## calendar

March 1–3—Expo Manufactura. Cintermex, Monterrey, Mexico. The largest event in Mexico for the processing and manufacturing industries boasts more than 350 companies representing more than 600 national and international brands. Expo Manufactura brings professionals together with technological solutions in aerospace, medical devices, automotive, metallurgical, aeronautics and electrical appliances. More than 9,000 industry professionals will visit the show looking for industry insights, new technologies and networking opportunities. For more information, visit www.expomanufactura.com.mx.

March 21–24 2011—Automate 2011. McCormick Place, Chicago. Automation technologies such as robotics, machine vision and motion control help companies in every industry become stronger global competitors. Automate 2011 brings together a broad range of integrated solutions while examining the latest technology advances in these fields. Formerly the International Robots, Vision and Motion Control Show held once every two years, Automate 2011 has partnered up with ProMat 2011, a leading trade show for the material handling and logistics industries, to bring guests new ideas that can be put to use immediately. One badge gets you into both shows. For more information, visit www.automate2011.com.

March 22–26—IFPE 2011. Las Vegas Convention Center.. IFPE is the leading international exposition and technical conference dedicated to the integration of fluid power with other technologies for power transmission and motion control applications. Held every three years, the exposition showcases the newest innovations and expertise in fluid power, power transmission and motion control. More than 100 education sessions focus on the newest technologies, best practices and the latest research and developments including: The National Conference on Fluid Power, Innovations Theater and college-level courses in hydraulics and pneumatics. For more information, visit www.ifpe.com.

## March 30-April 2—PTRA Annual Conference.

Destin, Florida. The focus of this year's Power-Motion Technology Representatives Association (PTRA) conference will be industry economic trends, customer relations and sales skills. The conference features Alan Beaulieu, senior economist for the Institute of Trend Research presenting "See the Future before Your Competition Does" and Paul Pease of The Pease Group with "Keep Your Salespeople Selling." Also speaking will be Steve Turner of Turner Time Management on "Maximizing Your Technology Productivity When on the Road" and Peter Zafiro of The Pease Group on "Mutual Action Planning-Not a Cookbook Approach." There will also be a panel discussion "What Does a Customer Really Want? Tough Questions, Real Answers." The PTRA annual conference has long been

recognized as one of the signature networking events available to independent manufacturers' representatives and manufacturers serving the power transmission and motion control industry.

April 5–7—AeroDef Manufacturing. Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California. AeroDef Manufacturing is designed to meet the manufacturing challenges in the entire aerospace and defense manufacturing segment. Organized by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), AeroDef Manufacturing offers a comprehensive exposition and technical conference that includes demonstrations of innovative, enabling technologies and advanced, integrated systems for manufacturing in the military and commercial aerospace, defense and space industries. Educational sessions will have a heavy emphasis on what the industry needs to know to move forward in advancing U.S. aerospace and defense manufacturing.

## April 14–16—2011 ABMA/AGMA Annual Meeting.

San Antonio, Texas. For the first time the American Bearings Manufacturers Association (ABMA) and the American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) will meet in Texas to discuss topics including, "Recovery from the Great Recession," "Department of Defense Spending: Impact for the Manufacturing Sector," "The New North American Auto Industry," and "Opportunities in the Wind Energy Sector." While the economy and politics are the focal points, members will also be discussing manufacturing, products and end users. Special events include a silent auction, golf tournament and barbeque dinner. This meeting is open to ABMA and AGMA members. For more information, visit <a href="http://abma.site-ym.com/orwww.agma.org">http://abma.site-ym.com/orwww.agma.org</a>.

## May 6-8—Gears, Motors and Controls Expo.

Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, India. GMC 2011 is a showcase of gears, motors, controls and allied products scheduled to be organized from the May 6–8, 2011. The 3rd edition of the event builds on the success of the earlier editions held in Chennai & Mumbai. It will be held in conjunction with Pumps, Valves & Compressors Expo 2011. The three-day event will be promoted extensively across India and the region, and visitors will comprise key decision makers from nearly every industry segment. With customer satisfaction at the heart of the trade show's strategy, GMC 2011 hopes to build on previous efforts and deliver maximum rewards to the participants. Bonfiglioli and Elecon are industry partners for the 2011 event.