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New IFI Board Leadership & Division Officers

The **Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)**, Independence, OH, USA, elected new leaders for the IFI's Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 term at its recent annual meeting. **Dan Curtis** of **MacLean-Fogg Company** was selected to lead the Board as Chairman, along with **Larry Spelman** of **J.H. Botts LLC** as Vice Chairman, and with **Gene Simpson** of **Semblem Corp.** as Ex-Officio Chair.



Dan Curtis - Chairman



Larry Spelman - Vice Chair

IFI Board Representatives and Division Chairs have also been elected:

- **DIVISION I: Industrial Products Officers** – Chairman, **Attsie Hashimoto** of **Unytite**; Vice Chairman, **Sebastian Janas** of **Sems and Specials**.
- **DIVISION I: Board Representatives** – **Attsie Hashimoto** of **Unytite**; **Brian Prodoehl** of **Valley Fastener Group**; **Steve Sherman** of **Industrial Rivet & Nut**.
- **DIVISION II: Aerospace Products Officers** – Chairman, **Doug Carlton** of **Click-Bond**; Vice-Chair, **Mehrzad Bahri** of **Novaria Group**; Member-At-Large, **Marty Goeree** of **Vegas Fastener Manufacturing**; Tech. Chairman, **Mike Mowins** of **IFI**; **ALMA** Technical Chair, **David Roberto**.
- **DIVISION II: Board Members** – **Devin Wilson** of **Parker Fasteners**; **Robert Gurrola** of **Howmet Fastening Systems**; **Jim Erbs** of **Safety Socket LLC**.
- **DIVISION III: Automotive Products Officers** – Chairman, **John Medcalf** of **Agrati**; Vice Chair, **Genevieve Gurnick-Long** of **Seaway Bolt & Specials**.
- **DIVISION III Board Representatives** – **Kevin Vollmert** of **ITW Shakeproof Automotive**; **Greg Rawlings** of **Nylok**; **Steve Dixon** of **Camcar Innovations**.
- **Associate Suppliers Division (ASD) Board Officers** – Chairman, **Herb Gottelt** of **Metal Resource Solutions**; Vice-Chair, **Nilo Urbani** of **Precote USA, LLC**.

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The IFI is a trade association representing manufacturers of mechanical fasteners and formed parts made in North America. IFI is an engineering-oriented organization addressing the operational concerns of its members. It is involved in the setting of industry manufacturing standards with **SAE**, **ASTM**, **ISO** and others as well as developing its own standards in response to member issues. www.indfast.org

IFI's 2024 Award Recipients:

- 2024 IFI Soaring Eagle Service Award Recipient: **John O'Brien** who has served the IFI for over 20 years; serving as an Officer, Chair of the Institute and fastener industry advocate.
- 2024 IFI Soaring Eagle Technology Award Recipient: **Ken Gomes** of **REMINC**, who has been a long contributing member to the IFI as well as to fastener technology.
- 2024 IFI Joe Greenslade Young Leadership Award Recipient: **Viral Varshney** of **REMINC**, who in his first ten years of working in the fastener industry, has already made a significant impression with his work concerning clinch fasteners. www.indfast.org



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 Kaohsiung Exhibition Center

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Fastener Industries Purchases Die Co.

Die Co., Inc., Eastlake, OH, USA, a maker of quality spring steel fasteners and metal stampings, joins Berea, OH, USA-based **Fastener Industries'** employee-owned family of companies. All employees will be retained, and the firm will operate separately under the Die Co., Inc. name. Fastener Industries, Inc. includes **Buckeye Fasteners, Modern Fasteners, Ohio Nut and Bolt, Ohio Nut & Bolt of Canada, Brainard Rivet, Joseph Industries** and **Plan-E-Tech Industries**.
www.fastenerind.com

