



OPENING SHOT

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Appreciation

YOU WILL PROBABLY read this article in January, but I'm writing it during the USA Thanksgiving holiday and gratitude is on my mind. Here are a few things I've appreciated this year.

First of all, I'm grateful to Dave Barkley for the effort he made to keep our training program afloat during the pandemic. He scheduled and re-scheduled events until the global lockdown made many in-person training events impossible. He used the downtime to strengthen the training materials and plan for next year so we are ready for a busy training schedule in 2021. He richly deserves to be "Shot Peener of the Year."

Next, I'm grateful to all of our EI staff. They followed strict safety protocols and kept each other safe. Despite many challenges, they filled orders so our customers received the products they needed.

Finally, I'm grateful to our industry. Because aerospace is one of our largest markets, we felt the pain of its downturn during the COVID-19 crisis. Yet many of us not only survived, but thrived in 2020. This is exemplified by the people—and the companies they represented—that attended the 2020 USA Shot Peening Seminar. I've shared a few photos from the event.

Finally, never before have wishes for a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year been so meaningful. Best wishes to all. ●



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