

### New Vice President of Sales at American Wera



Jim Eaton

American Wera has appointed Jim Eaton vice president—sales. Eaton will oversee sales and engineering planning for American Wera gear cutting, gear pointing and Profilator® machines; Hurth MODUL hobbing and bevel gear cutting machines; and Präwema gear honing machinery. He will also be the key contact for the range of gear processing machinery now marketed and serviced by American Wera.

### New Executive Director for the AGMA Foundation

The American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) has made Joanne S. DiCesare the new executive director of the AGMA Foundation. DiCesare will work with the Foundation's Board of Trustees to promote the organization's objectives supporting international standards, education and research of interest to the gear industry.

### Schafer Gear Works Relocates to New Facility



Schafer Gear Works, Inc.

Schafer Gear Works, Inc. has dedicated a new 100,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in South Bend, IN.

The layout of the shop floor is unique for the industry," explained Doshi. "It allows us to use as much computer technology and automation as is practical, including in-line quality control."

### Obituaries

#### Stewart Ward, Former President of Brad-Foote and AGMA



Stewart Ward

Stewart Ward, retired president and CEO of the Brad-Foote Gear Works, passed away following a February 4<sup>th</sup> motorcycle accident near his home in Windermere, Florida. He was 62. A past president of AGMA (1991-1992), Ward was a recipient of the AGMA Board of Directors Award (1990) as well as AGMA's coveted "Old Goat"

Award. He started at Brad-Foote as general manager in 1973 and became president and co-owner in 1987. "Stewart was like the father of Brad-Foote Gear that everybody looked up to," said long-time friend and associate, Redmond Ryan. "He had the ability to make a friend out of everyone he met." Ward is survived by his wife of 22 years, Donna; his children Kenneth, Brian, Diana Royer, Kristine Armstrong; mother, Doris Lyons; brother, Carson Ward; and six grandchildren.

#### Gear Inventor and Science Fiction Writer Oliver Saari

Oliver Saari, inventor of a variety of gear and power transmission devices including the Spiroid and Helicon gear drives, has passed away at the age of 82. Saari was an engineer and inventor at the Illinois Tool Works in Chicago from 1945 to 1974. According to Faydor Litvin, Director of the Gear Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Chicago, "Saari's inventions bear the features of an unorthodox way of think-

ing, which resulted in original ideas that have already been applied in industry and will be widely used in the future."

Gears were Saari's primary interest, but he was also a prolific science fiction writer. His stories were printed from 1936 to 1953 in such pulp magazines as *Astounding Science Fiction*, *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, and *Startling Stories*. Writing for the "pulp," Saari developed friendships with writers like Robert Heinlein, C.D. Simak, Gordon R. Dickson and Poul Anderson. ☉

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