PennEngineering® Partners with Endries International

PennEngineering®, Danboro, PA, USA, has announced a new **PEM PennEngineering** North American distributor partnership with Wisconsin-based **Endries International, Inc.**, a leading distributor of fasteners and Class-C parts that serves industrial OEMs and the industrial marketplace worldwide. With 11 USA and international distribution centers, Endries provides over 500,000 SKUs to their global customer base. Joining forces with Endries allows PennEngineering to support North American market demand.
www.pemnet.com



Camcar Innovations 2023 TORX® Drive Award Winners

Camcar Innovations announces the 2023 winners of its TORX® Drive System World Class Quality Award. Three drive tool and 28 fastener makers representing China, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan and the USA were among the TORX licensees receiving the award for their 2023 performance. And six TORX header tool licensees are winning the award for the first time.

TORX Drive Tool Licensees:

- Eklind Tool Company, USA (2)
- SNA Europe, Spain (3)
- Progressive Chun Yip Co., China (7)

TORX Fastener Licensees:

- Acument Global Technologies, USA (10)
- Arnold Umformtechnik, Germany (4)
- Acument Global Technologies, Mexico (7)
- EJOT-ATF LP, Illinois, USA (7)
- Bulten GmbH, Germany (2)
- Bulten Hallstahammar, Sweden (2)
- Bulten North America, LLC, USA (1)
- Celso, SA, Spain (11)
- Celso SUZHOU, China (6)
- Celso, USA (1)

- CSM Fastener Products, USA (1)
 - EJOT-ATF Fasteners de Mexico SA de CV (6)
 - EJOT SE & Co. KG (5)
 - EJOT-FEY Sistemas De Fixacao Ltda, Brazil (1)
 - Goshu Works, Ltd., Japan (5)
 - Infastech/Tri-Star Limited, Taiwan (9)
 - ITW Shakeproof Industrial Grp. USA (5)
 - Lih Ta Fasteners Co., Ltd., Taiwan (9)
 - MNP Precision Parts, LLC (5)
 - QST International Corp., Taiwan (8)
 - SAGA Tekkohsho Co., Ltd. (3)
 - Semblex Corporation, USA (15)
 - Sin Fu Shan Intl. Corp., Taiwan (8)
 - Southco, Inc., USA (6)
 - Stanley Engineered Fastening, USA (4)
 - Suzhou Yeswin Mfr., China (2)
 - Unisteel Technology Co., China (13)
 - Unisteel Technology., Malaysia (13)
- #### TORX Header Tools Licensees:
- Ford Tool & Machining, USA (1)
 - NHK Precision Co., Japan (1)
 - RTM Products, Inc., USA (1)
 - S.F.O.B., France (1)
 - Wrentham Tool Group, USA (1)
- Learn more at: www.camcar.com

White Cap welcomes Tracy Rosser as Chief Supply Chain Officer

White Cap, Atlanta, GA, USA, the leading distributor of specialty construction supplies and safety products for professional contractors, has welcomed Tracy Rosser to the new role of Chief Supply Chain Officer (CSCO). In this role, Rosser will maximize investments in White Cap's transformational supply chain initiatives and lead the supply chain strategy.



Rosser most recently served as Executive Vice President of Operations at Transplace/Uber Freight since 2019, where he led all transportation management activities. Prior to Transplace/Uber Freight, he spent 22 years at Walmart, serving as Senior Vice President of Transportation and Supply Chain, and as COO of Walmart Transportation LLC.
about.whitecap.com

Fastener Warehouse acquires Ridgeline Fasteners

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada-based Fastener Warehouse, a leading distributor of industrial fasteners, has successfully acquired Ridgeline Fasteners, a prominent fastener supplier based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The strategic move strengthens Fastener Warehouse's market presence and expands its product offerings in the fastener industry.



