

The Thirteenth Annual EPICS User Conference



Embracing the Future

May 15–18, 2011

Hilton Sandestin Hotel
Destin, Florida



Other than the AEC, Foy’s EPICS User Conference is the largest annual gathering of extruders in North America.

Join us in May to see why so many industry leaders say this is the most worthwhile conference they attend.



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CONFERENCE TOPICS

Conference Theme: *Embracing the Future*

As technology continues to advance, you can depend on Foy Inc to keep pace with enhancements to EPICS.



Topics are still being added to the conference schedule, but here is a partial description of the items to be covered. Check our web site for updates.

We will be describing and demonstrating iPhone and iPad apps that are currently under development. One of the iPhone apps will enable you to give your customers iPhone access to their order status, while an iPad app will provide plant personnel with wireless access to production status.

We recently received one of the first HP tablet computers to hit the market, and we will demonstrate how these Windows 7 tablets can best be used with EPICS.

Foy recently added the ability to use barcode scanners at production workstations to read order numbers and rack numbers. This capability will be demonstrated and described.



The conference will feature an in-depth look at QlikView, the dashboard product that generated much interest when it was briefly described at last year's conference. Foy personnel attended QlikView training sessions in October, and we plan to offer QlikView as an official add-on to EPICS.

The EPICS V8.16 update included significant changes to the Notes capabilities, adding the ability to specify notes that meet certain conditions. This new ability will be covered in detail.



Our plans are to have the much-requested “Departmental Calendars” feature ready for the conference. A session will be conducted describing this capability, along with the recent “Part-specific Times” addition.

Stock inventory is always a popular conference topic, and we will review changes made in this area during the last year.

We will review the operating systems, database versions, and Crystal Reports versions currently supported by Foy, as well as plans for continuing support for 2012 and beyond.

Review of Features Added to EPICS in 2010

Each year, Foy releases several EPICS updates between conferences. We will review the changes that have been made since last year’s conference, highlighting the ones that will be of most interest to you.

New Reports

Foy is always adding new reports to EPICS. This session will review these reports, as well as improvements that have been made to several standard reports.



Wishlist

One of the most popular EPICS User Conference sessions is the Wishlist workshop. Users develop a list of new features and changes they would like to see in EPICS. This list is then sent to all EPICS customers, who rank the proposals. The consolidated final rankings become the Foy priority list for the next year.



Networking

One of the greatest values of the EPICS User Conference is the opportunity to network with other EPICS users. You will almost certainly find someone who has already solved the problem you have. Conference attendees always take home numerous tips from the dozens of other EPICS users present.

TRAINING SESSION ADD-ON DAY



For the last five years, we have added an optional training day to the conference schedule, and it has been very popular. Well over 50% of the attendees stay for this valuable session. We are repeating this popular feature again in 2011.

The optional day of training will be on Wednesday, May 18. The class will include training on the new features that will be introduced at the conference. All of the changes that have been added over the last year will be covered in detail. We will also cover many of the older EPICS features that you may have overlooked.



While we will have certain topics to cover, much of the training will be driven by user requests. If you have topics you think would be good for the training session, please contact us in the next few weeks.

See the registration page for prices for this optional session.

REGISTRATION RECEPTION



As usual, the conference will kick off at 4:00PM Sunday with an informal reception. Join the Foy Inc staff and your fellow EPICS users in the Presidential Suite, overlooking the beach and the Gulf of Mexico. Stop in to receive your registration packet, and stay for the refreshments and great discussions. The reception will be open until 8:00PM.

DINNER ON THE DECK

What better way to enjoy the sun and surf than by joining your colleagues for an informal dinner on the deck overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. On Monday evening, an informal dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, and the works will be served as you watch the sun set over the white sands of the Gulf of Mexico's Emerald Coast.

Temperatures in mid-May are typically around 85 during the afternoon, dropping to the low 60's in the evening. So you may want to bring a light sweater to put on after the sun sets.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The conference will again start on Sunday evening, with an informal registration reception. The business sessions on Monday and Tuesday will start with an early breakfast and will wrap up at 2:00 so you can enjoy the warm Florida sunshine.

