



# *FOY'S EPICS EVENTS*

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## EPICS User Conference 2022 Moved to September 11-14



**Important announcement:** The meeting dates for EUC 2022 have been *moved to September*. Due to circumstances beyond our control the meeting venue has become unavailable for the originally contracted dates in May. We are now scheduled for September 11-14 at the same venue. If you have already made any travel arrangements for the May conference, you need only change the dates and not the destination.

We certainly understand the hassle this can be and we apologize for the inconvenience.

## EPICS User Conference 2022 – In-Person Event

EPICS User Conference 2022 will meet **September 11-14** at the Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach hotel in Clearwater, Florida. The conference will begin with a reception on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>, then two days of general session, followed by the ever-popular Training Day where we take a deep dive into the newest EPICS features.

The EPICS User Conference is one of the largest annual gatherings of the aluminum extrusion industry. At the conference you will meet other people who do the same type of work that you do. It is a great time to share experiences and learn from each other. It will make you better at what you do and is valuable both to you and to your company.

Make your plans now to be a part of this epic in-person event.



## **EPICS Connect: Access EPICS Information Online**

### **EPICS Connect: Order Status - Bringing EPICS to Customers**

Extrusion customers often want to be able to quickly and easily check the status of their orders in progress. This can result in customer service staff spending time responding to the same basic questions over and over again. EPICS Connect gives extruders a way to make real time order status information available to their customers through an online portal.

Extruders can choose which information to make available through EPICS Connect. EPICS Connect uses several database views that can be customized as needed to change what information about orders and items is accessible to users.

EPICS Connect accounts can be created based on a salesperson code, customer group, or specific customer in order to ensure a given login can see all of the information they should be able to view and none of the information they shouldn't.

It is also possible to add reports to EPICS Connect. Reports can be configured to run for either a single customer or for all customers a user can view data for. It is also possible to choose which users are allowed to run a given report and which aren't. Web users with permission to use a report can request to have it automatically generated and either request to have it emailed to them or presented as a download directly from the EPICS Connect website.

### **EPICS Connect: Outside Processors – Closing the Loop**

EPICS Connect also allows extruders to gain more detailed information from their outside processors. EPICS Connect can be used with some outside processors while still handling other outside processors normally, allowing extruders to use the system only with outside processors that are willing to use the system.

Outside Processor accounts in EPICS Connect can see material that has been shipped to them and mark it as received and then post an update when the material has been shipped back. They can also use EPICS Connect to add production notes, report if any pieces are scrapped, and easily split tickets if they arrive or need to be shipped back in multiple batches.

Outside Processor accounts are also able to view information about orders that have the relevant outside processor in the routing in order to better prepare for upcoming material. Like with the Order Status features, all of the information shown to outside processors can be customized by the extruder to ensure that outside processors are able to see exactly the information that is relevant to them.

### **EPICS Connect Security Information**

Data is sent between the EPICS Connect website and extrusion company servers

through the EPICS Connect service, which uses a secure SSL Web Socket connection to transfer data. The EPICS Connect service does not expose the Extruder database itself to the internet – The service does not accept incoming connections at all. Instead it establishes a connection directly to the central EPICS Connect server. The server relays requests for information and responses between the website and the service. These requests are predefined keywords with a very limited scope. In the event that the central server is compromised, it will still not be possible to use the connection to execute arbitrary SQL commands or queries.

Please contact Foy Inc to discuss how EPICS Connect can work for you.

## Coming in Update 9.15 – End of Support for Windows XP

As always, we are hard at work making EPICS more useful and more powerful. The next major EPICS update, V9.15, will be released in the first quarter of 2022. It will include many of your wish list requests and other new features. As we mentioned at EUC 2021, V9.15 will also update the version of the Microsoft .NET Framework used by EPICS to make EPICS less prone to “out of memory” errors when power users open many large reports and query screens at the same time. Please note that this will mean the end of our support for Windows XP, which was released by Microsoft in 2001 and retired in 2014. You must therefore replace or update any Windows XP workstations at your facility that are used for EPICS before upgrading to V9.15. You can view our full list of currently supported platforms here:

<https://www.foyinc.com/Pages/EPICS/SupportedPlatforms.aspx>

## Welcome to New EPICS Customers

**Aluminum Insights** is a greenfield operation in Goshen, Indiana. With an emphasis on truly lean manufacturing, reduced inventory and world-class customer service, they provide top-quality product with shorter lead times.