The acquisition marked a significant milestone for Fastener Warehouse, as it reinforces the company's commitment to providing unparalleled quality and service to its customers. The combined expertise and resources of both organizations enhances the overall product portfolio and bolsters the company's ability to meet the evolving needs of the fastener market.
www.fastenerwarehouse.ca

Fastener Taiwan 2024: Navigating the Future of Green & Innovative High-Value Fastening Solutions

The countdown to *Fastener Taiwan 2024* has begun, inviting all industry players to embark on this transformative journey from June 5 to 7, 2024, at the **Kaohsiung Exhibition Center**. In its seventh edition, this biennial event stands as a beacon of innovation, spotlighting the pivotal themes of "Green Sustainability" and "High-Value Innovations." Visitors will step into a realm of innovation, exploring cutting-edge solutions that promise to revolutionize the industry. Complementing this visionary space is the captivating "Sustainability Zone," offering a glimpse into a future where the fastener industry leads in green manufacturing and sustainable development.

Also, as the global industry gears up for the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) implementation in 2026, *Fastener Taiwan 2024* positions itself as a hub for proactive discussion. With over 300 firms confirming their participation and an extensive showcase of 1000 booths, this global rendezvous is a celebration of innovation and progress. Industry professionals, secure your attendance through online pre-registration at: www.fastenertaiwan.com.tw



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Birmingham Fasteners Expands into Mexico

Birmingham Fastener, a full-service manufacturer and distributor of specialty fasteners, is expanding to Mexico with the opening of a facility in Querétaro City. **Commercial and Aerospace Supply de Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V. (CASM)** will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of



Birmingham Fastener, with

support including inventory supply from **Alabama Aerospace**, Birmingham Fastener's aerospace and defense branch. CASM will supply both commercial and aerospace parts in Mexico. **Saúl Pedraza** will lead the CASM team in Querétaro.

www.bhamfast.com

New CEO at Nord-Lock

Nord-Lock Group, a global leader in bolting and engineering solutions, announces **Daniel Westberg** as its new Chief Executive Officer. Daniel will assume his responsibilities as CEO on August 1, 2024.



For more than 20 years, Daniel has held various executive-level roles within **SKF** and its different subsidiaries, both in Sweden and abroad.

www.nord-lock.com

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ASTM International welcomes Andrew G. Kireta Jr. as new President

ASTM International, in W. Conshohocken, PA, USA, announces the appointment of Andrew G. Kireta Jr. as the organization's new President, effective May 1, 2024. Kireta's background in standards development and familiarity with the organization uniquely positions him to lead ASTM International into future growth and innovation. He will succeed Katharine Morgan, who served in the role since 2017 and will retire after a distinguished 40-year career with ASTM.

Kireta is President and CEO of the Copper Development Association and has been with the not-for-profit trade association since 1992, serving the past two decades in an executive management capacity. He has been an ASTM International member since 1998, and joined the Board of Directors in 2014, serving as Chair of the audit and finance committee in 2017, Vice Chair in 2018 and 2019, and Chair of the Board in 2020. Kireta also previously served as Vice Chair and Chair

of the Board of SEI International, an ASTM affiliate.

www.astm.org

Howmet Aerospace Makes Leadership Appointment

Johan (John) Wall has joined Howmet Aerospace as President, Engineered Structures. He will have responsibility for all Engineered Structures employees and locations globally. He will be based in Cleveland, OH, USA, and will report directly to John Plant, Executive Chairman and CEO.

Wall was most recently with Precision Castparts (PCC) as President for its Aerostructures business. During his 17-year tenure with PCC, he held roles of progressive accountability including Regional VP of PCC Aerostructures; General Manager, Aerospace Dynamics International; General Manager, Centra Industries; Director of Sales, Centra Industries; and Director of Quality, Centra Industries. Prior to PCC, he worked for Linamar Automotive for nine years in various quality roles of increasing responsibility.

www.howmet.com

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Registration Open for Fastener Fair USA 2024

Registration is open for *Fastener Fair USA 2024*, at the **Huntington Convention Center** in Cleveland, OH, USA, May 22 to 23, 2024, for two days of industry innovation, education sessions, networking opportunities and more.



