



## *The Mill and Drill*

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### DEAR CUSTOMER

Welcome to your weekly installment of "*The Mill & Drill*", TriMech Mfg.'s Technical Newsletter for FeatureCAM. This newsletter is intended to keep you, the hip TriMech FeatureCAM User, on the cutting edge of your FeatureCAM seat. Don't forget to visit [www.trimech.com](http://www.trimech.com) for additional information.

### NOTICES

#### **Are you on FeatureCAM maintenance?**

If so, great! If not, you really should consider it. Here's what you get with an annual maintenance contract:

**Software updates** - You can get the latest and greatest updates from EGS including one major version upgrade.

**Post processors** - We will either customize what you have, or we will provide new posts for any additional machinery that you might purchase.

**Technical support** - Phone, fax, or e-mail us M-F from 8-5.

**Plus**, you won't feel left out in a few months when we start raving about all the awesome new stuff in **FeatureCAM 2006!**

Prices vary depending on what modules you own and their current maintenance status, so give John Kanney a call for detailed pricing info.

#### **Did you miss a newsletter?**

Don't worry, the newsletters are posted, every issue, in PDF format on the TriMech Web Site ([www.trimech.com](http://www.trimech.com)). Just hover over TriMech Manufacturing, Technical Support and you will see *The Mill & Drill* letters to the right side.

#### **Is there anybody else at your company who would like to receive the newsletter?**

Send us their name and e-mail address, and we'll add them to the list.

### FeatureCAM TRAINING SCHEDULE

**Note:** Our main training facility is in Fishersville, VA, but we can make special arrangements for classes at any of our other TriMech offices (Columbia, MD; Pittsburgh, PA; Richmond, VA; Durham, NC; and Charlotte, NC). We also provide on-site training. Call (540) 949-7703 for rates and details.

<b>Fishersville, VA</b>	
	Apr. 6,7

FeatureCAM Basic (2 days)	May 4,5
FeatureCAM Advanced Milling	Apr. 14 May 12
FeatureCAM Turning	TBD
<b>TIPS AND TRICKS</b>	
<p><b>Switching Tool Cribs</b></p> <p>To change from one tool crib to another, you typically go to the <b>Tool Manager</b> under the <b>Manufacturing</b> menu. But, there is a faster way. Look in the lower right-hand corner of your FeatureCAM interface. Do you see your tool crib name? Click on it. A list of all of the available cribs will pop up, and you can select the one you want.</p>	
<p><b>Another Open Option</b></p> <p>Here's a quick way to open a file that's straight out of the <i>Windows 101 Handbook</i>. If you are in Windows Explorer or anywhere else that you can see the program name, drag and drop it into the FeatureCAM window or onto the FeatureCAM icon. It works! (even though we made up the part about the <i>Windows 101 Handbook</i>)</p>	
<p><b>Exporting FeatureCAM Files</b></p> <p>Did you know that you can export your .fm files as CAD formats? Depending on which modules you own, the formats will vary, but the list includes IGES, Parasolids, DXF and DWG. To do this, go to <b>File &gt; Export</b>. Name the exported file, and give it a file format under "<b>Save as type.</b>"</p>	
<b>QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?</b>	
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