

# Foy's EPICS Events

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## 2008 EPICS USER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO

For the first time in its ten year history, the annual EPICS User Conference will be held on the West Coast in 2008. The session is scheduled for April 20-23 in at the [Argonaut Hotel](#) in San Francisco.



The [Argonaut Hotel](#) is located in the historic Cannery building at Fisherman's Wharf. It is ideally situated only steps away from a cable car station, the Hyde Street Pier, harbor ferries, and dozens (or maybe hundreds) of great restaurants.

The hotel has been selected at one of the nation's top 100 hotels by

Conde' Nast Traveler magazine, placing #46 on their elite listing.

I visited this hotel last month, and I'm certain that you will enjoy this great facility. The Argonaut is a fairly small hotel (maybe 250 rooms) so we will be the only major meeting occurring at the time. The location is great, and I am sure that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual EPICS User Convention will be just as great.

## 2007 WISHLIST RELEASED

The 2007 Wishlist is finally together, delayed somewhat by the move to new offices. Below are the top twenty items, as selected by EPICS users. As always, this list will be our priority list between now and the next conference.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	100	Add "Search-by-Range" capability to QBE screens (e.g. search for all ship dates between May 1 and June 1)
2	96	Add automated method to create new workorders for scrap replacement
3	85	Create a repository for repeated sales order notes that can be chosen from a menu during order entry
4	84	Add logic to the Order Entry and QBE Items screens to compare the finish code, routing, and pricing entered by the user and warn if they are not compatible
5	80	Create a production scheduling screen for all downstream departments similar to the press scheduling screen
6	79	Permit color-coding of unscheduled items section of press schedule screen so that exceptions (e.g. overdue jobs) can be readily identified
7	76	Create an EPICS Administrator Console: Send reboot warnings to all users; start/stop EPICS remotely; apply permissions to all users within named user groups
8	76	Add a "Search" function to the press scheduling screen so that the list of unscheduled items can be narrowed down by specified parameters (date, customer, etc.)
9	73	Implement automated database monitor that will send email alerts when specified conditions occur
10	73	Add support for multi-shape assemblies so that a single part can specify multiple extrusions with a routing that includes the assembly step
11	67	Add a field to the ShiftProd table to record the date/time that a production posting was input
12	65	When printing workorders, add a visual indicator when notes are present for the Item, Die, Part, or Customer
13	64	On QBE Items screen, move the customer part number to the "Basic Info" section so that it is visible on all tabs
14	61	Add automatic alert to the press schedule screen that will warn the scheduler if the date they have selected will not allow sufficient time to complete the routing for each job
15	60	Allow workorder notes to be department-specific
16	58	Display an on-screen running-total truck weight when posting shipments
17	56	Allow scrap postings entered from the "Print New Tickets" screen to be deleted/modified
18	56	Display press schedule dates on QBE Items screen
19	56	Add an easier way to copy all prices from one part to another
20	53	Add a configuration setting that will affect the default date of offsetting invoice documents (e.g. original invoice date or today's date)

## **FOY INC EXPANDS INTO NEW OFFICES**

Two weeks ago, Foy Inc made the move into the new Foy building. Although it is only one block away from the old office, it is a world apart in terms of comfort and appearance.



The Training Room can comfortably accommodate ten or twelve people, instead of the four to six that could be squeezed into the old facility.



We are planning an open house on July 27. If you happen to be in the area, please stop in to see our new home.



**MORE GRANDDAUGHTERS**

One of the benefits of publishing a newsletter is that the publisher can insert any story he or she wishes. So I'll take the opportunity to include a picture of our new twin granddaughters being held by their three sisters.



