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Associations

AMTDA Announces New Leadership

At their annual meeting in April, members of the American Machine Tool Distributors' Association, Rockville, MD, elected Lynne Anderson chairman for 2006-2007. Anderson is president of ABLE Machine Tool Sales, Agawam, MA. Also elected: W. Kent Lorenz, chairman-elect; David C. Smith, treasurer; and Joseph A. Braun, secretary.

New Chair for Expanded Metal Mfg. Assoc.

Rick Bahner, president of Expanded Solutions LLC, Oklahoma City, OK, has been elected chairman of the Expanded Metal Manufacturers Association, Chicago, IL. The group represents manufacturers of construction products such as metal stairs and railings, expanded metal, hollow metal doors and frames, and metal lathing.

Facilities

Rockford Toolcraft Expands, Again

While celebrating its 30th anniversary, Rockford Toolcraft Inc., Rockford, IL, a tool-and-die and metal-stamping company, has announced its 17th building expansion. Its new 30,000-sq.-ft. addition gives the firm a total of 275,000 sq. ft. in two buildings.

The expansion will house two Verson stamping presses that will run together end to end for a combined ton-

nage of 4400 tons and a left-to-right bed length of 27 ft. Providing material to the behemoth presses will be a new Feed Lease (Rochester Hills, MI) coil line capable of feeding high-strength steel to 0.50 in. thick by 60 in. wide. The building addition also will house a new tempering furnace, from BeaverMatic, Inc., Rockford, IL.

Double-Loop Slitting Line Headed to Berlin Metals

To boost its processing and distribution capabilities for tin-mill products and stainless-steel strip, Berlin Metals LLC, Hammond, IN, has ordered a 60-in.-wide double-loop coil-slitting and automatic slit-coil packaging line from Braner USA, Franklin Park, IL. The line, which accommodates rapid tool changes, can operate at speeds to 1200 ft./min. to generate coil ODs to 72 in. It was designed to process surface-critical coated and bare carbon steel, 300- and 400-Series stainless steels, and aluminum alloys from 0.005 to 0.075 in. thick.

New Red Bud Line at Quality Metals

Quality Metals, St. Paul, MN, has installed a new 5/16-in. high-speed looping-style cut-to-length line, with heavy-gauge grip-feed system and variable-rake shear, from Red Bud Industries, Red Bud, IL. The grip-feed system allows material to 5/16 in. thick to run in a deep loop at high speeds without slippage. Its grippers allow surface-critical material as thin as 28 gauge to be

processed mark-free. Automatic camber control ensures consistent production of accurate, square parts.

Glenn Metalcraft Takes Delivery of Mammoth Spinforming Machine

MJC Engineering and Technology, Inc., Huntington Beach, CA, has manufactured and delivered what it says is the most powerful CNC machine in its configuration ever built for a U.S. fabricator. Weighing nearly 50 tons, the new Model SP 78200-3 spinform lathe, designed and built for Glenn Metalcraft Inc., Princeton, MN, boasts a 200-hp spindle, 100-hp hydraulic system and three-station automatic turret.

Prior to commissioning the new lathe, the company was limited to spinforming materials no thicker than 1/2 in. The new machine can handle mild-steel blanks to 80-in. dia. in thicknesses to 1 3/8 in.

The Southeast Welcomes a New Steel Processor

MISA Metal Fabricating, the joint-venture company that combines Marubeni and Itochu, two large Japanese steel companies, has opened a new steel-processing and fabrication center in Covington, GA, near Atlanta. It will serve the southern United States with an additional capacity of 3000 metric tons of steel per month. It joins the original U.S. MISA facility in Louisville, KY, with similar capacity. The firm supplies tubing, unexposed automotive

structural components, and a variety of stamped, drawn and rollformed parts to manufacturers of forklifts, construction machinery and agricultural equipment.

Agreements

MachineTools.com Acquires Software for Equipment Dealers

MachineTools.com, West Bloomfield, MI, an online marketplace for metalworking companies, has acquired MacDB2000 asset-sales and marketing software from Trilobyte Micro.

The software allows users to manage their customers, prospects, sched-

uled activities and machine inventory with comprehensive searching and filtering functionality. It can integrate Microsoft Word and Excel for customization of quotes, letters, invoices and purchase orders.

People

Anchor Danly, Cleveland, OH, a supplier of die sets and die components, announced several personnel moves. The firm hired **Jay Winter** as product manager responsible for technical support of cams and indie-tapping product lines, based out of the firm's office in Farmington Hills, MI. Anchor Danly also named **Ron Byrd** territory

manager for the Mississippi Valley and surrounding territory for its Danly IEM and Lempco product brands; **Rick Hays** territory manager for the Western sales territory for Danly IEM and Lempco brands; and **Jim Hyde** territory manager for the South Central sales territory, representing Danly IEM.

Dallas Industries, Troy, MI, promoted **David W. Laws** from sales engineer to sales manager. He'll manage the firm's direct-sales engineering staff and oversee and guide its network of representative organizations and their sales teams, covering the entire U.S. sales network and alliances in Mexico, Canada and Australia. Dallas provides press-

feed and coil-handling equipment.

Skill Metalforming Technologies, Cleveland, OH, promoted **John Kun** to vice president of engineering and technology. The firm provides precision metal stampings, weldments and assemblies. Kun is a master tool-and-die builder and designer.

Schuler Hydroforming Inc., Canton, MI, hired **Harry Singh** as vice president, responsible for sales and operations; and **Kelly Treppa** as manager, marketing communications.

Seyi Presses, Walnut, CA, named **Andrew Chase** sales director for the western region of the United States and all of Mexico.