

Communication from the Editor

As this is the third issue of the *Journal of Applied Metalworking*, it is of great interest to the editors to know if we are meeting our basic objectives of providing useful and stimulating ideas, techniques and information. We would appreciate any comments you might wish to send. Input on topics that should be covered would also be useful, particularly if prospective authors are suggested.

The lack of papers in applied metalworking is of particular concern when one reflects on the problems of shrinking productivity, increased energy costs, environmental and safety regulations, and possible material shortages. The metalworking community has a key role in successfully meeting these challenges. This will require creative approaches and if people with good ideas, techniques, and information do not disseminate them, the metalworking community and society at large loses. Thus, where proprietary considerations are not involved, it is important for those who can write worthwhile papers to do so. It is our hope that the *Journal of Applied Metalworking* can be an important vehicle for such communication.

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