This brings the score to:

Grand-daughters	8
Grand-sons	0

**EPICS CUSTOMER LIST**

**On any given day  
EPICS is helping over 11,000 people  
at over 80 extrusion plants around the world.**

Aacoa Extrusions – Niles, Michigan  
 American Aluminum Extrusions of Ohio – Canton, Ohio  
 American Aluminum Extrusions of Wisconsin – Beloit, WI  
 Aerolite Extrusion – Youngstown, Ohio  
 Almag Aluminum Inc. – Brampton, Ontario  
 Altec (Alumnitec). – Jeffersonville, Indiana  
 Aluminio de Baja California (ABC) – Tijuana, Mexico  
 Aluminio de Centro America (ALDECA) – San Salvador, El Salvador  
 Aluminio Del Caribe– San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 Aluminum Extrusions Inc – Senatobia, Miss.  
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Calgary, Alberta  
 Arch Aluminum – Miami, Florida  
 Astro Shapes – Struthers, Ohio  
 Atlantic Aluminum – Lumber Bridge, N. Carolina  
 Benada Aluminum – Medley, Florida  
 Bristol Aluminum – Levittown, Pennsylvania  
 Briteline Extrusions – Summerville, S. Carolina  
 BRT Extrusions – Niles, Ohio  
 CanArt – Brampton, Ontario  
 CanArt – Tecumseh, Ontario  
 Central Aluminum – Columbus, Ohio  
 Crane Aluminium Extrusions – Angaston, Australia  
 Crane Aluminium Extrusions (Capral) – Penrith, Australia  
 Crown Extrusions, Chaska, Minnesota  
 Crystal Extrusion Systems – Union, Missouri  
 Empire Resources – Baltimore, Maryland  
 Extrudex – Weston, Ontario  
 Extrudex – Bernières, Quebec  
 Extrudex – North Jackson, Ohio  
 FISA – Guayaquil, Ecuador  
 Frontier Aluminum – Corona, California  
 Hualum. – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa  
 Hualum. – Capetown, South Africa  
 Hualum. – Olifantsfontein, South Africa  
 Indalex West Inc– Watsonville, California  
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Hamilton, New Zealand  
 International Extrusion – Alhambra, California  
 International Extrusion – Waxahachie, Texas  
 International Extrusions – Garden City, Michigan  
 Jalex – Kingston, Jamaica  
 Keymark Corporation – Fonda, New York  
 Keymark Corporation – Lakeland, Florida  
 MI Metals, Inc - Smyrna, Tennessee  
 MI Metals, Inc – Millersburg, Pennsylvania  
 MI Metals, Inc – Oldsmar, Florida  
 MI Metals, Inc – Millen, Georgia  
 MI Metals, Inc – Prescott Valley, Arizona  
 Mid-America Extrusions – Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Midwest Aluminum – Withee, Wisconsin  
 Non-Ferrous Extrusion – Houston, Texas  
 Patrick Metals – Mishawaka, Indiana  
 Pennex – Wellsville, Pennsylvania  
 Perfiles de Aluminio.– San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 Postal Aluminum – Cassopolis, Michigan  
 Pries Enterprises – Independence, Iowa  
 PT Alumindo Perkasa – Jakarta, Indonesia  
 PT Indal – Surabaya, Indonesia  
 Profab Industries – Canfield, Ohio  
 Profile Extrusions – Rome, Georgia  
 Profile (RJS Precision Ext.) – Phoenix, Arizona  
 Selaco Aluminium – Johar, Malaysia  
 Service Center Metals – Prince George, Virginia  
 Sierra Aluminum – Fontana, California  
 Sierra Aluminum – Riverside, California  
 Specialty Extrusion – Fullerton, California  
 Spectra Aluminum – Woodbridge, Ontario  
 Star Extruded Shapes, Canfield, Ohio  
 Superior Extrusion – Gwinn, Michigan  
 Sun Valley Extrusions – Los Angeles, California  
 Tecnoglass – Barranquilla, Columbia  
 Taber Extrusions – Gulfport, Mississippi  
 Taber Extrusions – Russellville, Arkansas  
 TAI-AO Aluminium – Taishan, Guang Dong, China  
 Tri-City Extrusion – Bristol, Tennessee  
 Tubelite – Reed City, Michigan  
 Vista Wall Arch. Products – Midway, Tennessee  
 Vista Wall Arch. Products – Terrell, Texas  
 Vitex – Franklin, New Hampshire  
 Wakefield Engineering – Pelham, New Hampshire  
 Western Extrusion – Carrolton, Texas  
 Zarbana Industries – Columbiana, Ohio

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