

Get Ready, Get Set... SHOW!



If you are involved in the acquisition of technology (whether your direct role is machine design, maintenance, purchasing or management), trade shows still provide one of the best ways to evaluate options, learn about the latest technology and find solutions to problems.

For example, the upcoming Motion+Power Technology Expo (motionpowerexpo.com) takes place in Detroit, from October 15–17. The show, formerly known as Gear Expo, is organized by the American Gear Manufacturers Association. As you can guess from the new name, the show is about far more than gears. In fact, the association is working hard to make Motion+Power Technology Expo into an event that represents the whole supply chain for mechanical power transmission.

So, as in the past, you can expect to find gear, gear drive and transmission manufacturers displaying their solutions for everything from custom gears to complete gearbox solutions for virtually any applications. As of this writing, more than 50 gear and gear drive manufacturers will be exhibiting. But if you're interested in manufacturing your own gears, you'll also be able to find every major manufacturer of equipment for gear cutting, grinding, inspection, workholding and much more.

In addition, part of the growth of the show is in the areas of fluid power and electric power. Motion+Power Technology Expo includes a fluid power pavilion, co-organized with AGMA by the National Fluid Power Association.

Power Transmission Engineering will be exhibiting at Motion+Power Technology Expo (booth #3826), along with our sister publication, *Gear Technology*. In our booth, we'll be recording the third season of our popular "Ask the Expert Live!" show. You can participate in "Ask the Expert Live" by bringing your toughest design, maintenance or application challenges. We'll have experts lined up to answer your questions live.

Just like the AGMA has done, we'll be increasing the scope of "Ask the Expert Live" to topics beyond gears. Over the coming months, we'll be announcing our topics and panels of experts, so stay tuned for more information. Also, if you'd like to see previous seasons of "Ask the Expert Live," just go to www.powertransmission.com/tv.

In addition to "Ask the Expert Live," we'll also be conducting live interviews with various experts from exhibiting companies. You can be sure that when you come by our booth, you'll be likely to hear from the most knowledgeable experts talking about the latest technology and its application.

You might be wondering why I'm putting so much emphasis now on a show that doesn't take place until the middle of October. The reason is simple. You need to make plans.

You should book a room and arrange for travel. That's obvious. But in order to make the most of this event, you need to do a little homework, too. Figure out which exhibitors you need to see and make appointments. Figure out what technical problems you need to find solutions for.

I don't have the space here to describe all of the benefits of attending. I haven't even mentioned all of the educational opportunities taking place in addition to the exhibits. There will be presentations at the show's "Solutions Center" throughout the expo. There are also concurrent educational sessions, including a new MPT Conference with future-oriented topics like blockchain, cybersecurity, 3-D Printing, IIoT and more. Of course, there's also the AGMA Fall Technical Meeting, which takes place October 14–16.

Sure, you can just show up, and you'll still get a lot out of it. But if you come to the show with a plan, you'll maximize the value of your time spent there. All the information you need is at motionpowerexpo.com.

We're making plans for Motion+Power Technology Expo now. We hope you are, too.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Stott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Randy" and "Stott" being significantly larger and more stylized.