Founded in 2001, **Iowa Aluminum** quickly became a leader in the aluminum extrusion industry. Specializing in custom shapes, small orders and light-wall shapes, they service a broad market including industrial, construction, automotive and electronic industries.

**Veer Aluminium**, located in Olifantsfontein, South Africa, specializes in handling recycled metal and beneficiation of ferrous and non-ferrous metals. They have a capacity of 5,000 tons of aluminum scrap processing through shredding and de-coating.



## Online EPICS Training and Online Report-Writing Training

EPICS User Training is now being offered online. This is the standard 4-day class which, until this year, had been available only in-person in our training facility in Farmersville, Texas. The next online classes are scheduled for **Jan 17 – 20** and **Feb 14 – 17**. Meeting time is 9:00AM to 4:00PM Central time with a lunch break at noon.



A good internet connection and dual monitors are essential. One monitor is needed for watching the instructor's screen and another for running EPICS. This could be individuals in their homes or offices or it could be several people in a conference room with a single large screen with speakers to see and hear the instructor, and individual PCs for each trainee. Trainees will connect via VPN to a training database on a Foy Inc server.

This is a great opportunity to provide training to your administrators and key users without the expense of travel. Training is valuable not only for new users, but also as a refresher for long-time EPICS users. Much has been added to EPICS V9 in past few years, and there are probably other things that have been forgotten. Take this opportunity to see the full scope of what EPICS has to offer.

Also available is Report Writing training. This is a novice-level class which uses Crystal Reports and the EPICS database to teach how to create and edit reports used in EPICS. [Please see the Foy Inc website for details.](#)

If you are interested in EPICS User Training or in Report Writing Training, please call us at 972-782-7282 or email us at [info@foyinc.com](mailto:info@foyinc.com).



## Foy Inc at ET 2022



The long-anticipated ET 2022 is planned for May 3 – 5 in Orlando, Florida. The Extrusion Technology conference brings together extruders from all over the globe to share their experience and learn from each other. New products and processes are displayed and technical papers are presented by industry leaders and academic scholars. We at Foy Inc will be among the presenters. Look for our two presentations: *Maintaining Traceability of Extruded Lots* and *The Benefits of Barcode and RFID Scanning in Managing Extrusion Production Information*.

We will have a booth in the ET Expo as we have for every ET since 1980. **Please come by and see us in booth P908** at the main entrance. We look forward to seeing you.

## Foy Inc Holiday Hours

Foy Inc offices will be closed for the holidays December 23 – 31. We will be monitoring the Help desk for emergencies. Please send email to [help@foyinc.com](mailto:help@foyinc.com).

The Foy Inc Team sincerely wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## EPICS Customer List

*On any given day EPICS is helping more than 15,000 people at 100+ extrusion plants around the world.*