Take advantage of early bird rates and register today.

www.fastenerfairusa.com

NEFCO Completes Acquisition of Unicoa

NEFCO, a specialty supply partner to the construction trades, has acquired **Unicoa**, a Phoenix, AZ, USA-based leader in the construction, pipeline and industrial supply industry. This strategic move is NEFCO's 6th acquisition since 2022 and 11th acquisition since 2017, as NEFCO expands its branch network to 39 locations nationwide. With NEFCO's acquisition of **Southwest Fastener** in 2023 and now Unicoa, NEFCO is now one of the largest local construction supply distributors in Phoenix.

www.gonefco.com

An advertisement for SPIROL. It features the company logo 'SPIROL' in a blue box at the top left, followed by the text 'Total Assembly Solutions'. Below this, there is a collection of various metal fasteners and hardware parts, including bolts, nuts, washers, and screws, arranged in a row. At the bottom, the website 'www.SPIROL.com' is displayed.

FDI Climbs to 53.0 & FLI Drops Slightly to 47.3

The FDI continued its move into growth territory with a reading of 53.0 in March, up from 50.5 in February, seasonally adjusted. The Forward Looking Indicator (FLI) dropped again slightly to 47.3.

Listen to episode #199 of *Fully Threaded Radio* as **Star Stainless** President, **Tim Roberto Jr.**, and *Fastener Technology*

International (FTI) magazine Editor, **Mike McNulty**, provide further commentary.

Please share the FDI with your fellow North American fastener distributors and encourage them to participate:

www.fastenersclearinghouse.com/fch/main.nsf/fastener-distributor-index



Fastener Distribution Trends: March 2024

FASTENER DISTRIBUTION AT A GLANCE										
March 2024										
	Index Values								Direction	Rate of Change
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug		
ISM PMI (Manufacturing)	50.3	47.8	49.1	47.4	46.7	46.7	49.0	47.6	Growing	Faster
FDI	53.0	50.5	49.7	47.5	53.4	52.6	48.5	50.0	Growing	Faster
FLI	47.3	47.9	50.4	49.6	50.4	47.1	44.8	45.9	Declining	Faster
(Other Metrics)										
Sales	56.1	47.8	50.0	47.4	63.0	52.6	44.9	48.8	Growing	Faster
Employment	56.7	50.0	50.0	50.0	55.9	51.6	41.9	45.7	Growing	Faster
Supplier Deliveries	51.7	56.3	48.7	43.1	42.6	51.6	50.0	52.9	Growing	Slower
Respondent Inventories	66.7	67.2	61.5	75.9	66.2	64.1	71.0	70.0	Growing	Slower
Customer Inventories	48.3	48.4	51.3	46.6	54.4	51.6	51.6	50.0	Declining	Faster
Pricing, month-to-month	53.3	56.3	56.4	44.8	50.0	45.3	54.8	55.7	Growing	Slower
Pricing, year-to-year	45.0	56.3	47.4	50.0	45.6	60.9	62.9	61.4	Declining	Faster
Higher Same Lower										
6-Month Outlook - March				33%	33%	33%				

FDI and Pricing are diffusion indexes. At 50, the performance of the category listed met expectations. A reading above 50 suggests the category outperformed expectations, while a reading below 50 suggests the category underperformed expectations.

Source: Baird, FCH Sourcing Network, Institute for Supply Management

Bufab publishes Annual & Sustainability Report for 2023

Bufab's Annual and Sustainability Report for 2023 is now available on the group's website **BUFAB** listed below.

The report presents Bufab's performance and sustainability efforts during the year as well as the updated strategy, with a focus on creating even more value for existing and new customers in their increasingly complex value chains.

"For the full-year of 2023, Bufab delivered its highest sales and operating profit to date. During the year, we worked purposefully on the implementation of our new strategy, with higher value creation for our customers, an improved customer and product mix and more efficient management of our working capital yielding results. We also delivered our highest operating margin and strongest cash flow to date, demon-

strating our resilience even in more challenging market conditions," says Erik Lundén, Bufab President and CEO.

