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FLORIDA CONFERENCE IS ONLY 7 MONTHS AWAY

The 11th annual EPICS User Conference will be held at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort and Spa, in Destin, Florida. The schedule will be the same as last year (dates are firm, but times may change):

Sunday, April 19	4 PM – 8 PM	Registration Reception
Monday, April 20	8 AM – 2PM	Conference Sessions
	Evening	Group Activity (maybe a Cookout on the beach)
Tuesday, April 21	8 AM – 2 PM	Conference Sessions
Wednesday, April 22	8 AM – 2 PM	Optional Training Sessions

As you can tell from the photo, the hotel is located on a beautiful white sand beach. After browsing their web site at http://www.sandestinbeachhilton.com/ , I'm sure you will want to mark April 19-22, 2009 on your calendar and plan for another valuable and enjoyable EPICS User Conference.

Keep watching the Foy Inc web site for developing information on the conference.

EPICS V8.10 TO BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK

The latest EPICS update, Version 8.10, will be available early next week on the Foy Inc web site. Each EPICS System Administrator will receive email containing a link to the update, along with information on how to download and install it.

TRAINING CLASS AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER

You still have time to reserve a spot at the October 20-23 EPICS Training Class. This class will walk you through all of the major EPICS features, as well as several minor features you probably didn't even know existed.

You can find detailed description of this user training session on the Foy Inc web site, under "Training".

JIM FOY DESCRIBES EPICS "PERCENT RECYCLED CONTENT" FEATURE TO AEC

Worldwide Extrusions Packing Ticket

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Die 11052

SO-Item 10758 - 2

PO SF3422

Alloy	Temper	Finish
6061	T5	Anodize
		Bronze

Ship To   Ajax Pet Products
12999 ST. CHARLES ROCK RD
San Francisco, CA 90210

Crew No.	Date Packed
1	02/15/2008

Pieces	Net Wt	Length
10	270	24'0"

♲ Made with 90% Recycled Aluminum

The program emphisis this year at the Aluminum Extruders Council Management Conference was on sustainability. Topics covering recycling, energy efficient product aplications, and LEED certification dominated the program. Jim Foy gave a short presentation on how an extruder can print the percent recycled content on each bundle ticket. This demonstrates to customers in the building and construction industry that the extruder is serious about helping them gain LEED points.

Several billet suppliers at the conference stated that they routinely provide percent recycled content to their customers., including this number with the chemical composition data that they send to the extruder. EPICS allows an extruder to import the data and make it available to be printed on selected packing tickets.

If this information is not available, you can instead enter the average PerCent Recycled for each of your billet inventory records. This is a field added in EPICS V8.8 on the "Maintain Billets" screen. The EPICS V8.10 update enhances this field by updating it when billet receipts are posted. The field is updated the same way the price/lb field is updated – the new shipment is added to the inventory and a new average calculated.
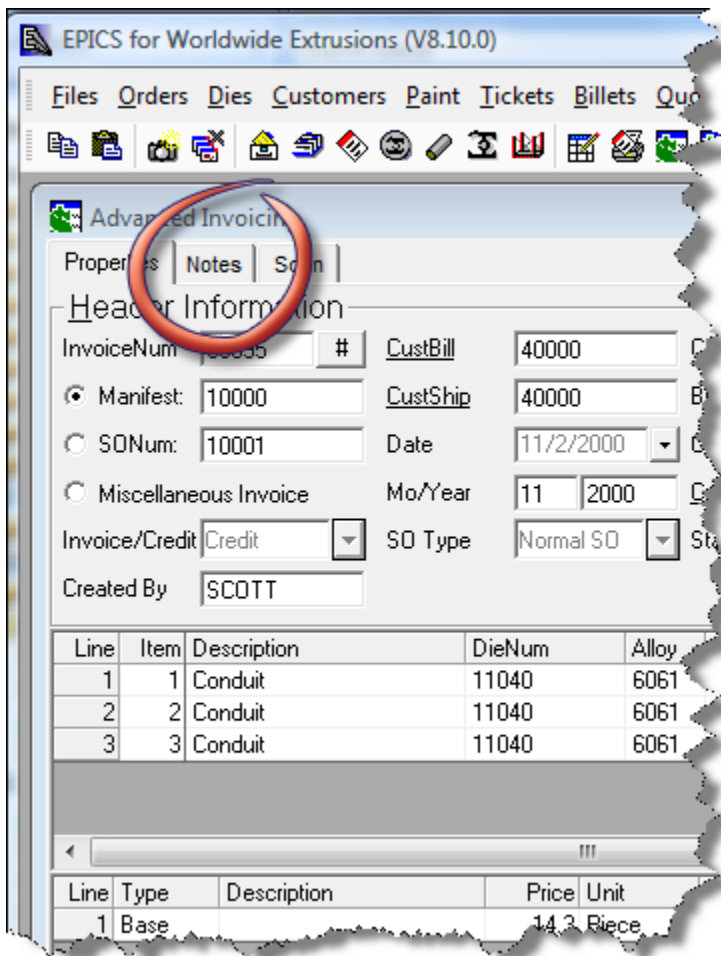
HOWARD CANTRELL JOINS FOY INC

