

## WMMA/NAM DC Fly-In June 20-21 Industry Leaders Converge on Capitol Hill For Day of Advocacy



*Jamie Scott and Alex Robertson on Capitol Hill.*



*Public Policy Chair TR Herzog on Capitol Hill during the Fly-In.*



*Steve Carter and Dan Bond meeting with Senator Shaheen during the Fly-In.*



Leaders from the Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America, Woodworking Machinery Industry Association and Association of Woodworking & Furnishing Suppliers converged on Capitol Hill on June 21 to advocate for the most important policy needs of the industry. Industry leaders pressed over two dozen lawmakers and their staff about supporting career technical education; specifically the reauthorization of the Perkins Act. Other issues discussed included corporate tax and health care reform. The event was part of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Manufacturing Summit, held in Washington, DC, June 20-21.

Vice President Mike Pence and Speaker of House Paul Ryan delivered the June 20 NAM luncheon address, which focused on comprehensive tax reform. The WMMA Public Policy Committee met later that afternoon to review message points and the final Hill visit schedule. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta and House Majority Leader Kevin Brady addressed attendees on June 21. The day of advocacy built on the success of the February 2017 fly-in.

First-time attendee Dan Christensen, Pillar Machine, and WMMA Public Policy Committee member, talked about his experiences in this short video.

If you are interested in participating in the next fly-in, please contact Dan Bond at [dan@wmma.org](mailto:dan@wmma.org)



## 2017 Fall Networking Meeting

September 13-15, 2017

WMMA Regional Networking Meeting

DoubleTree by Hilton Charlotte

Charlotte, NC



**Save \$100 - Register by August 23rd!**

WMMA is pleased to announce its first regional networking and education event in Charlotte, North Carolina. We chose Charlotte, not only because of the number of current WMMA members there, but also because of the number of industry-related companies in the area who are not yet members. We hope that bringing this educational event to the area encourages not only networking among members but an opportunity for outreach within the woodworking machinery community. We encourage everyone to bring a co-worker and a friend to what we hope will become a regular event.

### Registration - Save \$100 Until August 23rd!

[Click here to register online](#) (log in required)

[Click here to fill out our registration form](#)

### Hotel Reservations - Reserve by August 23rd!

[DoubleTree by Hilton Charlotte](#)

895 W. Trade Street

Charlotte, NC 28202

Phone: +1 (704) 347-0070

WMMA has secured a group rate of \$169.00 single/double. To receive the discounted rate, call the DoubleTree at +1 (704) 347-0070 or toll free at 1-800-445-8667, and reference WMMA Fall Meeting. Be sure to reserve prior to August 23, 2017 in order to receive the discounted rate.

[Click here to reserve a room online](#)

### Wednesday, September 13 ([Click here to join a committee](#))

9:00am - 11:00am - [Facility Tour and Presentation at Precision Drive Systems](#)

11:30am - 1:00pm - Public Policy Committee Meeting

1:00pm - 3:00pm - Membership Development Committee Meeting

3:15pm - 5:15pm - Technical Standards Committee / International Business Development Committee (Concurrent Meetings)

### Thursday, September 14 (Events Open to All Registered Attendees)

8:00am - 9:00am - Networking Breakfast

9:00am - 10:00am - The Economics Behind the Monthly Housing Reports, presented by Urs Buehlmann, Virginia Tech

10:30am - 12:00pm - Ready...Hire...Aim: Just Because Your Competition Hires This Way, Doesn't Mean You Should, presented by Cyndi Gave, The Metiss Group

12:00pm - 1:15pm - Networking Lunch

1:30pm - 5:00pm - [Facility Tour of C.R. Onsrud](#)

6:30pm - Reception and Dinner at DoubleTree by Hilton Charlotte Hotel

### Friday, September 15

9:00am - 2:00pm - WMMA Board of Directors Meeting (By Invitation Only)

Learn more about the 2017 Fall Networking Meeting by [clicking here](#).

