

**April 7–11 – Basic Training for Gear Manufacturing.**

Richard J. Daley College, Chicago. The AGMA Training School for Gear Manufacturing will enable you to become more knowledgeable and productive. The Basic Course teaches students to set up machines for maximum efficiency, to inspect gears accurately, and to understand basic gearing. Although the Basic Course is designed primarily for newer employees with at least six months' experience in setup or machine operation, it has proved beneficial to quality control managers, sales representatives, management, and executives. This course offers training in: gearing and nomenclature, principles of inspection, gear manufacturing methods, hobbing, shaping and more. Although all training is basic, on manual machines, everything that students learn is valid and applicable with the CNC equipment commonly in use. By using manual machines, students can see the interaction between the cutting tool and the workpiece. They understand the process and the physics of making a gear. For more information, visit [www.agma.org](http://www.agma.org).

**April 7–11 – Hannover Messe 2014.** Hannover Fairgrounds, Hannover, Germany. The world's leading trade show for industrial technology returns in 2014 with a full lineup of trade shows under the banner "Integrated Industry-Next Steps." The seven co-located shows include Industrial Automation; MobiliTec; Digital Factory; Industrial Supply; IndustrialGreen Tec; Research and Technology; and Energy. The Netherlands is the official partner country in 2014. Discover new perspectives on energy, automation and industrial supply and engineering topics, as well as a broad range of events and displays affecting today's global industrial market. Other Hannover highlights include the Robotics Award, the 11th WoMenPower Conference, Metropolitan Solutions, economic forums, job and career fair and more. For more information, visit [www.hannovermesse.de](http://www.hannovermesse.de).

**April 10–12 – 2014 AGMA-ABMA Annual Meeting.**

Vinoy Renaissance Resort and Golf Club, St. Petersburg, Florida. Expert presentation topics include "Accountability and Achievement;" "Global Megatrends: Major Forces in Manufacturing;" "Unconventional Oil and Gas: Game Changer If We Don't Screw it Up;" "Economic Outlook;" and "How to Turn Republicans and Democrats into Americans." The annual golf tournament returns, as well as the First Timers Reception on Thursday night prior to the Welcome Reception. Friday night features the "Sounds of Soul" and Saturday night features "Hot Havana Nights" with a cigar-making demonstration. The hotel features an 18-hole golf course, private marina, and 12 tennis courts, in addition to newly renovated meeting, gathering and sleeping rooms. It is ideally located near Tampa International Airport, St. Pete Beach and downtown St. Petersburg, home to the Salvador Dali and Chihuly museums. For more information, visit [www.agma.org](http://www.agma.org).

**May 6–8<sup>th</sup> – Vacuum Carburizing Symposium.** Ford Motor Company Conference and Exposition Center, Dearborn, Michigan. The ALD Holcroft Vacuum Carburizing Symposium will feature two days of information and presentations by industry experts, with audience participation. The evening of May 6 will be highlighted by a private cocktail and dinner reception at a Ford light truck assembly facility. Guests will have plenty of networking opportunities and the chance to enjoy multimedia experiences along with private tour access to an actual Ford Motor Company assembly line in operation. Presentation topics will be announced in early 2014 and will cover highly specific and technical subjects relevant to the vacuum carburizing process, including recent innovations, best practices and the business of vacuum carburizing. For more information, visit [www.aldholcroft.com](http://www.aldholcroft.com).

**May 6–8 – MFG 2014.** Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. Manufacturing is growing and changing... moving from low value repetitive assembly to high value, technology-rich products and services. To serve the evolving needs of East Coast industry, SME produces this exclusive event for aerospace, defense (including arms), medical, and micromanufacturing. These three major industries plus one strategic technology are driving change through their supply chains and leading the way in innovation and collaboration. Mfg4 surpasses the traditional manufacturing technology event by delivering content and suppliers mandated by industry. Mfg4 is an event for industry, developed by industry, with an emphasis on industry-specific solutions with attention to cross-collaboration. Technology Zones include additive manufacturing; automation; contract manufacturing; finishing and coatings; joining and fabrication; materials; micromanufacturing; machining, tooling and inspection; software; and design. For more information, visit [www.mfg4event.com](http://www.mfg4event.com).

**May 21–22 – AGMA Spring Marketing & Forecasting Conference 2014.**

Crowne Plaza O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois. Growing automotive production, housing construction and capital spending are positive indicators for gearing in the near term. But, our industry faces risks from uncertain government policies, a slowing energy sector and weak markets in Europe and Asia. The AGMA Marketing & Forecasting Conference will have a line-up of presenters to help make sense of these competing forces: AGMA's economists (IHS Global Insight) will give their assessment and forecast for the industry and 10 end user markets; two experts representing sales channels for manufacturers' representatives and agent and industrial distributors will discuss how to improve your sales through these two channels; special speaker on the evening of May 22 from the Chicago Federal Reserve. For more information, visit [www.agma.org](http://www.agma.org).