

## Fall Technical Meeting + Orlando = Smashing Success

The weather was spectacular, but it only came in second to the quality of the presentations made at this year's Fall Technical Meeting. Nearly one hundred attendees gathered to hear speakers address topics such as planetary transmissions for helicopter applications, test methods for evaluating the effect of lubricant on micropitting, powder metallurgy gear performance, and planetary servo gearheads.

AGMA prides itself in the opportunity offered at each FTM for the participants to have ample time to question the authors on the technical aspects of their papers. This year was no exception, as hour long sessions were the norm, proving the high level of interest in the presentations made.

Based on response from the participants, the following presentations were rated as being of high interest, and have been re-printed in this edition of the Journal:

*An Analytical Approach to the Prediction of Micropitting on Case Carburized Gears*  
presented by Dave Barnett of Renold

*A Crane Gear Failure Analysis – Case Study, Observations, Lessons Learned, Recommendations*  
by Ray Drago of Drive Systems Technology

At the annual Awards Luncheon, Bill Bradley, Vice President of the AGMA Technical Division for the last eighteen years, was presented with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the Association. In addition, the



Edward Lawson (right) presents the AGMA Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill Bradley.

Chairmen of those committees who successfully published new standards and information sheets during the previous year were recognized for their leadership efforts. Included were Edward Lawson (Gear Accuracy Committee), Phil Terry (Metallurgy & Materials Committee), Bob Wasilewski (Bevel Gearing Committee), Richard Holzman (Industrial Enclosed Drive Committee), Octave LaBath (Epicyclic Enclosed Drive Committee), Craig Danecki (Mill Gearing Committee), Robert E. Smith (Calibration Committee), and Dwight Smith (Nomenclature Committee).

Planning is already underway for the 2007 FTM, which will be held once again in conjunction with the AGMA Gear Expo in Detroit. We are looking forward to another great meeting and to seeing you there—it's worth the cost of attending.