This report is information that Bufab is obliged to make public pursuant to the Securities Markets Act.

www.bufabgroup.com

DB Roberts now offers KATO threaded inserts

Leading fastener and hardware distributor DB Roberts, Wilmington, MA, USA, is now an authorized stocking distributor for KATO Fastening Systems. KATO product categories include Tangless and Tanged CoilThread inserts, hand tools, power tools, and thread repair kits.

KATO is a synergistic addition to the DB Roberts product portfolio as DB Roberts already supports customers sourcing KATO for aerospace, aviation, automotive,

Jessica White Wins WIFI Margaret Davis Scholarship

The nonprofit organization, **Women in The Fastener Industry (WIFI)**, reports, "We are proud to announce the recipient of the Margaret Davis Scholarship, which gives a WIFI member the opportunity to attend *Fastener Fair USA*. Join us in congratulating **Jessica White of Wurth Revcar Fasteners**. Jessica will get to work the WIFI booth and attend all show related events: make sure to come by our booth and say hello," says Jessica White. "I am honored to accept the scholarship to



MARGARET DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

attend the *Fastener Fair* in Cleveland, OH, USA. This opportunity not only recognizes my commitment to the industry, but also allows me to contribute actively by working at the booth for the WIFI group. I am eager to engage with peers, share insights and continue advocating for the empowerment and education of women in our field. "Thank you for this invaluable experience that will enrich my professional journey." www.fastenerwomen.com

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Bostwick-Braun Sells Wholesale Hardware Div.

The **Bostwick-Braun Company's** strategic decision to make its industrial services and products arm the company's exclusive business focus motivated the sale of its wholesale hardware operations. On March 19, 2024, Bostwick-Braun, Toledo, OH, USA, announced that **House-Hasson Hardware**, Knoxville, TN, USA, had made a formal purchase offer for its hardware division including related inventory and warehouses.

"Selling our hardware division enables us to focus all our energies on Bostwick-Braun Industrial," said **Pete Richichi**, CEO. "This transaction deepens our industrial customer relations and expands our product offerings."

www.bostwick-braun.com

Dan Giliberto Joins Semblex Semblex Corp.

announces the addition of **Dan Giliberto** to the Semblex team as a Strategic Account Manager focusing on target markets and strategic customers. He brings great sales experience, professionalism and personal drive to his new position. Founded in 1968, Semblex produces cold-formed products and assemblies.



www.semblex.com

defense, industrial equipment, nonautomotive transportation applications and more.

"I am thrilled to announce our partnership with KATO Fastening Systems as an authorized stocking distributor. This collaboration expands our commitment to providing comprehensive solutions to our customers across various industries, further solidifying our position as a premier supplier of fasteners and hardware," said Lisa Breton, DB Roberts VP of Supply Chain.



www.dbroberts.com

14th Fastener Expo Shanghai

The 14th *Fastener Expo Shanghai (FES)*, concluded successfully on March 22, 2024, as one of the world's top fastener exhibitions after years of development. The event was held at the National Exhibition and Convention Center, Shanghai, China.

The 15th edition of the *Fastener Expo Shanghai* event will take place from June 17 to 19, 2025, again at the National Exhibition and Convention Center.

www.ChinaFastener.com



Bulten Names Michael Richards President Region Asia

Bulten Group has appointed Michael Richards as President of Region Asia. He is also a member of Bulten's Executive Management Team. Richards, formerly a consultant, has extensive experience from senior positions in manufacturing, sales and other areas. An American, Michael Richards was born in 1968 and has lived and worked in Asia for much of his career.

Michael Richards succeeds Bent Wessel-Aas, who has been Interim President Region Asia. Richards will be based in Wuxi, China and will report to Bulten's President and CEO.