**WMMA Board & Committee Members attend free - contact [diane@wmma.org](mailto:diane@wmma.org) to find out how!**



## LIGNA 2017 - US PAVILION MAY 22-26, 2017 HANOVER, GERMANY



The world's leading trade fair for machinery, plant and tools for the woodworking and timber processing industry



### SLIGNA 2017 delivers big on innovations

Industry 4.0 concepts for the wood industry were the dominant theme at this year's LIGNA, with major emphasis placed on digitalization, integration and automation.

- \* 1,500 exhibitors
- \* 129,000 sqm net space
- \* 93,000 visitors
- \* 42,000 international guests

[See more stats on LIGNA 2017](#)

WMMA was pleased to co-exhibit with the following member companies:

- \* James L. Taylor
- \* Mereen-Johnson
- \* Black Bros.
- \* CR Onsrud
- \* LMT Onsrud
- \* MultiCam, Inc.
- \* Super Thin Saws
- \* U\*C Coatings

Other WMMA members that exhibited at LIGNA:

- \* AceCo Precision Manufacturing - Hall 027, Booth H73
- \* Apquip Company - Hall 027, Booth H73
- \* CR Onsrud - Hall 13, Booth E45/1
- \* Newman Machine Company Inc. - Hall 027, Booth H67
- \* PDS - Hall 15, Booth D34
- \* Safety Speed Manufacturing Co. Inc. - Hall 013, Booth D33
- \* UNIQUE Machine & Tool Co. - Hall 013, Booth E41/1
- \* USNR, LLC - Hall 025, Booth D65 & Hall 026, D08
- \* Voorwood Company - Hall 011, Booth A69



## WMMA Thanks Member Companies That Sponsored WIC 2017:







**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**

## Education Corner

### The MiLL (Manufacturing Industry Learning Labs)

#### The MiLL Training Center Remodel is Underway

Last month, the remodel work on the MiLL got underway and will continue through June and July preparing the 46,600 sqft training center for classes to begin August 15, 2017. Dennis Neal, Director of Facilities for Widefield School District, said the handicap access is poured and classrooms are being constructed. The HVAC system is being installed; it's a busy place with local contractors working hard to meet the August opening. Equally exciting to the work in progress is the arrival of machinery, tools and supplies arriving at the MiLL loading docks all because of the support of our MiLL industry partners in the WMMA and WMIA. More to come on this exciting news soon!

#### And, another way for industry to be involved with the MiLL

During the recent WIC conference in Palm Springs, Gary Besonen, National Woodworking Equipment Sales Manager for Timesavers, Inc., discussed with Dean Mattson, the idea of sharing TimeSaver's history and timeline to show MiLL students and visitors the story behind their industry partners. Timesaver's Inc. is a pioneer in sanding technology founded over 70 years ago. Look for their story and timeline to be featured at the MiLL.



For donations to or information about the MiLL please contact:

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The Peyton Way Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) gives you a path to donate to The MiLL. To donate contact - the [peytonwayfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:peytonwayfoundation@gmail.com)





## Industry News:

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### Virginia Tech Housing Reports:

In April 2017, in aggregate, monthly housing data were decidedly negative on a month-over-month basis. Total and single-family (SF) permits and starts declined; yet SF starts increased. New SF and existing sales, and completions also decreased.

[Click here to read more:](#)



### NAM Monday Economic Report – June 26, 2017

Last week was a slower one for indicators, but the data points that were released reflected mostly positive trends, with the global economy showing signs of continued progress.

[Click here to read more:](#)



### 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](http://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

## 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](mailto:jscott@airhand.com) to confirm your willingness to help.



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## 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](mailto:jennifer@wmma.org).





## Industry Calendar of Events

**Note:** For a complete listing of all meetings, including those held internationally, go to WMMA's website, [www.wmma.org](http://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](mailto:jennifer@wmma.org)

**July 19-22, 2017**

**[AWFS Fair](#)**

**Las Vegas Convention Center  
Las Vegas, NV**

**November 2-4, 2017**

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

International Centre, Toronto

Website: [www.WoodworkingExpo.ca](http://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!](#)**

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Amelia Island, Florida