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 maryhelen@wmma.org.

Association News

You (Yes, You) Are Cordially Invited...

Here at WMMA, we're lucky to have dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers work on any number of committees and task forces. They study upcoming legislation, look at industry trends, decide how WMMA should market itself, help us adapt to new technology - and do a lot more that we don't have space to mention.

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Special Deals for WMMA Exhibitors at WMS

The Woodworking Machinery and Supply Expo (WMS), billed as Canada's largest woodworking event, is in the works. The dates will be Oct. 24-26, 2013, and the venue will be the International Centre in Toronto.

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IWF Corner

What's the latest on IWF 2014? Find out here!

IWF Corner is a new feature in The Cutting Edge. From now until showtime, here is where you'll find out all the latest information, plans, offers and more. IWF 2014 will be held Aug. 20-23 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA.

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Save the Date for WIC 2014

WMMA has announced details for the Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC), which it puts on each year in conjunction with the Woodworking Machinery Industry Association (WMIA).

The meeting will be held from April 28 to May 2, 2014 in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. The host hotel will be the Wyndham Rio Mar Beach Resort.

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WMMA to March on Washington

By Frank Kobilsek, Former WMMA Public Policy Chair
Along with associates from WMIA and AWFS, WMMA leaders and committee members are currently making appointments to visit Senators and Congressman in D.C. on Tuesday, September 17. The WMMA Public Policy Committee has developed the following as key legislative issues for the industry:

Get Involved With WMMA!

Ever wanted to be more involved with WMMA? Committees are always seeking assistance. Contact the following committee chairmen to express your interest:

Membership Development Committee: Chris Hacker
Public Policy Committee: Fred Stringfellow
International Business Development: Randy Keko
ANSI 01.1 Committee: Jim Laster

Is Offshoring the New "Made in America?"

A recent editorial in The Economic Populist discussed possible aspects of offshoring many may not be considering. According to the article,

Production location no longer matters, the thing that will count is ownership of the final product… We have a new definition, Factoryless manufacturing. Did you know we can have U.S. manufacturing without actually making any goods in the United States? That's the plan to count corporations and their products who are located in the U.S. but offshore outsource their manufacturing abroad as part of the U.S. manufacturing base.

Read the full article here.

Keep up with WMMA’s free Washington Report

Want an insider’s view of what goes on in Washington, D.C. and what can affect your business? Sign up to receive the free Washington Report.

WMMA’s Public Policy Counsel John Satagaj sends out his report directly to WMMA members who indicate they would like to receive it. The report is published on the first of each month, and a benefit of membership to all in WMMA.

Want to receive the report? Send an e-mail to maryhelen@wmma.org

Connect with WMMA on Social Media!

WMMA has moved into the social media scene. Connect with us on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

It’s the best way to stay current with WWMA, with other members, and with the industry as a whole. The social media pool is great, so dive right in. Contact the WMMA staff if you need any assistance!

Find WMMA on Facebook and LinkedIn using the acronym WMMA, or searching on the full name of the organization. On Twitter, use WMMA @WoodMachineMfrs

Are YOU using social media to promote your business? WMMA would love to know...
Industry News

The Housing Report: Recovery by 2015

According to the June 2013 Housing Reports, the economy continues a slow trend of improvement. There are still lots of headwinds to deal with, however. Government debt issues at all levels of government will continue to exacerbate the job problem. In addition, much of Europe is in recession and suffering major banking problems. China, too, is slowing.

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Anchorseal Report Provides Snapshot of Wood Industry

The Anchorseal Index of Hardwood Production, reflecting the gallons of hardwood end sealer products sold each month to be used in the production of quality hardwoods, has released its three-month economic report aimed at describing the state of the woodworking industry's economy.

[Click here to read more...]

WMI Workshop Planned for October in Oregon

The 25th Annual WMI Workshop on Design, Operation and Maintenance of Circular and Band Saws will be offered on Monday and Tuesday, October 14-15 at the Red Lion Hotel Lloyd Center, Portland, OR.

The session will provide participants with up-to-date information necessary to increase their company's profits by maximizing sawing accuracy and the rate of sawing and by reducing kerf losses, downtime and sawing equipment maintenance costs.

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Member News Corner

Send WMMA your company's news, including new hires, milestones, new products or equipment or just general interest. Information can be sent to Mary Helen Sprecher at maryhelen@wmma.org.

KOMO Machine, Inc. Reports Success at AWFS

The folks from KOMO Machine, Inc. are busier than ever after a great show at this year's AWFS Fair held at the Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV July 24-27, 2013.

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Two Industry Veterans Join KOMO Machine, Inc.

With the growth of the organization, KOMO Machine Inc. continues to recruit and hire the best talent in the industry. To that end, longtime industry veterans Brian Feggestad and Bart DeVries have joined KOMO's Sales Department as Regional Sales Managers as of August 2013.

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Leitz Tooling Systems Announces iPad Give-away Winner

Leitz Tooling congratulates Ray Cerulli (Plastic Tops Inc., La Habra, California) as the lucky winner of an iPad Mini from a drawing Leitz held during the recent AWFS Fair in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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