We are pleased to welcome Howard Cantrell to Foy Inc. Howard comes to us with a strong programming background in VB.NET, and will be able to contribute greatly when we begin the process of converting EPICS from VB6 to VB.NET.

When Howard is not riding his motorcycle with the Faith Riders group, he is answering questions for other programmers as one of the top 15 Experts on the Experts Exchange.

As Howard becomes more familiar with EPICS, he will join the rest of the Foy Inc group in handling our number one priority, customer support.

MORE INVOICE NOTES NOW AVAILABLE

The number one item on the 2008 WishList was to allow notes to be appended to each new invoice or credit memo prior to their being printed. This feature has been added in the EPICS v8.10 update that will be released next week.
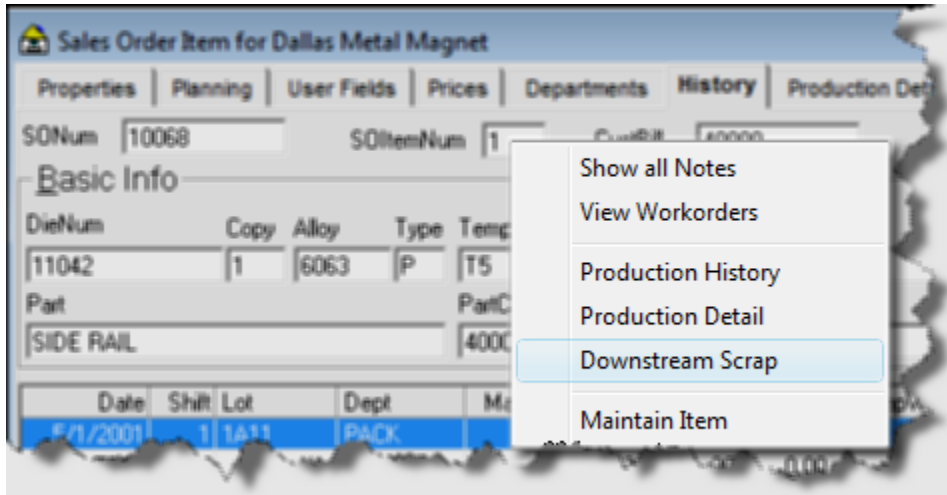
To use this new feature, you simply click on the new "Notes" tab on the Advanced Invoicing screen. From there, you can add a note to the invoice in the same way that you add notes to Sales Orders.

