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Michael Gross with Pierre Chaurand (left) and Kevin Schug (right) (top row, photos courtesy of Sue Weintraub); David Dearden (left) and Peter O'Connor (right) (bottom row).

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