

The Tradition Continues

You may have noticed a few changes around here. Most notably, the face on this page isn't the one you're used to seeing here.

As you've probably heard by now, Michael Goldstein, founder and Publisher since 1984, has stepped back from his day-to-day duties and transferred the operation of *Gear Technology*, *Power Transmission Engineering* and *Gear Technology India* to the American Gear Manufacturers Association. Please read AGMA President Matt Croson's comments about this new beginning on page 10.

For those of you who don't know me, I began working for *Gear Technology* in 1994. I assumed the role of associate publisher and managing editor in 1998, and under Michael's direction, I've been managing, editing and overseeing the publication of the magazine since then.

But I'm not here to talk about myself. Rather, I'm here to reassure you that the *Gear Technology* you've come to know and love will continue. We're going to make sure that we remember, support and improve upon the traditions established in the first 36 years:

- **Free Knowledge Served Daily.** The Michael Goldstein Gear Technology Library, found at www.geartechnology.com, will continue to be available, free of charge, to anyone who wants to access it from anywhere in the world. This includes every article we've ever published, including the vast trove of technical content you can't find anywhere else.
- **Balanced, In-Depth Coverage of the Gear Industry.** Even with Michael stepping back, our editors average decades of experience in gear manufacturing, bringing unparalleled industry insight to our readers.
- **Focus on High-Quality Technical Content.** Our stable of technical editors help us choose the most relevant articles, make sure they're as unbiased as possible and ensure they're technically sound.
- **A Strong Desire to Support the Industry.** We take pride in being part of the gear industry, and we work hard to provide you with the best possible information about the latest technology and emerging trends.

And all of this is enhanced by our connection with AGMA. As part of the association that's leading the world in power transmission technology innovation, we'll have even greater access to the technical experts, events and industry connections that help us continue and improve upon our mission.



Publisher & Editor-in-Chief
Randy Stott

I'd like to thank Michael Goldstein for creating this platform, for instilling in our staff the core values that will continue to serve us and the industry, and for ensuring that *Gear Technology* will have a home – and that the industry will continue to have this great resource – well into the future.

I'd also like to thank all of our advertisers and contributors, without whose support we wouldn't be able to do any of this.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you, our readers, because without you, none of the rest matters. My goal is to keep you happy, not just by continuing what we've always done, but by using that history and tradition as a foundation to build upon. We will continue to evolve and improve our products to keep them as relevant to your needs as possible.

To that end, I welcome your feedback, your ideas, your comments and criticisms. Don't be bashful. Let me know how we're doing by sending an e-mail to stott@agma.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Stott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "R" and "S" being particularly prominent.

Randy Stott,
Publisher & Editor-in-Chief

P.S. Michael Goldstein is still part of the team! He's working with us on a consulting basis to help guide us over the next year. You can contact him via e-mail at michael@geartechnology.com.