

Western Maintenance Conference 2003

PARTS

According to Allen Pratt, Goss has added to inventory so that over 80,000 part numbers are now logged for availability. Goss continually reviews inventory, adding spares for all press types.

John Beers - Some newspaper plants do not have parts manuals (cross reference) and want to know how to get them or whether they can be purchased on a CD. Allen didn't have a direct answer but suggested they contact Goss to get specific drawings for whatever they need. Fred Sheets also asked for a way to buy older manuals.

Dana Reed asks what was the long-term plan on the repair and/or replacement of Colorliner unit electronics, such as MAC, Drink and Com boards. Allen did not give a direct answer to this question in the meeting, only stating that they try their best to repair them and will redesign reactively. [In follow up conversations with Tom Hojnicky and Christopher McAlpine, however, they gave 100% commitment to the future support of these boards. If they could not find a component to repair a board, they would redesign it if necessary to have sufficient unit replacement parts.]

Goss has three electrical engineers working on obsolete parts, (boards) trying to find new parts for boards that are obsolete.

Upgraded drink board with extra protection available from Goss (some papers have developed their own drink board protection)

Goss was asked but could not supply a list of components life expectancy by part number.

Allen Pratt said that he would notify us on obsolete parts, (boards). He said that their plans is to stock all "recommended" spares for all press models. He said that it will take some time.

Someone brought up concerns about the cost of center-15 and other clutches. The Seattle Times talked about their success rebuild them for under \$500.

Matt Armstrong spoke about concerns regarding how long it took Goss to provide him with a replacement bevel gear set – it took 3 weeks. Allen didn't have a specific answer and said it shouldn't have. It took the Seattle Times over 6 months to get a replacement cylinder.

Parts-Link - Someone mentioned that not all parts seem to be online anymore before the "Oracle upgrade". Allen talked about the problems with the oracle database and that not all of the parts have been moved in the software yet. They still have the older parts in an older system, and are moving them over to Oracle as they need to. Someone asked why Parts-Link no longer shows the "quantity on hand" anymore. He said this was just not included in the new screens and you can get to it once to go to purchase the part.

Matt Armstrong made a proposal to the group to post used/surplus parts on the WMC web site. [If anyone has any – please send an email to Dana Reed and he will post it dreed@seattletimes.com]

Lots of additional talk about mechanical parts that are not available, with no specific answers from Allen Pratt.

