OIC HOLDS INTERNATIONAL TRAINING MEETING

Atlantic City, New Jersey

In June sales representatives from across North America and Europe attended a training meeting held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Training for both new and existing products was given at this meeting, which is held every three years. This year sales personnel were able to choose nine of twelve different one hour training sessions. This allowed them to tailor their training to better focus on their customer and territory needs. In addition to the specialized training sessions, five general sessions were held over three days.

Mr. Ogura, CEO of all Ogura companies worldwide, and Mr. Inoue, Senior Managing Director, were present to both welcome and meet with the sales reps.

The education received by the reps during the sessions will help them to provide better service and support for the customers in their sales territories. Ogura's objective for this technical training is to provide the sales force with the latest information and the best technical training possible to provide the fastest response for both current and potential customers regarding applications or product design assistance.

OGURA CORP. RECEIVES “VISTEON IMPORTANT PARTNER” AWARD

From Visteon Press Release
Van Buren Township, Michigan

Ogura Clutch Co., Ltd. has been honored with a Visteon Important Partner Award for outstanding overall performance in providing products to Visteon Corporation, one of the world’s leading automotive suppliers.

Ogura Clutch was recognized as a top supplier to Visteon in the Climate category during an April 16 ceremony at Visteon's Corporate Offices and Innovation Center in Van Buren Township, Mich., U.S.A.

The Visteon Important Partner Award program, now in its sixth year, honors Visteon suppliers that achieve “best in class” ratings for quality, delivery, technology, launch and cost-control performance. Ogura Clutch was among 23 companies honored for their 2007 performance, representing less than 1 percent of Visteon’s global production and non-production suppliers.

“Ogura Clutch has distinguished itself as an outstanding Visteon supplier in its product line, whose performance has been instrumental in helping Visteon deliver innovative, high-quality, cost-efficient products to vehicle manufacturers,” said Patrick Bauer, Visteon senior director, material planning and logistics – indirect and central purchasing.

Mr. Ogura, Chairman and CEO of the Ogura group of companies (holding the award), (to the left) John Matthews of Ogura Corporation and Visteon's Climate Control Management

Attending the award presentation was Mr. Yasuhiro Ogura, President and C.E.O. of Ogura Clutch, Continued on next page (Visteon)
NEW SALES REP. PROFILE

SUMMIT AGENCIES

Ogura announces the addition of Summit Agencies for western and central Canada; Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Robin Tetrault and Peter Liston come to Ogura with many years of experience in power transmission sales.

Robin Tetrault started Summit Agencies in 1997. We are very excited to have added the Ogura product line to our fine principle list. In the past we represented Warner Electric and we are very familiar with Ogura products and its high quality position in the marketplace.

I have three decades experience in sales and power transmission. Before Summit, I worked with Motion Industries for 20 years. My last position with Motion was as VP operations for western Canada.

When I’m not working, I enjoy skiing and most outdoor sports in the nearby Rocky Mountains. I have two grown children and 4 wonderful grandchildren (the youngest is 6 weeks)!

Peter Liston will cover central Canada for Ogura. Peter has been with Summit for 7 years. Prior to joining Summit, he was an outside sales manager for a PT distributor. When not working, he is busy raising a young family. He is exceptionally keen on sports of all kinds, even American sports. Ask him anything, you’ll be surprised by his knowledge.

Saskatchewan Province is very large and flat. Locals here say that, “Saskatchewan is so flat that you can watch your dog run away for three days!”

We are glad to be a part of the Ogura team and look forward to years of success with Ogura.

Visteon

who stated that he was very proud to accept this very prestigious award on behalf of all the employees of Ogura Clutch and recognizes how crucial it is to deliver a product that not only meets but exceeds our customer’s expectation.

Of the 23 companies earning Visteon Important Partner Awards, eight are based in the Asia-Pacific region, six in Europe, five in North America, and four in South America.

“Having a world-class supply base is critical to Visteon’s ability to meet the technology, quality and cost needs of vehicle manufacturers around the world, and these 23 suppliers represent ‘the best of the best,’” said Donald J. Stebbins, Visteon president and chief operating officer. “We are proud to recognize these suppliers, who have performed at an extremely high level in supporting our three strategic product groups – climate, electronics and interiors.”

