



FOY'S EPICS EVENTS

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EPICS User Conference 2023 – April 16-19

Join us in San Antonio, Texas for the 25th annual EPICS User Conference. Home of the Alamo and the San Antonio Riverwalk, this is a truly unique city and a favorite meeting place for EPICS users.

Come and meet with your peers, exchange ideas, and become better at what you do. You will connect with people who do what you do and be your company's representative at one of the largest gatherings of aluminum extruders in North America.

Come meet the Foy Team and see all the new features added to EPICS in the past year. Bring your ideas and help make EPICS even better.



We will meet in the beautiful and historic [Omni La Mansion del Rio](#). Just steps away from the Riverwalk in the heart of the city. And remember the Alamo! It is just a short walk away. Come early or stay an extra day and take in the extraordinary history of the area.

Our Monday evening event will be a cocktail cruise on the San Antonio River followed by dinner at the famously local and locally famous [Rio Rio Cantina](#) featuring fresh Tex Mex cuisine. We will dine on the rooftop patio overlooking the river. It's going to be pretty great.

See our website www.foyinc.com for more information and to register.



We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Wishlist Results from EUC 2022

At the 2022 User Conference, you brought your ideas to the ever-popular "Wishlist" session. We took your ideas and sent them out in the form of a ballot to all EPICS users and asked you to vote for your favorites. The results are in!

2022-23 EPICS Wishlist		
As determined by a vote of EPICS users		
Rank	Score	Item
1	100	Extend the EPICS Notification System - Allow users to monitor any selected items' progress through the plant via automatic EPICS notifications as production is posted to those items in any department
2	97	When undoing the shipment of a bundle that was pulled from stock, reset the properties of the returned bundle to point back to the original sales order
3	96	Do not allow a customer part to be deactivated if it is used as the source part for another part or if there is any stock of that part in inventory
4	90	Add a "Rack Reconciliation" screen to easily access racks that have piece counts remaining after packing and to quickly adjust good, scrap, or rework pieces posted to each affected item. Allow this feature to be either optional or required when clearing racks
5	87	Allow plant holds to be applied to all items for a selected part number
6	87	On the Receive from Outside Processor screen, show the total weight of all items at the outside processor
7	86	On the prices tab of the Customer Part screen, display any discount or surcharge that applies to that part, including the order quantity that qualifies for the discount/surcharge
8	85	Add the DieCopy table to the Field Chooser of the Die Oven Schedule screen so that die location and other copy-specific properties can be displayed
9	82	When determining the best ship date for each new item, consider the number of available die copies in calculating the capacity plan for the extrusion department
10	81	Allow "if then else" logic to designate "Required" user fields and standard fields. For example, If RunCode=X then Useralpha1 input is required, otherwise that field is not required.
11	81	Create a new EPICS Maintenance Module to schedule and track maintenance tasks and to keep an active inventory of spare parts and maintenance supplies
12	81	Improve the application and visibility of discounts and surcharges at order entry, perhaps by way of a summary display showing all items affected
13	80	Expand the Plant Hold screen to allow racks to be placed on hold based on variable criteria and add a new tab to display all racks that are on hold. Add a pop-up alert feature to all plant holds to notify production and packing of the reason that the item or rack is on hold
14	79	Add a change log entry to the affected sales order item any time an override password is entered by production or packing to exceed the configured tolerances
15	74	Enlarge the Customer Part Number from 20 to 30 characters and the Customer PO number from 16 to 30 characters

16	73	Allow outside processor manifests and bills of lading to be reprinted at any time - especially after the items have been received from the processor
17	71	Add a checkbox to the order entry screen that will cause the acknowledgement for that order to be emailed automatically when the order is posted
18	68	Add the Die table to the query builder on the Adjust Sales Order Prices screen so that Die Type or other die properties can be considered during a price change
19	64	For tensile tests, allow the definition of standard value limits by alloy and temper and compare them to the tested values. Add an automatic next number assignment for sample ID
20	63	Prevent any Rack ID from being changed on production postings if that rack has been processed by a downstream department
21	60	Add Status, Truck Type, Truck Capacity, Staging Location, Load Date, and Delivery Date fields to each picklist. As orders are attached to a picklist, optionally update the planned ship dates for all items on the shipment to make scheduling more accurate
22	59	SSRS/Power BI support: On the Report Maintenance screen, allow input of either a Crystal Report file or the URL to a web-based report that launches in the default browser
23	56	Add features to the EPICS Mobile Android app to allow truck drivers to collect digital delivery signatures
24	54	When creating an offsetting credit, automatically set the "Credit Ref" field to the original invoice number
25	54	Add a new plant hold level to prevent shipments to outside processors without affecting the final shipment status
26	50	Add a "News Ticker" at the bottom of the EPICS main window to display critical notifications to all users
27	45	Add a Field Chooser to the Available Racks tab of the Production, Packing, and Backlog screens
28	41	When designating fields as "Required" in any table, allow all pre-existing records in that table to be edited without requiring data in those fields. This means that the "Required" column settings only apply to new records
29	40	Create a new touch-screen friendly packing interface with Start Bundle, Stop Bundle, and Pause Bundle buttons and a large display of the correct packing spec and packing diagram/image. Optionally print a temporary, bar-coded bundle tag to send to the scale for further processing in cases where piece counts and weight are not collected at the same time
30	37	Add a configurable pop-up alert when adding a new die copy to let the user know if the customer is responsible for paying for the new copy
31	36	Improve enforcement of the relationship between an item's finish and its routing
32	35	Add a right-click option to duplicate all items of a quote in the same way that you can duplicate all items of a sales order
33	32	Create a new lookup table to store a list of all known trailers to be used at shipping
34	29	Add "column locking" to the Billet PO screen. Just like the order entry screen, this would allow the contents of selected columns to be automatically copied to each new row as it is added
35	28	On the Create Orders for Stock Replacement screen, display the standard press for each part in the top grid and display the weight of each open item in the bottom grid