Sunday, May 15, 2011

4:00 – 8:00 Registration Reception

Monday, May 16, 2011

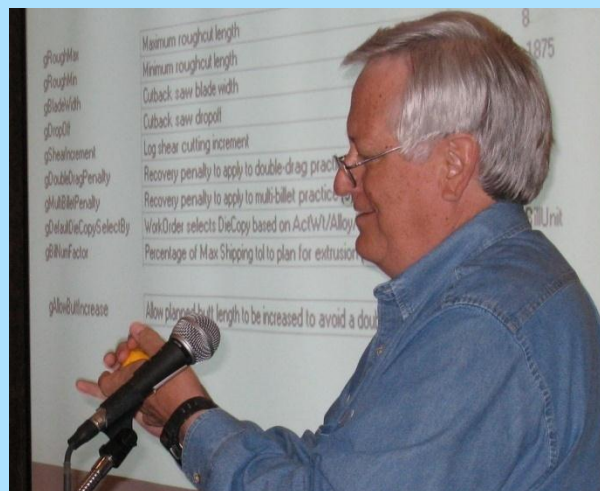
7:00 – 8:00 Full Breakfast

8:00 – 11:30 Morning Session

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch Buffet

12:30 – 2:00 Afternoon Session

7:00 - ? Dinner on the Deck



Tuesday, May 17, 2011

7:00 – 8:00 Full Breakfast

8:00 – 11:30 Morning Session

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch Buffet

12:30 – 2:00 Afternoon Session

Optional Training Session Schedule

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

7:00 - 8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 11:30 Morning Training Session

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch Buffet

12:30 – 2:00 Afternoon Training Session

HOTEL

The 2011 EPICS User Conference will be held at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Hotel, located on Florida's Emerald Coast. The Hilton Sandestin Beach is, as the name implies, located right on the beach.



If you are a golfer, there are four great courses – three challenging regular courses plus a 51-par contoured putting course. If tennis is your game, choose from 15 different courts. Or if you just want to swim, then enjoy the two outdoor pools or the heated indoor pool.

The Hilton Sandestin Beach is holding a block of rooms for conference attendees. Be sure to make your reservations early – the rooms will be held only until April 14 (or until they sell out.)

Special Foy Conference room rates are \$199/night. If you are bringing the kids, you may be interested in a room with bunkbeds such as a Deluxe Junior Suite, but that is not covered by our group rate. Check the [hotel web site](#) for descriptions of the rooms.

Contact the Hilton Sandestin Beach to make your reservations. You can make reservations by telephoning them at 1-800-367-1271, and telling them you are attending the **Foy EPICS Conference**.

TRAVEL NOTES

The Hilton Sandestin Beach is 10 miles east of Destin, Florida, midway between Pensacola and Panama City. Three airports serve the area – **Northwest Florida Regional Airport** at Fort Walton Beach (VPS) is 24 miles away, **Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport** at Panama City (ECP) is 40 miles away, and **Pensacola Regional Municipal Airport (PNS)** is 65 miles away. **Rental cars** are available at all three airports.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

You can register for the conference by clicking [here](#), or by going to the Foy web site www.foyinc.com. Or you can call the Foy office and talk to Stacy at 972-782-7282.



This year's registration fee includes the Sunday evening reception, conference sessions on Monday and Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on both Monday and Tuesday, and the Monday evening Dinner on the Deck.

The registration fee for the optional Training Session includes continental breakfast and lunch on Wednesday.

Be sure to make your reservations with Foy Inc before April 14 in order to get a major discount.

And be sure to make your hotel and airline reservations ASAP.

Registration Fees prior to April 14, 2011:

Conference Registration	\$520
Optional Training Registration	\$195

Registration Fees after April 14, 2011:

Conference Registration	\$650
Optional Training Registration	\$245

Guest registration

Guest registration	\$100
<i>Includes the Sunday evening reception and Monday evening's Dinner on the Deck.</i>	
Guest Meals:	\$25 each
<i>Breakfast or Lunch on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday</i>	

***Be sure to contact the Hilton Sandestin Beach
for your room reservations!***

See the hotel information on page 8