Standard Notes are available from this screen, so you can easily add repetitive notes to an invoice just by selecting the pertinent standard note.
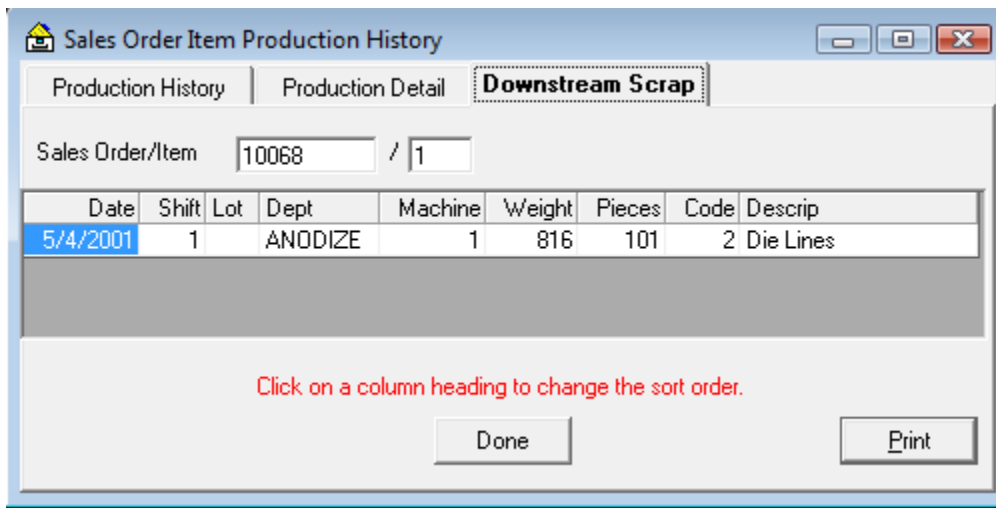
SCRAP INFO ADDED TO DEPARTMENT TAB ON SOITEM SCREEN

The #2 item on the 2008 Wishlist was the ability to show scrapped details for a sales order item. This feature has been implemented by adding a "downstream scrap" item to the right-click menu.
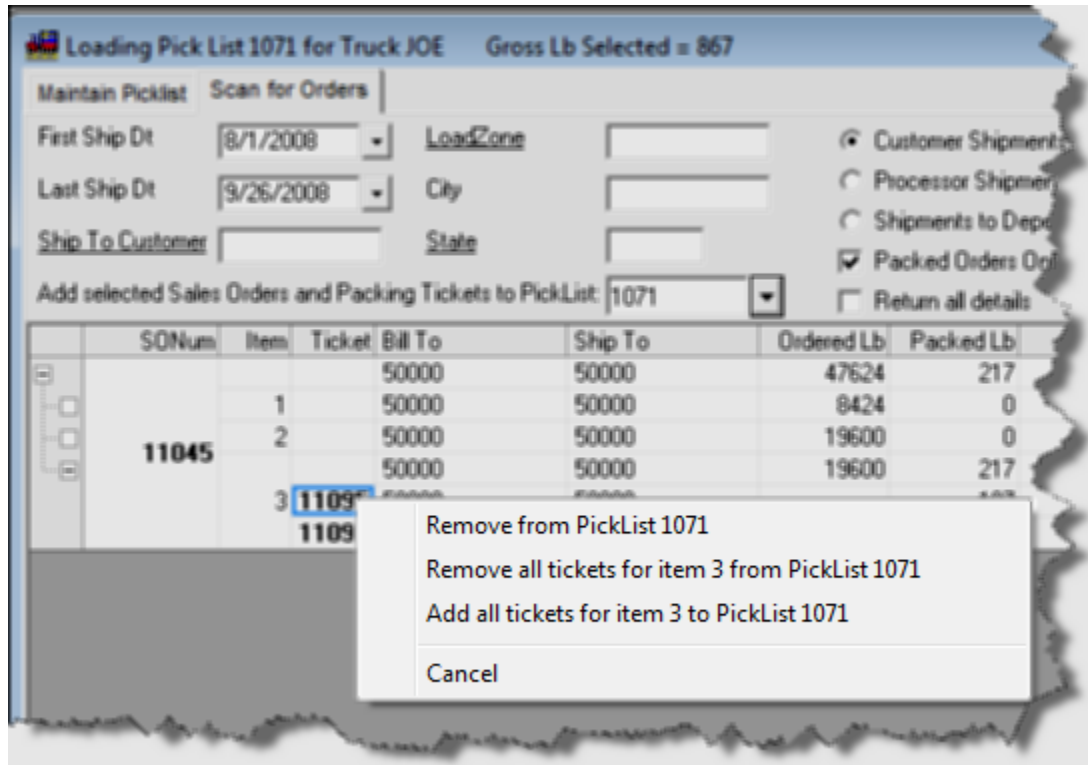

