the industry. Throughout the show, we'll be sitting down with product specialists and technical experts from many of these companies, and if you come to our booth, you have the chance to learn first-hand as we discuss their capabilities, unique applications and technical specialties. If you're in the audience, we'll even let you ask questions of your own.

As we did at Gear Expo 2015, we're also hosting four live sessions of our popular "Ask the Expert" column. These highly educational sessions feature some of the top experts in gearing, and they're ready to answer your questions live and in-person. If you want to sit in the audience, it's a great way to brush up on the basics, but if you feel like participating, it's also a great opportunity present your challenging design questions and learn from some of the most knowledgeable people in the industry. See our ad on page 28 for a schedule of topics and times.

There's a lot more going on at Gear Expo than I have space to describe here, including many educational opportunities both on and off the show floor and lots more exhibitors whose products and capabilities may be relevant to you. For complete information, visit the show website at [www.gear-expo.com](http://www.gear-expo.com).

But don't just visit the show website. Visit the show October 24-26 in Columbus, OH. I hope to see you there.

A large, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Stott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'R' at the beginning.