36	28	Add a calculated "Price/Lb" (or "Price/Kg") column to the "Invoice Line Detail" section of the invoice screen
37	22	Allow the data type for start and stop times for production postings to include seconds - primarily for input via epics link from SCADA or integrated control systems to improve the accuracy of wt/hr for postings under 5 billets
38	21	Allow department plan dates for selected items to be changed using the Backlog screen
39	14	When using the EPICS Mobile Android app for physical inventory, support the scanning of QR codes attached to paint containers
40	9	When kit or assembly components are scrapped during production, automatically generate a shortage for the associated stock replacement order
41	5	Extend the EPICS Connect web interface so that salespeople can apply price changes to open orders and to customer pricing using a web browser

Coming in EPICS Update 9.16

EPICS V9.16 is scheduled for release in early 2023. It will include many new features from the EPICS Wishlist and enhancements that we have discussed at recent user conferences. Among these will be a new, simpler way to capture quality checks and other measurements at the time of production. You will receive another newsletter when V9.16 is released that will list all the included improvements.

Online and In-person EPICS and Report-Writing Training

EPICS User Training is available in-person in our training facility in Farmersville, Texas as well as online. In this 4-day class, trainees work through the entire EPICS interface. The next online classes are scheduled for January 16-20 and March 20-23. In-person classes are scheduled for February 20-23 and May 22-25.



For online classes, a good internet connection and dual monitors are essential. One monitor is needed for watching the instructor's screen and another for running EPICS. This could be individuals in their homes or offices, or it could be several people in a conference room with a single large screen with speakers to see and hear the instructor and with individual PCs for each trainee. Trainees will connect via VPN to a training database on a Foy Inc server.

This is a great opportunity to provide training to your administrators and key users without the expense of travel. Training is valuable not only for new users, but also as a refresher for long-time EPICS users. Much has been added to EPICS V9 in the past few years, and there are probably other things that have been forgotten. Take this opportunity to see the full scope of what EPICS has to offer.

Also available is Report Writing training. This is a novice-level class which uses Crystal Reports and the EPICS database to teach how to create and edit reports used in EPICS. [Please see the Foy Inc website for details.](#)

If you are interested in EPICS User Training or in Report Writing Training, please call us at 972-782-7282 or email us at info@foyinc.com.

Welcome to New EPICS Customers

Samwoo America / Alumeta – Located in Tijuana, Mexico, they are a greenfield operation offering high quality products at competitive prices.

Apel Extrusions Arizona – With their third extrusion plant, APEL is a leader among independent extruders in North America. Their focus is on-time delivery of high quality product and excellent customer service.



Unique American Aluminum Extrusions – Specializing in custom shapes, fabrication and finishing, Unique is located in Middlesex, New Jersey. They delivers results, reliability and rock solid dependability.

Foy Inc Holiday Schedule

Foy Inc offices will be closed for the holidays Dec 24 – Jan 1. We will be monitoring the Help desk for emergencies. Please send email to help@foyinc.com.

The Foy Inc Team sincerely wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A large, stylized red cursive graphic that reads the words "Happy Holidays". The letters are thick and have a slight shadow effect, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The font is elegant and flowing.

EPICS Customer List

On any given day EPICS is helping more than 15,000 people at 100+ extrusion plants around the world.