When this option is selected a new screen appears which lets the user examine downstream scrap as well as production history and production detail.

CREATING SHIPPING PICKLIST NOW FASTER

The #5 item on the 2008 Wishlist was to develop a faster method of adding all tickets for an SOItem to a picklist. To accomplish this task, you simply right-click on a ticket and select the new option to add all tickets for the SOItem to the picklist.

You can also remove all tickets for an SOItem from the picklist using the same right-click menu.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE EPICS V8.10 UPDATE

- *Added "Good Pc" column to "Shift Summary" tab of Advanced Data Collection screen.

- Allowed tickets to be printed or reprinted from Maintain Stock Inventory screen.

- Added error checking to the Routing creation procedure to catch basic errors, such as PAINT before EXTRUDE, PACK before AGE, etc.

- Start Time, StopTime, Hr, and Crewsize can now be changed from the Maintain Tickets screen for packed tickets.

- In the ==Pricing== Module, Cavity charges are applied only if the routing includes a department with a THERMAL FILL category. (This can be over-ridden by setting the new configuration value "gCavityRequiresThermal" to NO.)

- ==Stock Inventory replacement orders== were not being displayed between the time they were extruded and the time they were placed into inventory. This has been corrected.

- ==Crystal== XI Release 2 and Crystal 2008 viewers are now supported. You can download these viewers from www.foyinc.com.

- A new {@Proof} formula has been added to the standard EPICS Acknowledgement and Manifest so that the word ==PROOF== can be printed if desired.

- A new configuration setting, *gMaintenanceLockout,* allows the EPICS System Administrator to temporarily ban EPICS logins, and to display an explanatory message.

OLD INVOICING SCREEN TO GO AWAY

As enhancements continue to be made to the Advanced Invoicing screen, this is a good time to remind you that the old Invoicing screen will be eliminated in the not-too-distant future. If you are still using this screen, we encourage you to move to the new screen as soon as possible.

TIFTON JOINS THE EPICS FAMILY

We welcome the folks at Tifton Extrusions as the latest EPICS users. Tifton was formerly an Alcoa-owned facility, but they have been purchased by the same group that owns BRT Extrusions. BRT has used EPICS since they started, so naturally they installed EPICS at the Tifton plant. The plant is located in Tifton Georgia.

POSTLE ALUMINUM INSTALLS EPICS AT SECOND PLANT

Postle Aluminum recently installed a press at their facility in the Portland area of Oregon. They are using the Basic Edition of EPICS to help run this facility. Postle already had EPICS running at their plant in Michigan (the former DW Extrusion facility)

EPICS CUSTOMER LIST

On any given day
EPICS is helping over 13,000 people
at over 85 extrusion plants around the world.