Bulten develops high-tech fasteners for a range of industries including automotive and home electronics, always with a focus on sustainability and innovation. We are a listed company delivering quality products on a global market,



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Cooper Turner Beck Acquires Germany's ENI

Global leader in the production and supply of high-strength, safety critical fasteners, **Cooper Turner Beck**, has acquired **ENI**, provider of heavy-duty and safety critical fasteners. ENI, Ennepetal, Germany, complements Cooper Turner Beck's global manufacturing footprint, which is a key advantage in serving its customers around the world. The ENI acquisition is the latest example of Cooper's execution of its strategic plans. ENI will join with Cooper Turner Beck's existing operations in Germany.

www.cooperandturner.co.uk

Böllhoff Expands in Morocco

With the recent signing of a partnership agreement between the **Midparc** industrial park and **Böllhoff**, Böllhoff's first site in North Africa is being set up at Midparc near Casablanca, Morocco. Around 2000 m² of building space will be available to the company there as of May 2024.

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Eight employees will be working at the site from the outset, primarily producing special fasteners for the local aviation industry.

www.boellhoff.com



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Birmingham Fastener Sponsors 2024 Fastener Training Weeks

Birmingham Fastener, a leading fastener maker and distributor, will sponsor **Fastener Training Institute's (FTI's)** three *Fastener Training Weeks* in 2024. "Birmingham Fastener's mission to provide customers with quality products aligns with our commitment to train the industry that uses them," said **Jo Morris**, Marketing Director, FTI. FTI's *Fastener Training Week*, is a week-long program dedicated to enhancing fastener knowledge across the industry, recognizing those who com-

2024 FASTENER TRAINING WEEKS	
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August 19-23	Chicago, IL
November 18-22	Cleveland, OH

plete the course and pass a final exam as a Certified Fastener Specialist™. Included are hands-on exercises, case studies, networking, learning labs and plant tours. www.fastenertraining.org

Obituaries:

Rachel V. Cordova (1931 – 2024)

The **National Fastener Distributors Association (NFDA)** reports that **Rachel Verlinda Cordova**, 92, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2024, at her home in Tustin, CA, USA. Rachel dedicated herself to her family and **Cordova Bolt, Inc.** She maintained an unwavering commitment to others, welcoming all with an open door and a sympathetic ear. She was preceded in death by husband, **Moses**, in 2014, and survived by her three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Rachel became a successful businesswoman in the fastener industry. In 1975, she and her husband founded and co-owned **Cordova Bolt** first located in Santa Fe Springs, CA, USA, and later in a larger facility in Buena Park, CA, USA. **Cordova Bolt** became a premier USA fastener company, and for many years was listed on the top 500 Hispanic companies in the USA. **Moses** and **Rachel** also started **Centennial Bolt** in Denver, CO, USA, and were originally co-owners with a former **Cordova Bolt** employee and their son, **Mark**. **Moses** and **Rachel** were involved with the **National Fastener Distributors Association (NFDA)**, **Western Association of Fastener Distributors (WAFD)**, **Pacific-West Fastener Association (Pac-West)** and the **Los Angeles Fastener Association (LAFSA)**. **Rachel** was also on the national board of directors of **LAMA (Latin American Management Association)** in Washington, D.C., USA. **Moses** and **Rachel** loved their church, travel and visiting countries. www.cordovabolt.com



Joe L. Davis, Jr. (1943 – 2024)

Joe Larmer Davis, Jr. passed away on March 25, 2024, surrounded by those he loved. He is survived by his loving wife, **Beverly Davis**, one brother, two sisters, five children, 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. **Joe** was preceded in death by his parents, **Joe L. Davis, Sr.** and **Coral Hass Davis**, and three brothers. Beyond his family, **Joe** was a successful entrepreneur and a quiet professional who led by example in all he did. In 1974, **Joe** founded **ISSCO, Inc.**, a wholesale fastener distribution company with a vision to efficiently service customers throughout the Midwest. From humble beginnings in the basement of the family Independence, MO, USA, home, **ISSCO** grew into a successful and thriving locally owned business thanks to **Joe's** dedication and hard work. **ISSCO** will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on May 4, 2024. His two sons, **David** and **Jason**, joined the **ISSCO** team, making it a true family endeavor. **Joe's** commitment to exceptional customer service and quality products shaped the company's success. Beyond the business world, **Joe** dabbled in the game of golf, enjoyed a Mizzou, Chiefs or Royals victory as well as the appeal of classic cars. His 1951 Jaguar Mark V Sedan was crowned National Champion in the late 1980s. In his free time, he raised cattle on his family farm in Grant City, MO, USA, where he was born. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** or to the **American Cancer Society**. www.isscoinc.com



