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Welcome to 2021

Hopefully everyone is as anxious as I am to move beyond 2020. With more and more vaccine becoming available I believe we'll have a better handle on the pandemic by the time we get to September. Everyone I've talked with is anxious to finally get together to catch up on everything that has been happening in their lives.

It's still too early to predict what procedures will be in place at the hotel and for tours. Currently, meetings are starting to take place with masks required and social distancing required, but I'm hoping we'll see some relaxing of these requirements by September.

Golf will be in full swing as it is now. Fred has picked another great course at Gateway National Golf Links in Madison, IL which is only 15 minutes from the hotel. As always, it will be a shotgun start at 11:00 a.m.

I'm hearing that more of you are starting to relax your travel restrictions, but not all. Maybe by summer, we'll start the process of normalizing business.

Parts and labor continue to be our biggest challenges for remanufacturers as well as suppliers. Many of you seem to be shipping direct from your production lines with inventories at all-time lows. And labor is still a huge headache. It's amazing how many businesses have help wanted signs out everywhere you look, but unemployment continues to be at record levels. I guess people would rather collect what they can from the government than take a job that isn't their "ideal." Not sure how we're going to solve this issue.

Cores are also becoming more problematic. Scott Stolberg of Enginequest/EQ Cores & Recycling was slated to talk in Greenville about cores and will be on the program in St. Louis. I'm sure there will be a number of changes in his presentation that weren't in the 2020 presentation. Scott Miller, Remanufacturing Vice President of LKQ mentioned to me that the supply of late-model cores in the salvage yards is down substantially due to fewer miles being driven which has led to fewer accidents totaling vehicles. Makes sense to me.

These are just a new set of challenges that our industry is confronted with periodically. We've always been able to rise to the occasion and survive and I don't think this will be any different. Will it reshape our industry? Of course! How our plants will look in 2, 5 or 10 years may be completely different, but we will continue to build engines to meet the demands of today's and tomorrow's motoring public.

Let me know what you think please. I'd love to hear your thoughts.

Webinars & Member News

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Webinars & Sponsorship

11 Webinars for 2021

- January 20: Darin Morgan
Induction System revisited
- February 17: Ed Jones & Mike Ditzel, Hangsterfer's
Metalworking Fluids
Choosing the Right Cutting Fluid
- March 17: Dan Begle, MAHLE Aftermarket, Inc.
Bearing Construction
- April 21: Tim Golema, MAHLE Aftermarket, Inc.
Filtration—Air and Liquid
- May 19: Randy Neal, CWT Industries
Balancing
- June 16: Rottler Manufacturing
TBA
- July 21: Lake Speed, Jr.
Total Seal Piston Rings
TBA
- August 18: Ron Sledge, King Engine Bearings
TBA
- September: None—convention month
- October 20: Sunnen Products Company
TBA
- November 17: Randy Neal, CWT Industries
Balancing—TBA

*December ? Open—Reserve your spot NOW!

*December date subject to change depending on finalized PRI Show dates.

2021 Sponsors:

We have the maximum of eight fantastic sponsors for the 2021 webinar series! A big thank you goes to:

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Goodson Automotive Engine Building Tools & Supplies has announced a new division—Abrasive Industrial Supplies (AIS). They specialize in stock and custom grinding, sanding and polishing belts.

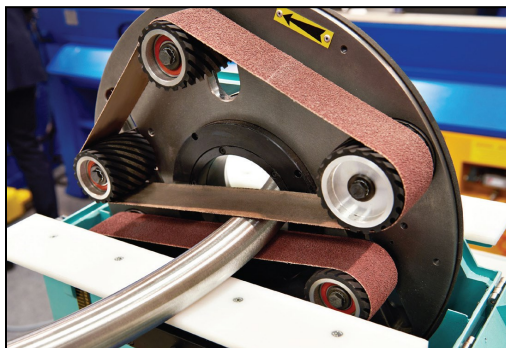
According to Dave Monahan, National Sales Manager, "We make everything in-house and can make whatever size belt you need. Choose from a variety of abrasives in several grits and backings for a wide range of applications."

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You can also order through the Goodson website at:

www.goodson.com.



Jasper Engines & Transmissions has announced the addition of the GM Duramax 6.6L LML engine to its line of Running Complete diesel engines. This engine is currently available for the 2011-2016 Silverado and Sierra 2500 and 3500.

"This engine has three available options: a standard design, a head stud option, and a head stud option with an upgraded crank made of 4340 forged steel, and a deep nitride treatment," said JASPER New Product Development Group Leader, Brad Boeglin. "The crank includes a larger true form radii, a dual key for the damper, and upgraded oiling holes."

JASPER's remanufactured Duramax 6.6L LML Running Complete engine includes the block, crank, cam, connecting rods, pistons, oil pick-up tube, oil pump, upper
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and lower oil pan, oil level sensor, flywheel housing, front cover, vibration damper, water pump, oil cooler and oil filter assembly, oil cooler water supply tube, assembled cylinder heads, lifters, pushrods, rocker assemblies and valve train, rocker housings, valve covers, intake manifolds, center intake manifold, upper intake pipe, turbo-charger, turbo air inlet, turbo oil and water plumbing, ex-haust manifolds, exhaust turbo inlet (up- pipes), lower thermostat housing/water crossover, upper thermostat housing/water outlet, thermostats, fuel injectors, fuel in-jector supply and return lines, indirect fuel injector supply line, high-pressure fuel pump, high-pressure fuel lines, high-pressure fuel rails, fuel filter assembly, engine mounted low- pressure fuel supply with return lines and hoses, EGR bypass valve, EGR valve and EGR coolers.