Aacoa Extrusions – Niles, Michigan
Aerolite Extrusion – Youngstown, Ohio
Alenco – Bryan, Texas
Almag Aluminum Inc. – Brampton, Ontario
Altec (Alumnitec). – Jeffersonville, Indiana
Aluminio de Baja California (ABC) – Tijuana, Mexico
Aluminio de Centro America (ALDECA) – San Salvador, El
    Salvador
Aluminio Del Caribe– San Juan, Puerto Rico
Aluminum Extrusions Inc – Senatobia, Miss.
American Aluminum Extrusions of Ohio – Canton, Ohio
American Aluminum Extrusions of Wisconsin – Beloit, WS
APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Calgary, Alberta
Arch Aluminum – Miami, Florida
Astro Shapes – Struthers, Ohio
Atlantic Aluminum (Signature) – Lumber Bridge, N.C.
Benada Aluminum – Medley, Florida
Bristol Aluminum – Levittown, Pennsylvania
Briteline Extrusions – Summerville, S. Carolina
BRT Extrusions – Niles, Ohio
CanArt – Brampton, Ontario
CanArt – Tecumseh, Ontario
Central Aluminum – Columbus, Ohio
Crane Aluminium Extrusions – Angaston, Australia
Crane Aluminium Extrusions (Capral) – Penrith, Australia
Crown Extrusions, Chaska, Minnesota
Crystal Extrusion Systems – Union, Missouri
Empire Resources – Baltimore, Maryland
Extrudex – Weston, Ontario
Extrudex – Berniéres, Quebec
Extrudex – North Jackson, Ohio
FISA – Guayaquil, Ecuador
Frontier Aluminum – Corona, California
Golden Aluminum Extrusion – Plant City, Florida
Golden Aluminum Extrusion – Warren, Ohio
Hualum. – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
Hualum. – Capetown, South Africa
Hulalum. – Olifantsfontein, South Africa
Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Hamilton, New Zealand
Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Melbourne, Australia
International Extrusion – Alhambra, California
International Extrusion – Waxahachie, Texas
International Extrusions – Garden City, Michigan
Jalex – Kingston, Jamaica
Keymark Corporation – Fonda, New York

Keymark Corporation – Lakeland, Florida
MI Metals, Inc - Smyrna, Tennessee
MI Metals, Inc – Millersburg, Pennsylvania
MI Metals, Inc – Oldsmar, Florida
MI Metals, Inc – Millen, Georgia
MI Metals, Inc – Prescott Valley, Arizona
Mid–America Extrusions – Indianapolis, Indiana
Midwest Aluminum – Withee, Wisconsin
Non-Ferrous Extrusion – Houston, Texas
Patrick Metals – Mishawaka, Indiana
Pennex – Wellsville, Pennsylvania
Perfiles de Aluminio.– San Juan, Puerto Rico
Postal Aluminum – – Cassopolis, Michigan
Postal Aluminum – Portland, Oregon
Pries Enterprises – Independence, Iowa
PT Alumindo Perkasa – Jakarta, Indonesia
PT Indal – Surabaya, Indonesia
Profab Industries – Canfield, Ohio
Profile Extrusions – Rome, Georgia
Profile (RJS Precision Ext.) – Phoenix, Arizona
Selaco Aluminium – Johar, Malaysia
Service Center Metals – Prince George, Virginia
Sierra Aluminum – Fontana, California
Silver City Aluminum -- Taunton, Mass
Sierra Aluminum – Riverside, California
Specialty Extrusion – Fullerton, California
Spectra Aluminum – Woodbridge, Ontario
Star Extruded Shapes, Canfield, Ohio
Superior Extrusion – Gwinn, Michigan
Sun Valley Extrusions – Los Angeles, California
Tecnoglass – Barranquilla, Columbia
Taber Extrusions – Gulfport, Mississippi
Taber Extrusions – Russellville, Arkansas
TAI-AO Aluminium – Taishan, Guang Dong, China
Temroc Metals (Signature) – Hamel, Minnesota
Tifton Extrusions – Tifton, Georgia
Tri–City Extrusion – Bristol, Tennessee
Tubelite – Reed City, Michigan
Vista Wall Arch. Products – Midway, Tennessee
Vista Wall Arch. Products – Terrell, Texas
Vitex – Franklin, New Hampshire
Wakefield Engineering – Pelham, New Hampshire
Western Extrusion – Carrolton, Texas
Zarbana Industries – Columbiana, Ohio

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