OGURA RACING ADDS HIGH PERFORMANCE BRAKES

High performance car brakes

Kiryu, Japan

The ORC division of Ogura has recently added high performance brakes to their product line. The new braking systems are either six or four pistons, using either two or four pads. The housings are forged giving them superior strength and stiffness. Housings and disks are supplied in gold, red, black or silver. These new brakes are made to enhance performance and appearance.
Every day they risk their lives to bring home the goods from the seas and inter-coastal waters of the Chesapeake Bay, most of the Watermen also use the same vessel for family outings and friendly gatherings. Racing? Yes, they do that too! Every since the beginning of time if it moved and more than one was around, man has found a way to race it. This is true when it comes to workboats too.

In the mid 1980's the local watermen of the Chesapeake Bay were approached to attend a local festival to celebrate the heritage of Virginia's coastal areas. The watermen took this opportunity to challenge each other to find out who had the fastest and best looking of the Chesapeake Bay Deadrises work boats.

In 1998 Shannon took over as Captain of the “Rainbow Chaser” (www.rainbowchaser.us). When he could no longer make a living on the water he decided to keep the boat as a hobby, and went to work for Volvo. In 2004 when getting ready for the local Watermen's events he was talking to people at Volvo Penta and was discussing how the old Detroit Diesel was not performing like it had. Volvo decided they could not have one of their lead technicians racing a Detroit Diesel.

One concern on Shannon's part was the response time to get his 17 ton vessel to top speed. The races that they run at the events are set up like drag races and it's not how fast you start but how fast you get to the finish line. When discussing this topic with Volvo their Swedish office said they were already using Ogura Superchargers on other engines. The engineers decided the Ogura Model TX20 Supercharger was the best fit for the Volvo TAMD74. The Ogura supercharger is a roots blower type that has high air efficiency because of the unique internal rotor design. This design spreads the air over a larger surface, giving high efficiency at both low and high speeds.

By the end of the conversion the Rainbow Chaser picked up three knots and was five seconds faster in the quarter mile. Adding the Ogura TX20 to the Volvo TAMD74 increased the top speed and made the vessel handle much better. In Sweden the combination of the Ogura TX20 and the TAMD74 was nicknamed the Super 74.

In 2006 the Rainbow Chaser went forward to win top awards at all three of the local watermen's events, something that has never been done before. The crew of the Rainbow Chaser would like to thank Volvo Chesapeake, Volvo Sweden, & Ogura Japan for making an award winning combination.
OGURA (SUPER) CHARGES INTO MARINE DIESEL MARKETS

Diesel Progress

In the April issue Diesel Progress ran a story about how Ogura Superchargers help marine engines increase engine performance. The Ogura supercharger allows engines to accelerate from idle to full power without the turbo lag that often occurs during the initial air and fuel mixing period, especially at low speeds.

In some applications, as much as a 300% increase in torque has been achieved by the addition of an Ogura Supercharger.

Newer emissions requirements are putting severe demands on diesel engines, which affect their ability to produce the power that consumers want at lower speeds.

The addition of a supercharger for marine applications is an easy way to get the boost that consumers are looking for. Besides marine equipment, there are a number of utility and construction equipment applications that can also gain from the addition of a supercharger, in some cases allowing the equipment manufacturer to use a smaller size engine.

Since many of the Ogura superchargers are clutched they are only used when needed, which increases fuel economy by reducing parasitic loads.

Ogura team finishes 1st in the first race of the Super GT season

Suzuka, Japan

At the end of March one of the GT racing teams Ogura sponsors competed in the Super GT#1 race. The race is run over 300km and each team consists of two drivers taking turns driving over the two day period.

At the end of the first day the Ogura team was in second place overall, which gave them a very good starting position on the second day. Although at times the team had dropped back into third and fourth place, at the end of the race they made a surge and were able to come from behind to take the lead and win first place.

Lawnmower racing off to another good start

Avon Park, Florida

Bobby Cleveland and his Ogura clutch machine are once again off to a great start for the current lawnmower racing season. Bobby finished second overall in the IMOW class, which currently places him third place overall in the 2008 points standing.

Bobby also took a third place finish in the B Prepared class, which currently places him at 6th place in the BP points standing in. The finals this year are going to be held August 30th, so by the time the next quarterly newsletter comes out Bobby will have completed this year’s racing. If you want to follow Bobby’s progress throughout the year please visit www.letsmow.com.