

Staying On Topic?

SOMETIMES WE PLAN THE MAGAZINE

around specific topics; sometimes it just happens. This issue was a combination of both. We anticipated that we would have two industry leaders submit articles on preventing Stress Corrosion Cracking on welded materials for the Energy sector. It's good news that the Laser Peening division of Curtiss-Wright Surface Technologies (CWST) (page 6) and the Lambda Technologies Group (page 18) are tackling this serious issue with great success.

As good fortune would have it, laser peening was again addressed in an article on the upcoming 7th International Conference on Laser Peening (page 44). The Conference Committee is interested in pushing the boundaries of the process and asked for papers on laser peening in marine, automotive, and medical applications.

Kumar Balan submitted an informative article (page 10) on refurbished machines that will be useful to anyone weighing the benefits of refurbished versus a new machine and Dave Barkley has advice for the owner of an older machine that needs to update the media flow control on their equipment (page 46).

As always, no matter the diversity of topics, we have one goal—we want to share information on new peening processes and provide practical advice, too. However, we're not always serious—the article on the 2018 Dodge Challenger SRT Demon (page 42) is pure entertainment for car lovers. Did you know that we have at least four race car drivers in our shot peening community? ●

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I was honored to give the keynote speech—"SAE: Past and Present"—at the recent shot peening workshop at the Meiji University in Tokyo. Gathered for a photograph at the workshop, from the bottom left, are Dr. Yoshihiro Watanabe (Toyo Seiko), Tom Brickley (Electronics Inc.), Jack Champaigne (SAE and Electronics Inc.), Dave Barkley (Electronics Inc. Shot Peening Training), Dr. Yuji Kobayashi (Toyo Seiko), and Dr. Katsuji Tosha (Meiji University).