

# **Gear Technology – To Be Continued**



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**When I started *Gear Technology* more than 35 years ago, my intention was to create something of lasting value for the gear industry.** It was a way of giving back to the industry that had been so good to me and my family.

As a third-generation machinery dealer who specialized in gear manufacturing equipment, I spent a lot of time traveling the world, and I saw first-hand a desperate need for knowledge and technical information about gear manufacturing. It was available and people needed the information, but they just weren't getting it.

Sure, there were technical conferences such as AGMA's Fall Technical Meeting, and papers were being presented at this and other conferences around the world. Unfortunately, that information wasn't being widely disseminated. Back then, the engineering manager for a big gear company might have attended one of those conferences. He'd go and listen to the presentations and come back to his office with new insights and a blue binder full of technical papers. The problem was, by the time he got back home, his desk was already piled high with all the work he'd missed, and the blue binder got put up on a shelf and forgotten while the engineering manager got back to catching up on the work nobody did while he was gone.

A lot of other people could have used that information, I thought. And so the idea for *Gear Technology* was born. In 1984, we published our first three issues, and we've never looked back.

In fact, we've come a long way since those first issues. Today, in

addition to the print magazine, we communicate with you now via the Internet, e-mail and social media. In 2007 we launched *Power Transmission Engineering*. But through the years our core mission has never changed. Our goal is still to bring that educational information to the widest possible audience.

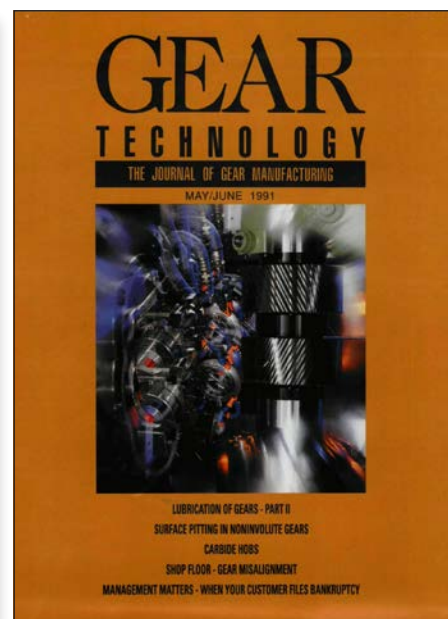
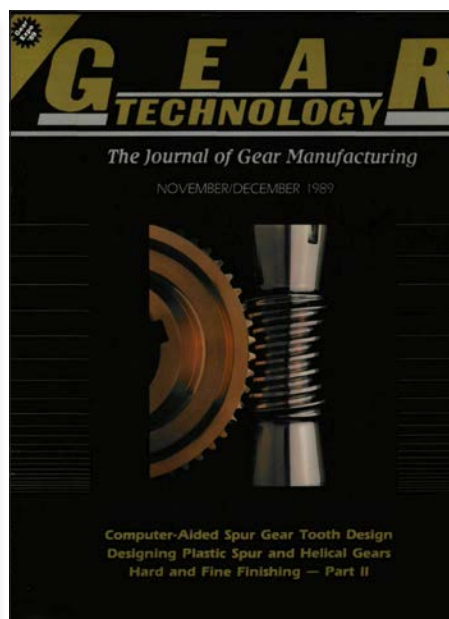
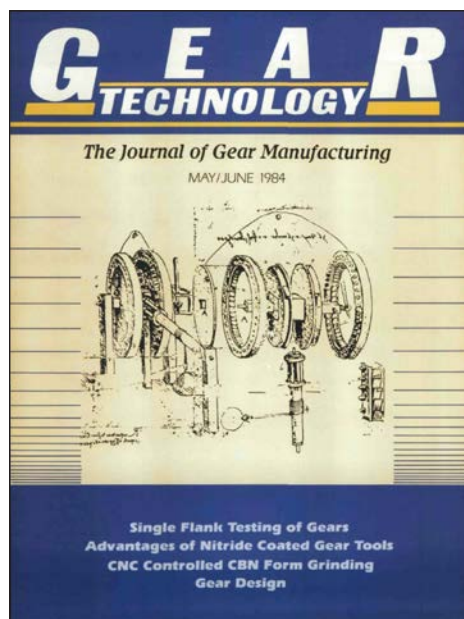
That's why one of the things I'm most proud of is the online library of technical content we provide to the industry, free of charge, and without any kind of restriction, registration or roadblock. Thousands of articles from our 35-year history are available for anyone who wants to read them.

Some of the most valuable articles we ever published were the "Back to Basics" articles we ran in the early years. These articles explain in simple terms the interrelationships between cutting tools, parts and machines, making it easier to conceptualize the mechanics of how designs are transformed into gears.

All of our back issues have been painstakingly indexed and organized so that you can find articles on carburizing, crowning, carbide hobbing or any number of other subjects. More than 10,000 unique visitors make use of those articles on our website every month.

I consider that content to be my legacy, and I want it to be available forever.

No one wants to consider his own mortality, but in October I turned 77, and over the past couple of years I've been thinking a lot about how to ensure that what I've built not only will be



remembered, but also will continue to grow and be useful long after I'm gone.

So some time ago I approached the American Gear Manufacturers Association about purchasing the magazines, an idea which they enthusiastically supported. During the recently held Motion+Power Technology Expo in Detroit, we announced that we've come to an agreement. Effective January 1, 2020, AGMA will acquire all the assets of Randall Publications LLC, including *Gear Technology*, *Power Transmission Engineering*, *Gear Technology India*, and all the corresponding websites, e-mail newsletters and other products we publish.

It's a bittersweet moment for me. *Gear Technology* has been at the core of my identity for a significant part of my life, occupying my nights and weekends for 35 years. So, on the one hand, this transition has been one of the hardest things I've ever done. But on the other, I'm extremely proud to know the work we've done will continue long after I'm gone.

In fact, I'm honored to report that AGMA has agreed to rename our online library of technical content as the Michael Goldstein Gear Technology Library.

The truth is, although *Gear Technology* will always be a big part of who I am, I never really built it for myself. I built it for all of you. That's why I'm so confident that AGMA is exactly the right organization to continue what I started. Their goals and missions so closely align with my own original objectives that, frankly, I couldn't imagine anyone *other* than AGMA taking over from here. You're in good hands.

I can say that especially because AGMA has agreed to keep all of our current staff. Although I came up with the idea 35 years ago, these people are the ones who bring that idea to life every day. Most of them have been on this journey with me for decades, and I'm grateful to know that they'll enjoy continuity and security, because they've been instrumental in everything Randall Publications and *Gear Technology* have accomplished over the years. I don't think I could have done this without knowing that all of them would be taken care of.

Starting in January, I'll be stepping back a bit. I'm not going away completely, though. Over the course of the next year, I'll be working with AGMA in a consulting role in order to ensure a smooth transition. You may not see me or hear from me as much, but you can continue to contact me through the magazine ([michael@geartechnology.com](mailto:michael@geartechnology.com)), and I hope you'll share your thoughts and ideas about the history of *Gear Technology* as well as its future.

But mostly, I hope you'll keep reading. The greatest honor has been serving you all these years.