Additionally, the following sensors, and components, are installed for your convenience: crank, cam, oil pressure, oil level, fuel temp (where applicable), fuel rail pressure, fuel pressure relief valve, fuel switch, water temp, MAP, charge air temp, EGR inlet and outlet temp, engine sen-sor jumper harness, and glow plugs.

The JASPER Remanufactured GM 6.6L Duramax LML Running Complete engine is covered by a warranty of up to two years parts and labor.



Cometic Gasket Acquires Klotz Synthetic Lubricants

"Cometic Gasket is exceptionally proud to announce the acquisition of Klotz Synthetic Lubricants and to add one of the most recognizable and trusted lubricant brands in the industry to our portfolio," said Cometic Founder and CEO Bob Gorman. "I've known John Klotz since I was a teenager and we've become far more than friends. John is one of the most genuine, passionate and caring indi-viduals I've ever met, and he's built this company from the ground up, with his own hands. Becoming the care-taker of a brand as rich in history and proud as Klotz is a humbling moment for the entire Cometic family. We're grateful to the Klotz family for allowing us to lead this iconic company."

Based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and founded by John C. Klotz Jr. in 1959, Klotz Synthetic Lubricants specializes in providing superior lubricants to racers, performance enthusiasts and traditional end-users.

Brad Kruckenberg, a powersports industry veteran who comes to Klotz from the LeMans Corp. with more than 30 years of experience, will serve as president while Mr. Klotz has been named chairman emeritus and will con-tinue serving in a leadership role.



Goodbye To An Old Friend

Long-time industry veteran Danny Molde has hung up the spurs. Like many in the industry, Danny started out in the shop at a PER, Aurora Crown, in the Denver area and transi-tioned to the supplier side. His knowledge and dedication to his customers will be missed by all. Danny says to drop him a line at oscar199ihc@yahoo.com. He'd love to hear from you.

We wish the very best to Danny in his retirement!



Pim van den Bergh Joins UEM



United Engine & Machine Co. has an-nounced that Pim van den Bergh has joined their team as National Sales Di-rector. Over the last few years UEM has earned a growing position in the market by diversifying their piston lineup across diesel and forged race

performance, alongside their already robust offering in the OE replacement. UEM has additionally pushed piston coat-ing technology and innovation to the forefront of modern pis-ton design. Pim is expected to add to this momentum by bringing with him, a strong leadership attitude, technical knowhow, business management experience, and in-depth knowledge of the automotive aftermarket.

As National Sales Director, Pim will lead UEM Sales initia-tives across all market channels in all countries to chart a course of service to the customer. He will coordinate exter-nal sales efforts and build relationships that are mutually beneficial to both the clients and UEM. Pim's team will in-clude an array of industry experts, external sales reps, and a strong team of internal sales technicians.

Pim most recently spent time as Director, Original Equip-ment Sales, and International Sales with Reliance Power Parts, but his background spans far beyond that. He has been instrumental in developing customers and business relationships for major aftermarket contributors such as NPR of America, SB International, Inc., and K-Line Industries. He has also held a variety of technical and engineering leader-ship roles with engine builders such as Marshall Engines,

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Inc., Engine Masters Inc., and VEGE Motoren BV. Pim also brings with him a unique International acumen, speaking five languages and having strong perspective of international markets.

Christopher Sulprizio, Vice President of UEM, says "Pim's broad range makes him a natural fit for our team. Alongside strong market experience we require a strong technical background to support our knowledge-based approach to the market. Most importantly, and this is where Pim shines, he has a differentiating attitude. He is committed and motivated to a culture of continuous learning and improvement."

Pim van den Bergh added, "It is a privilege to join a company like UEM with nearly 100 years of experience in piston manufacturing. The entire organization is dedicated to developing high quality, innovative products backed by excellent customer service. I look forward to being part of this team to help grow and expand UEM's footprint in the market."

Membership Renewal

I had hoped to have the 2021 membership directory off to the printer the first week of March, but there are a few too many stragglers getting their dues in. 2nd notices were sent out February 8th and with the weather issues here in North Texas, I didn't get back on dues as quickly as I should have.

I'll get the next notice out right away. If you're not the right person to follow up, please forward it to the appropriate person or department. I can still get the directory in your hands before the end of March with your help!

More importantly, get the directory listing form back to me right away if there are any changes to your listing!

The Big Freeze

North Texas can get snow on occasion and we do get below freezing a couple of times each winter, but the storm that hit us a few weeks ago was legendary. As an old Colorado and Chicago guy, it was just a big inconvenience, except for the no electricity. But, for the majority of the people, it was a once in a lifetime event. Sure felt for those who's pipes froze

and burst. Plumbers were in really high demand of course, and they were faced with you guessed it, a shortage of parts and labor! Sound familiar!



I was without electricity for 3 days. The first day was pretty cold even for Chicago standards. It did get better as the week went on and by Friday the low was a whopping 19.5. Snowed twice for a total of 5". Sold the snowblower when I left Chicago, but brought the snow shovel. Put it to good use this year!

But as is usually the case, a week later it was 83 which called for shorts and t-shirt for sure! Got to love it, don't 'cha!

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