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Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Income (Loss)	%Δ
MSC Industrial Supply Co.	935	-2.7	62	-21.9

Quarterly Sales & Net Income data in US\$ millions.

with expertise amassed over 150 years. Bulten is also one of only a few fastener manufacturers that can offer a Full Service Provider (FSP) concept, assuming responsibility for complete solutions for entire industrial platforms.

www.bulten.com

Vimi Fasteners meeting with financial community

Following the approval of the Group's Financial Statements as of December 31, 2023, and the publication of the main consolidated economic-financial data as of March 31, 2024, scheduled for April 12, 2024, Vimi Fasteners has organized a meeting with investors, to present these results, on April 15, 2024, at 11:00 am.

The meeting, held in a hybrid mode, allows attending both in person, at Integrae SIM's headquarters (Piazza Castello 24, Milan, Italy) and in virtual mode.

www.vimifasteners.com
www.borsaitaliana.it



MSC Industrial acquires IP assets from Schmitz Manufacturing & Technology

MSC Industrial Supply Co., a premier distributor of MRO products and services to industrial customers throughout North America, announced it has completed the acquisition of intellectual property (IP) assets from Schmitz Manufacturing Research & Technology LLC (SMRT) related to its technology solutions for the USA manufacturing industry.

SMRT is led by CEO, Christine Schmitz, as well as CTO, Dr. Tony Schmitz, a world-renowned mechanical engineering researcher, both experts in machining dynamics and mechanical vibrations.

www.mscdirect.com

Jeff Senter to Field Sales Manager at DB Roberts

DB Roberts announces the appointment of Jeff Senter as the Central Field Sales Manager. Residing in the Greater Cleveland, OH, USA area, he is set to play a pivotal role in steering the Central United States Field Sales Team, overseeing operations spanning Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin. Bringing over a decade of experience in MRO distribution to the table, Senter has a proven track record of managing and expanding territories, nationally and regionally.



www.dbroberts.com

Conference Calls & Webcasts...

- **Stanley Black & Decker**, New Britain, CT, USA, will broadcast a Q1 2024 earnings webcast at 8 AM ET on May 2, 2024. www.stanleyblackanddecker.com

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LINC Systems Partners

with Big Timber Fasteners
LINC Systems, Westfield, IN, USA, has partnered with **Big Timber Construction Fasteners**, LINC's newest supplier of professional-grade structural fasteners. Mountain-tested, these screws and bits are ideal for the construction of sheds, trusses, pallets, crates, wall panels and cabinets. They are also ideal for the manufactured, prefabricated and modular home industries.



Rugged construction and mid-tier price make them ideal for use on large timbers, railway trestles, log cabins, marine dock and deck installations.

www.lincsystems.com

TFC Acquires Supaseal UK

TFC, an AFC Industries Company, has made a further acquisition in the O-rings and seals market, acquiring Midlands, UK-based **Supaseal**, a supplier of a wide range of O-rings, rotary shaft seals, bonded seals, Circlips and associated products to customers in the UK, Europe, USA, Middle and Far East.



TFC last year acquired **EAP Seals** in Manchester, England, and this move adds to TFC's market share in rubber sealing products.

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FTI to Present Two Training Classes at Fastener Fair USA

The **Fastener Training Institute (FTI)** will offer two training classes during the Fastener Fair Conference at *Fastener Fair USA*, May 22 to 23, 2024, in Cleveland, OH, USA, each presented by **Laurence Claus, Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)** Director of Education and Training.



