

# Gone Fishin'

## —Back After Gear Expo

It's summertime in the gear industry. Out my window, I see blue skies, green grass and trees swaying in the wind. In the background, I hear crickets chirping.

I wish I *didn't* hear them, of course. The fact that I can just means everything else is too quiet. Maybe everyone's at the beach, or on vacation, or gone fishing. There's just not a lot happening to get excited about.

When times get slow, I often try to look at economic indicators, industry trends and other factors to help you try to anticipate what to expect from the coming months. But the indicators are quiet, too. They have nothing new to say this summer.

Fortunately, we have Gear Expo to look forward to. I'm hoping to see many of you there, looking at the exciting new products that I've heard will be at the show (see page 13 for an example from Gleason that I think makes the show worth going to).

So this year, I'm not going to try to prognosticate. I think I'll just pack my bags, head off to Gear Expo, and leave the crickets to their song.



Maybe when I get back, there'll be something to talk about.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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