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# Integrator



Linking Our Customers, Associates and Suppliers

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*Above, the walls are going up on Fawn Electronics' new Nashville, NC facility.*

## Construction Progresses on New Facility

Construction is progressing on Fawn Electronics' new facility in Nashville, NC. The site has been levelled, foundation poured and now the walls are being put up.

Final color choices for the interior flooring and walls are being made. Final selection of an IT contractor is also in progress. Interior fit-up

activities will begin as soon as the walls are finished.

A very carefully staged move-in is scheduled for fourth quarter. Ensuring continuity of production is a key consideration in the Company's planning focus.

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## System Integration Business Doubles

According to Art Rutledge, Fawn Electronics' president, the Company's existing systems integration business has doubled this year. While business is growing with existing customers in systems integration, there is also growth with new projects and prospects.

Fawn Electronics has added three customers in second quarter. The first project is a board-

level New Product Introduction (NPI) effort for a telecommunications product which is RoHS compliant. Fawn personnel are supporting the design effort with design for manufacturability/test (DFM/DFT) recommendations and building prototypes.

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## Braswell Promoted to Project Engineering Manager



Tom Braswell has been promoted to Project Engineering Manager. He joined Fawn Electronics on January 29, 1996 as an electronics technician. He had previously

owned a consumer electronics repair business.

He is working on a Master's in manufacturing engineering at East Carolina University. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in manufacturing from East Carolina University and Associates' degrees in industrial technology and electronics engineering from Edgecombe Community College. He graduated summa cum laude with all three degrees. He also holds an Electronic Servicing certification from Edgecombe Community College. He belongs to the Phi Kappa Phi Collegiate Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (Honor Society).

In his new position, Tom is responsible for industrial engineering, project engineering, program management, new product introduction engineering and sustaining engineering. He is modifying some

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*Above, construction workers finish the framing on 47,000 sq. ft. Nashville, NC facility.*

# Linda Bradley Celebrates 25 Year Service Anniversary



Linda Bradley is an Industrial Engineer at Fawn Electronics. In that capacity she supports process documentation

development for both new and existing projects. She joined the Company in June 1982 as an assembler. She was subsequently promoted to Group Leader and Manufacturing Manager.

She previously spent about 15 years at GTE Sylvania as assembler and group leader.

Linda says she has found value in having a long tenure career with two employers with distinctly different production environments. She added that she enjoyed the transition to higher complexity work at Fawn and the challenge of addressing the variety of products found in the EMS industry. In her spare time she enjoys reading. ■

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departmental procedures both to address changing business needs and to stay in line with the equipment and capabilities Fawn is adding to serve its growing customer base. One key change will be converting the existing work instructions' format to a standard with a higher graphics content. He has created the role of NPI specialist to build additional continuity into product hand-offs. This position serves as an interface between production and engineering during the production qualification phase. He is also evaluating the process flow on engineering change orders to both streamline the process and create a tighter linkage with the MRP system.

His new role includes some of his former responsibilities for supporting design for manufacturability/testability (DFM/DFT). He is adding a DFM/DFT discipline to existing projects regardless of whether or not the customer has expressed a desire for review. Part of the driver for this proactive focus is the market-driven need to anticipate likely requirements for RoHS conversion. He also sees a need to watch country-specific RoHS and other regulations to determine if any of these initiatives will change customer base requirements. ■

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The second project is for printed circuit board assemblies for an industrial signage product. Volume is anticipated to be 10,000 boards per year. An NPI project at the box level is currently being bid.

product used in automotive/agricultural applications. Volume is anticipated to range between 5,000-10,000 boards per year. Potential box build opportunities are also being evaluated with this client. ■

The third project is for printed circuit board assemblies for a performance monitoring