

# The 2020 USA Seminar in Review

In addition to working with students, Dave has a close working relationship with the other instructors. Here are a few comments from instructors on why he deserved the “Shot Peener of the Year” award.

“With Dave being the face of Shot Peener training events all over the world, he is a great recipient for this award! His planning and attention to detail keep the events running smoothly. Everyone remembers the great food and social gatherings that keep this community together. I still have all of the t-shirts from past events with Dave’s clever designs!”

—Dave Breuer, Director of Sales, North America, CWST

“I could not think of a person more deserving of receiving the “Shot Peener of the Year” than Dave. The award is given for achievement in the shot peening community and Dave has personally impacted so many with his dedication and perseverance to providing the best shot peening training experience for those new to peening. His passion for this role is amazing and his enthusiasm for the subject is appreciated by all who attend. Congratulations, Dave!”

—Jim Whalen, Vice President of Sales and Marketing  
Progressive Surface

“Dave is like the assortment of components inside an engine that do the critical work that produces its magnificent performance. His accumulation of time dedicated to teaching the meaningful aspects of shot peening and his behind-the-scenes orchestration of nicely run Workshops, makes Dave most deserving of this award. Congratulations Dave, well done!”

—Joe McGreal, Vice President Sales and Marketing, Ervin

“I’ve worked closely with Dave as he tirelessly compiled workshops, seminars and exams over the years. “Good enough” has never been acceptable to Dave, and many users that he has trained around the world have benefitted from this perfectionist attitude. Over the years, Dave has polished shot peening training to the extent that it has fortified the desire in its users to do it right, and not just treat it as another blast operation. Dave has a knack of simplifying the understanding of concepts and making them palatable for practical use. It is only fitting that Dave was awarded “Shot Peener of the Year” this year, and my only surprise is that this didn’t come sooner! I look forward to working with Dave as he continues to propagate his knowledge of shot peening into familiar as well as new industry sectors.”

—Kumar Balan, Blast Cleaning and Shot Peening Specialist

For a complete list of others that have made significant contributions to our industry, see the list of “Shot Peener of the Year” award recipients at [www.theshotpeenermagazine.com](http://www.theshotpeenermagazine.com).

**DESPITE** the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many aspects of the USA EI shot peening training seminar went on as normal. The FAA core-topic classes were presented, as well as specialized topics. Beginner and Advanced Achievement Exams were given and certificates were mailed.

South Bend, Indiana was chosen as the host city due to its centralized location and because Indiana did not have a mandatory two-week quarantine for visitors.

Dave Barkley, the Electronics Inc. Shot Peening Training Director, summed up the event nicely in an email to the seminar participants. “In a not-so-great time, The 2020 US Seminar was a great event. I am thankful that Dave Breuer from Curtiss-Wright and Edin Coralic from Progressive Surface shared their expertise of the process. I am especially grateful for Kumar Balan helping with EI SPT core-topic presentations as well as representing Ervin Industries. I want to thank everyone for coming and allowing us to shake some rust off. We all showed common sense and I have not heard of anyone falling ill from attending the event. Stay safe and we’ll see you again,” wrote Dave. ●



*Only 30 students were allowed to attend the USA seminar so that social distancing could be maintained. Masks were mandatory.*



*Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant with Electronics Inc., took the temperature of students at registration.*