

Successful Networking Event at the 1st Annual WMMA Fall Regional Conference

September 13-15, 2017

**WMMA Regional Networking Meeting
DoubleTree by Hilton Charlotte
Charlotte, NC**



WMMA held its first regional networking and education event in Charlotte, North Carolina this month. We were thrilled to have over 40 participants in our inaugural event! In-person committee meetings were bursting at the seams for a great exchange of information and ideas on moving the organization forward. Speakers [Cyndi Gave](#) and [Urs Buehlmann](#) shared their expertise on staffing and understanding of the monthly housing reports. Both speakers were very engaged with the participants. It was also great to gather with so many members of the woodworking industry to share in the networking events throughout the week.

We'd like to give a special thank you to Precision Drive Systems and CR Onsrud for opening their doors to us. Tours of both facilities really added a valued and informative aspect to the regional meeting. Our 2nd Annual Regional Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota - October 1-3, 2018. Minneapolis is another key location for industry-related companies. (Is your company located in the Minneapolis area? Contact [Diane Schafer](#) for information about providing a tour!)

Mark your calendars for this important networking event!

[WMMA 2018 Regional Networking Meeting](#)

October 1-3, 2018

**Loews Minneapolis Hotel
Minneapolis, MN**

Facility Tour of Precision Drive Systems



Facility Tour of [C.R. Onsrud](#)





Educate Your Workforce!
BOOT CAMP SESSION.

Jan 8th - 12th, 2018
Kansas Technology Center
Pittsburg State University | Pittsburg, Kansas

Designed for Sales Professionals, Sales Managers, Product Managers, and Executives.
This week long course will broaden the understanding secondary wood manufacturing processes.

In partnership with WMIA
WMIA
Woodworking Machinery Industry Association

The WMIA-sponsored Boot Camp is a wood processing industry overview. It's a unique project-based program that provides an exposure-level curriculum and hands-on approach to several of the industry's fundamental wood processing applications, and the machinery used in those manufacturing processes. Topics to be covered include: AutoCAD, CAM Software, CNC, Wood Science, Primary Processing, Finishing, Veneering, Cabinetry, Machine Woods, Tool Technology, Millwork, and Facilities Management. Boot Camp is a tremendously effective way to give a member of your sales, marketing, or executive staff a better understanding of the woodworking industry's manufacturing processes.

The next session is January 8-12, 2018 at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS. While the registration fee for non-WMIA members usually costs \$2400, WMIA is extending the member rate of \$1950/person to all WMMA members. This fee covers not only the course and all materials, but also hotel accommodations and all meals.

If you have specific questions relative to content of the Boot Camp, please [email](#)



10-6-2017

Manufacturing Day is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers. Manufacturing Day occurs on the first Friday in October - this year Manufacturing Day is Oct 6, 2017.

While Manufacturing Day is officially Oct. 6, companies and community organizations should plan their events on the date in October that works best for them. No matter the date, events should be registered on the site and can be marked as public or invitation-only events.

Registered event hosts have access to free event planning and execution resources and toolkits to make planning a Manufacturing Day event easy! [Click here for more information.](#)

[Click here](#) to view videos about Manufacturing Day



**Woodworking
Industry
Conference**

Save the Dates for Upcoming WIC's!



WIC 2018 | May 1-4, 2018 | Hyatt Regency Maui | Maui, Hawaii



WIC 2019 | April 2-5, 2019 | Omni Amelia Island Plantation | Amelia Island, Florida

WMMA Supplier Recruitment Initiative We need your help!

WMMA member,

Throughout the year, the Membership Development Committee takes on various initiatives to recruit, maintain and develop WMMA's membership.

We are asking our membership to recruit new associate members, especially suppliers. Consider the various suppliers to your business: motors, drive systems, electronics, PLC/PC, metal products, paint, hardware, software, etc. Each of us has many relationships with companies that are perfect to be an associate member. By recruiting supplier members we not only strengthen our association but also provide our suppliers an opportunity to connect with many other companies.

I encourage you to share WMMA information with your suppliers and have them visit www.wmma.org for more information. Additionally, the on-line membership application can be found [here](#).

Thank you in advance for your help in this effort.

Thank you.

Membership Development Committee Chair

ANSI Update

Are you interested in contributing to the development and maintenance of these valuable industry safety standards? The ASCO1 is currently looking for members in the following categories:

- * General Interest
- * Government
- * User

If you are interested in joining the ASCO1, contact WMMA Associate Director Jennifer Miller at jennifer@wmma.org.



WMMA Social Media Ambassadors

Do you tweet, twitter, or consider yourself a social media guru? If so, we want to you to join the WMMA Social Media Ambassadors. There are no meetings, simply share, repost and spread the good word of the WMMA and the woodworking industry with your social media network. Simply follow WMMA on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn as well as other social media platforms such as pinterest or youtube. Then help us spread the message by reposting, retweeting or sharing your own posts on the WMMA and the industry.

Simply email jscott@airhand.com to confirm your willingness to help.



Industry News:

Virginia Tech Housing Report: June 2017

Mediocris incrementum, or mediocre housing market progress, is the story line for 2017. With that written, it does appear that the housing construction market was pulled forward by the unusually warm winter in many sections of the United States that resulted in construction activity to proceed earlier in the year. Housing starts and new single-family sales appear to have “turned over” on a monthly and year-over-year basis.

[Click here to read more](#)



NAM Monday Economic Report - September 25, 2017



There will be a number of releases this week that focus on the current health of the manufacturing sector.

[Click here to read more](#)

September 2017 - The ITR Advisor - Macroeconomic Outlook - Volume 16

The US economy is accelerating, and leading indicators point to further acceleration into early next year. Annual average US Industrial Production in July was up 0.6% compared to the year-ago level. Manufacturing Production and Mining Production are in cyclical rising trends, up 0.8% and virtually even with the year-ago level, respectively.

[Click here to read more](#)

Industry Calendar of Events

Note: For a complete listing of all meetings, including those held internationally, go to WMMA's website, www.wmma.org, and click on "Events."

Have an event to add to the Industry Calendar in this newsletter? Send it to jennifer@wmma.org

October 6, 2017

[Manufacturing Day](#)

November 2-4, 2017

[Woodworking Machinery & Supply Expo \(WMS 2017\)](#)

International Centre, Toronto

Website: www.WoodworkingExpo.ca

May 1-4, 2018

[WIC 2018 - Save the Date!](#)

Hyatt Regency Maui

Maui, Hawaii

August 22-25, 2018

[IWF 2018 - Save the Date!](#)

Georgia World Congress Center

Atlanta, Georgia

Website: <http://www.iwfatlanta.com/>

April 2-5, 2019

[WIC 2019 - Save the Date!](#)

Omni Amelia Island Plantation

Amelia Island, Florida