The Making of Fasteners & the Cost Drivers Behind this Engineering Marvel takes place on May 21, from 9 AM to 4 PM and Lightweight Fastening Trends & Designs for Future Platforms, takes place on May 22, from 9 AM to 11 AM. Both classes are ideal for those in sales, engineering, QA, sourcing/quoting, purchasing, marketing, management or those learning about fasteners.

Cost to attend both classes is US\$499 or you can register for an All-Access badge for US\$600, which includes classes, exhibit hall access, admission to the opening night networking party at the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame** and shuttle service to the networking party and factory tour at **Brighton-Best International**.

www.fastenertraining.org

NFDA Executive Sales Planning Sessions® Return in June in Irving, TX, USA

Registration is open for one of the best business meetings of the year. **NFDA's** popular Executive Sales Planning Sessions® (ESPS®) will be June 11 to 14, 2024, at the **Omni Las**



Colinas Hotel in Irving, TX, USA.

During ESPS, you'll schedule private, one-on-one business meetings with the partners who are most important to your business strategy. ESPS not as rushed as speed-dating, but the principles are similar, allowing you to meet with several people in 1.5 days, without having to travel to multiple destinations.



NFDA
2024 Annual Meeting and ESPS®
June 11-14, 2024
Omni Las Colinas Hotel
Irving, Texas

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The NFDA ESPS appointments will be held in a ballroom this year instead of private suites. Each host will have a 6' table, chairs and a sign with an assigned table number. This format allows for more efficient appointments over the two days.

www.nfda-fastener.org

Pac-West Spring Dinner Meeting & Vendor Showcase

The **Pac-West** Spring Dinner Meeting & Vendor Showcase on May 16, 2024, at the **Holiday Inn, La Mirada, CA, USA**, will include the Fastener Manufacturing in North America Today Panel Discussion featuring experts discussing how to maximize the North American supply chain, including BABA, AIS and other domestic programs.



Also, companies in the Vendor Showcase will be listed on all event marketing and will have the opportunity to introduce their company during the meeting announcements. Vendors are provided one six-foot table with chairs. The fee for a vendor showcase table is US\$275 per company. www.pac-west.org

EVENTS

April 15 – 19, 2024

wire 2024, Düsseldorf, Germany
www.wire.de
www.wire-tradefair.com

April 23 – 25, 2024

Fundamentals of Threaded Fastener and Joint Design
Eden Prairie, MN, USA
www.matrixengrg.com

May 9 – 12, 2024

Fastener Expo Eurasia
Istanbul, Turkey
www.fastenerexpo Eurasia.com

May 16, 2024

Pac-West Spring Dinner Meeting & Vendor Showcase
La Mirada, CA, USA
www.pac-west.org

May 21, 2024

NCFCA Distributor Social
Cleveland, OH, USA
www.ncfaonline.com/events

May 22 – 23, 2024

Fastener Fair USA 2024
Cleveland, OH, USA
www.fastenerfairUSA.com

June 5 – 7, 2024

Fastener Taiwan 2024
Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
www.fastener taiwan.com.tw

June 11 – 14, 2024

NFDA Executive Sales Planning Sessions®, Irving, TX, USA
www.nfda-fastener.org

August 18 – 22, 2024

FSTNR Week '24
Lincolnshire, IL, USA
www.mwfa.net

September 5 – 7, 2024

Fastener Fair Mexico 2024
Guadalajara, Mexico
www.fastener fairmexico.com

September 9 -11, 2024

IFE 2024
Las Vegas, NV, USA
www.fastenershows.com

October 29 – 30, 2024

Fastener Fair Italy 2024
Milan, Italy
www.fastener fairitaly.com

March 25 – 27, 2025

Fastener Fair Global 2025
Stuttgart, Germany
www.fastener fairglobal.com

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