Almag Aluminum Inc. – Brampton, Ontario
 Almag Aluminum Inc – Florence, Alabama
 Almax Aluminium – Brisbane, Australia
 Altec – Jeffersonville, Indiana
 Altus NZ – Hamilton, New Zealand
 Aluminio de Baja California (ABC) – Tijuana, Mexico
 Aluminios de Puerto Rico – Humacao, Puerto Rico
 Aluminio de Centro América – San Salvador, El Salvador
 Aluminum Extrusions Inc – Senatobia, Miss.
 Aluminum Insights – Goshen, Indiana
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Canton, Ohio
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Beloit, WI
 American Aluminum Extrusions – Roscoe, Illinois
 Anaheim Extrusions (UMEX) – Anaheim, California
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Calgary, Alberta
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Coburg, Oregon
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Phoenix, Arizona
 Apex Aluminum Extrusions – Langley, BC, Canada
 Architectural & Metal Systems – Cork, Ireland
 Astrex Inc – Lake Shore, Ontario
 Benada Aluminum – Sanford, Florida
 Bonnell Aluminum – Niles, Michigan
 Bristol Aluminum – Levittown, Pennsylvania
 Briteline Extrusions – Summerville, S. Carolina
 BRT Extrusions – Niles, Ohio
 CanArt – Brampton, Ontario
 CanArt – Windsor, Ontario
 Capral Extrusions – Angaston, Australia
 Capral Extrusions – Penrith, Australia
 Claridge Products – Harrison, Arkansas
 Crown Extrusions – Chaska, Minnesota
 DeeZee, Inc – Des Moines, Iowa
 Dependable Anodizing – Markham, Ontario
 Extrudex – Weston, Ontario
 Extrudex – Bernières, Quebec
 Extrudex – North Jackson, Ohio
 Extrum – Chaloma, Honduras
 Extrusions, Inc – Fort Scott, Kansas
 FISA – Guayaquil, Ecuador
 G. James – Brisbane, Australia
 G. James – Sydney, Australia
 Gateway Extrusions, Ltd – Union, Missouri
 Hulamin – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
 Hulamin – Capetown, South Africa
 Hulamin – Olifantsfontein, South Africa
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Hamilton, New Zealand
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Brisbane, Australia
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Melbourne, Australia
 International Extrusions – Garden City, Michigan
 International Extrusions (UMEX) – Waxahachie, Texas
 Iowa Aluminum – Albia, Iowa
 Jordan Aluminum Company – Memphis, Tennessee
 Keymark Corporation – Fonda, New York
 Keymark Corporation – Lakeland, Florida
 Keymark Corporation – Orlando, Florida
 Mayne Inc. – Langley, British Columbia
 Merit Aluminum – Corona, California
 MI Metals, Inc. – Millen, Georgia
 MI Metals, Inc – Oldsmar, Florida
 MI Metals, Inc – Prescott Valley, Arizona
 MI Metals, Inc - Smyrna, Tennessee
 MI Windows and Doors – Carrollton, Texas
 Michigan Extruded Aluminum – Jackson, Michigan
 Midwest Aluminum – Withee, Wisconsin
 Mountain Ridge Metals – Millersburg, Pennsylvania
 Nanshan America – Lafayette, Indiana
 Nigalex – Lagos, Nigeria
 Non-Ferrous Extrusion – Houston, Texas
 Oldcastle Building Envelope – Midway, Tennessee
 Oldcastle Building Envelope – Terrell, Texas
 Orrvilon (Holtec) – Orrville, Ohio
 Paramount Extrusions Company – Paramount, California
 Patrick Metals (UMEX) – Mishawaka, Indiana
 Peerless Products – Fort Scott, Kansas
 Pennex – Leetonia, Ohio
 Pennex – Wellsville, Pennsylvania
 Perfiles de Aluminio – San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Ply Gem Extrusion – Bryan, Texas
 Postle Aluminum – Cassopolis, Michigan
 Press Metals – Cumming, Georgia
 Pries Enterprises – Independence, Iowa
 PT Alumindo Perkasa – Jakarta, Indonesia
 PT Indal – Surabaya, Indonesia
 Profile Extrusions – Rome, Georgia
 Profile (RJS Precision Ext.) – Phoenix, Arizona
 Samwoo America – Tijuana, Mexico
 Schimmer Metal – Bangkok, Thailand
 Selaco Aluminium – Johar, Malaysia
 Service Center Metals – Prince George, Virginia
 Sierra Aluminum – Fontana, California
 Sierra Aluminum – Riverside, California
 Silver City Aluminum -- Taunton, Mass
 Spectra Aluminum – Bradford, Ontario
 Star Extruded Shapes – Canfield, Ohio
 Sun Valley - Los Angeles, California
 Superior Extrusion – Gwinn, Michigan
 Superior Metal Shapes – Chino, California
 Taber Extrusions – Gulfport, Mississippi
 Taber Extrusions – Russellville, Arkansas
 Tecnoglass – Barranquilla, Columbia
 Tower Extrusions – Hensley – Wylie, Texas
 Tower Extrusions – Martinez – Wylie, Texas
 Tifton Aluminum Extrusions – Tifton, Georgia
 Tri-City Extrusion – Bristol, Tennessee
 Tubelite – Reed City, Michigan
 Universal Molding (UMEX) – Downey, California
 Veer Aluminium – Olifanstfontein, South Africa
 Vitex – Franklin, New Hampshire
 Wakefield-Vette – Pelham, New Hampshire
 Wakefield-Vette – Withee, Wisconsin
 Western Extrusion – Carrollton, Texas
 Wolverine Tube Inc – Decatur, Alabama
 Unique American Aluminum – Middlesex, New Jersey
 Zarbana Industries – Columbiana, Ohio

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