Almag Aluminum Inc. – Brampton, Ontario  
 Almag Aluminum Inc – Florence, Alabama  
 Almax Aluminium – Brisbane, Australia  
 Altec – Jeffersonville, Indiana  
 Altus NZ – Hamilton, New Zealand  
 Aluminio de Baja California (ABC) – Tijuana, Mexico  
 Aluminios de Puerto Rico – Humacao, Puerto Rico  
 Aluminio de Centro América – San Salvador, El Salvador  
 Aluminum Extrusions Inc – Senatobia, Miss.  
 Aluminum Insights – Goshen, Indiana  
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Canton, Ohio  
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Beloit, WI  
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Roscoe, Illinois  
 Anaheim Extrusions (UMEX) – Anaheim, California  
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Calgary, Alberta  
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Coburg, Oregon  
 Apex Aluminum Extrusions – Langley, BC, Canada  
 Architectural & Metal Systems – Cork, Ireland  
 Astrex Inc – Lake Shore, Ontario  
 Benada Aluminum – Sanford, Florida  
 Bonnell Aluminum – Niles, Michigan  
 Bristol Aluminum – Levittown, Pennsylvania  
 Briteline Extrusions – Summerville, S. Carolina  
 BRT Extrusions – Niles, Ohio  
 CanArt – Brampton, Ontario  
 CanArt – Windsor, Ontario  
 Capral Extrusions – Angaston, Australia  
 Capral Extrusions – Penrith, Australia  
 Claridge Products – Harrison, Arkansas  
 Crown Extrusions - Chaska, Minnesota  
 DeeZee, Inc – Des Moines, Iowa  
 Dependable Anodizing – Markham, Ontario  
 Extrudex – Weston, Ontario  
 Extrudex – Bernières, Quebec  
 Extrudex – North Jackson, Ohio  
 Extrum – Chaloma, Honduras  
 FISA – Guayaquil, Ecuador  
 G. James – Brisbane, Australia  
 G. James – Sydney, Australia  
 Gateway Extrusions, Ltd – Union, Missouri  
 Hulamin – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa  
 Hulamin – Capetown, South Africa  
 Hulamin – Olifantsfontein, South Africa  
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Hamilton, New Zealand  
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Brisbane, Australia  
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Melbourne, Australia  
 International Extrusions – Garden City, Michigan  
 International Extrusions (UMEX) – Waxahachie, Texas  
 Iowa Aluminum – Albia, Iowa  
 Jordan Aluminum Company – Memphis, Tennessee  
 Keymark Corporation – Fonda, New York  
 Keymark Corporation – Lakeland, Florida  
 Keymark Corporation – Orlando, Florida  
 Mayne Inc. – Langley, British Columbia  
 Merit Aluminum – Corona, California  
 MI Metals, Inc. – Millen, Georgia  
 MI Metals, Inc – Oldsmar, Florida  
 MI Metals, Inc – Prescott Valley, Arizona  
 MI Metals, Inc - Smyrna, Tennessee  
 MI Windows and Doors – Carrollton, Texas  
 Michigan Extruded Aluminum – Jackson, Michigan  
 Midwest Aluminum – Withee, Wisconsin  
 Mountain Ridge Metals – Millersburg, Pennsylvania  
 Nanshan America – Lafayette, Indiana  
 Nigalex – Lagos, Nigeria  
 Non-Ferrous Extrusion – Houston, Texas  
 Oldcastle Building Envelope – Midway, Tennessee  
 Oldcastle Building Envelope – Terrell, Texas  
 Orrvilon (Holtec) – Orrville, Ohio  
 Paramount Extrusions Company – Paramount, California  
 Patrick Metals (UMEX) – Mishawaka, Indiana  
 Peerless Products – Fort Scott, Kansas  
 Pennex – Leetonia, Ohio  
 Pennex – Wellsville, Pennsylvania  
 Perfiles de Aluminio – San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 Ply Gem Extrusion – Bryan, Texas  
 Postle Aluminum – Cassopolis, Michigan  
 Press Metals – Cumming, Georgia  
 Pries Enterprises – Independence, Iowa  
 PT Alumindo Perkasa – Jakarta, Indonesia  
 PT Indal – Surabaya, Indonesia  
 Profile Extrusions – Rome, Georgia  
 Profile (RJS Precision Ext.) – Phoenix, Arizona  
 Schimmer Metal – Bangkok, Thailand  
 Selaco Aluminium – Johar, Malaysia  
 Service Center Metals – Prince George, Virginia  
 Sierra Aluminum – Fontana, California  
 Sierra Aluminum – Riverside, California  
 Silver City Aluminum -- Taunton, Mass  
 Spectra Aluminum – Bradford, Ontario  
 Star Extruded Shapes - Canfield, Ohio  
 Sun Valley - Los Angeles, California  
 Superior Extrusion – Gwinn, Michigan  
 Superior Metal Shapes – Chino, California  
 Taber Extrusions – Gulfport, Mississippi  
 Taber Extrusions – Russellville, Arkansas  
 Tecnoglass – Barranquilla, Columbia  
 Tower Extrusions – Hensley – Wylie, Texas  
 Tower Extrusions – Martinez – Wylie, Texas  
 Tifton Aluminum Extrusions – Tifton, Georgia  
 Tri-City Extrusion – Bristol, Tennessee  
 Tubelite – Reed City, Michigan  
 Universal Molding (UMEX) – Downey, California  
 Veer Aluminium – Olifantfontein, South Africa  
 Vitex – Franklin, New Hampshire  
 Wakefield-Vette – Pelham, New Hampshire  
 Wakefield-Vette – Withee, Wisconsin  
 Western Extrusion – Carrollton, Texas  
 Wolverine Tube Inc – Decatur, Alabama  
 Zarbana Industries – Columbiana, Ohio

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