

### A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

The American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) has recognized the contributions of member Donald R. McVittie, presenting him with the Association's newest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented to Mr. McVittie before a crowd of 200 engineers at the Association's annual Fall Technical Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 26, 1998.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was established by the AGMA Board of Directors as the industry's highest honor, presented to individuals who have, through their life's work, raised the standards of the industry and helped in the growth of the AGMA. In selecting Mr. McVittie, the AGMA Board of Directors stated that "no one today more clearly exemplifies the spirit of this award than Don McVittie."

McVittie is a licensed mechanical engineer with considerable management experience who has been an active AGMA member since 1972. According to AGMA President Joe Franklin: "To say Don 'participated in AGMA' is like saying the New York Yankees 'played baseball!' Through the force of his intellect, his insight and his will, Don has made indelible marks within AGMA. He has received every award bestowed by AGMA, including the Technical Division Executive Committee Award, and the E.P. Connell award for service to AGMA. His slightest comment continues to carry great significance with the Association leadership and staff. It does so because of the person Don is—conscientious, involved, caring, demanding, perceptive and respected."

McVittie came to the gear industry in the late 1960s when he joined The Gear Works. As Executive Vice President, he was responsible for the company's operations until his retirement in 1989. Today, he is President of Gear Engineers, Inc., an engineering corporation specializing in gear design, gear application analysis and computerized gear studies. McVittie has been one of *Gear Technology's* Technical Editors since 1991 (an example of his work appears on page 20).

### ALBANY METAL TREATING APPOINTS NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES AND MARKETING

Jack Richard, President of Albany Metal Treating, Inc., announced the appointment of Mark B. Auble to the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Auble, a graduate of the University of Indianapolis, has over 18 years of experience in industrial sales and the heat treating industry, having served as Sales Manager for Acme National Heat Treating and as Director of Sales for Precision Heat Treating.

Richard states that "Mark, with his metal treating background, is a great addition to our management team. He will work with Chuck Fritz, senior Vice President, developing AMT's sales, client services and new business programs."



Mark B. Auble

### SURFTRAN EXPANDS ITS FACILITIES

SurfTran of Madison Heights, Michigan, has expanded its main facility with additions to the machine building floor and office area. The overall expansion is 6,000 sq. ft., which allows SurfTran to increase floor space for its expanded lines of thermal energy deburring machines, electrolytic finishing machines, aqueous and solvent cleaning systems and push-pull ultrasonics.



### LINDBERG HEAT TREATING TULSA DIVISION RECEIVES OKLAHOMA STATE QUALITY AWARD

Lindberg Heat Treating Company's Tulsa, Oklahoma division received the Oklahoma Quality Award for Achievement from Governor Frank Keating during ceremonies on November

5, 1998. The Oklahoma Quality Award recognizes those businesses and organizations with strong leadership, organization-wide commitment to customer satisfaction, and continuous improvement of their products and services. It is patterned after the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

The Tulsa division heat treats a variety of components for local and regional manufacturers as an integral part of the manufacturing cycle. Lindberg serves over 250 customers with major markets in the aerospace, oilfield and automotive industries. Lindberg's vision is to set the Benchmark of Quality so that the company will be the lowest total cost supplier and the preferred business partner of its associates, customers, suppliers and shareholders.

### NEW AMT VICE PRESIDENT OF EXHIBITIONS APPOINTED

Peter R. Eelman has been appointed Vice President of Exhibitions by AMT, the Association for Manufacturing Technology. Eelman's primary responsibility is to market and present the biennial International Manufacturing Technology Show (IMTS). He will report to Don F. Carlson, AMT President. "Peter is well qualified for this position and has the experience in the industry to continue the tradition of excellence IMTS has established," said Carlson.

Eelman, 41, joined the AMT staff in 1996 as Exhibitions Director, reporting to the recently retired Elwood H. "Woody" Hasemann. Eelman has been associated with the U.S. machine tool industry since 1980 when he joined the Warner & Swasey Company in a marketing position with the Wiedemann Division. He spent several years at Toyoda Machinery USA Inc., where he became Vice President of Marketing and Service and senior executive in charge of all marketing activities in North America and the United Kingdom. Eelman also worked as an independent marketing consultant for a variety of industrial firms including major manufacturing technology companies.



**CARL OVERTON DIES AT 81**

The gear industry is mourning the loss of Carl E. Overton, engineer and Chairman of the Board of Overton Gear and Tool Corp., who died on November 20, 1998, of lung cancer in his Chicago-area home.

Overton began his career with the Illinois Gear and Machine Company in 1938. His contributions there during World War II led to advances in the production and machining of revolving turrets that are still in use today.

In the mid-1950s Overton launched the Overton Gear and Tool Corporation in Addison, Illinois. The firm has grown over the years under Overton's tireless care and leadership and now employs 130 people. Overton, who worked six days a week to ensure the success of the company, served as Chairman of the Board until two weeks before his death.

In addition to his business interests, Overton was also very active in the American Gear Manufacturers Association. He served as AGMA President from 1972-1973 and, over the years, received every award the Association bestows including the Board of Directors Award (1968), Technical Division Executive Committee Award (1969), Edward P. Connell Award (1978), and the Administrative Division Executive Committee Award (1979).

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lydia; his four daughters Katherine, Margaret, Mary Hitchner and Lydia Wachal; and eight grandchildren.

**NEW BEGINNING AND PROUD  
NAME FOR 114-YEAR-OLD MACHINE  
TOOL MAKER**

Cincinnati's most famous machine tool maker celebrates a new beginning under a new name, Cincinnati Machine, that proudly echoes how it has been known for most of its history. Sale of the 114-year-old former machine tool group of Cincinnati Milacron to UNOVA, Inc. was finalized in October. The sale keeps intact the machine tool maker's workforce and product lines.

"UNOVA values us specifically for the unique strengths of our organization—the

greatest product breadth and strongest heritage of any American machine tool maker," said Kyle Seymour, President of Cincinnati Machine. "We will function as a separate operating division within the Industrial Automation Systems group. UNOVA not only is maintaining the integrity of our organization, but even acted to preserve the Cincinnati name." Under terms of the sale, UNOVA acquired

rights to the Cincinnati name, with Cincinnati Milacron dropping the Cincinnati from its corporate name, becoming simply Milacron, Inc. ⚙

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