

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AT RMG

RMG is a vertical company. We machine most of the parts that go into our machines, spare parts and tooling. This capability gives us the ability to be very responsive on customer orders for new machines and piece parts. A combination of precision CNC and manual machines are used to mill and turn our parts. RMG is very efficient at machining; however, keeping track of all our cutting tools and inserts was becoming a bottleneck. Often we would go search for a new insert to find out that we ran out and that would cause frustration and delays. Consequently, George Randolph (VP Supply Chain) implemented a system that saves us time and money. Using a valued supplier (Engman Taylor), we have implemented an automated replenishment system for MRO and some production parts that they manage for us. This system has allowed RMG to reduce the amount of work needed cutting PO's, receipt of product, and entering invoices for payment. We currently have about 200 parts in the system and are in the process of raising our auto replenishment inventory to over 1000 part numbers. To allow this to happen a scanner and iPad that is part of the system that connects to Engman Taylor through a portal telling them what to bring in each week and sends us an invoice for that week's activity. Engman Taylor puts away all inventory for RMG allowing us to concentrate on other areas for improvement. "It is both fun and rewarding to come up with win-win solutions" per George.



Ed Glass, Manufacturing Supervisor, using the new system.

