

Wolfram Technologies Named Okuma Partner in Technology Member at Open House

Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies' recent open house event took place in its newly expanded shop in Austin, TX. The event showcased its shop operations, leveraging the latest CNC manufacturing processes, advancements and technology.

The shop is branded as the Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies and Caron Engineering Production Technology Center, utilizing and featuring OnTakt, the production management software developed and sold by Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies, and TMAC, Tool Connect, DTect-IT, MiConnect and AutoComp from Caron Engineering. Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies is the exclusive Caron Engineering integrator for the Western U.S.

A highlight of the event was Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies being named the newest Okuma Partner in Technology member. This was presented by Tim Thiessen, Sr. VP Sales & Marketing, Okuma, to Nathan Byman, President, Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies. Partners in Technology is a collaborative network of more than 50 companies that provide distinctive technologies and services that augment Okuma CNC machines for metalcutting and manufacturing applications. Members of the Partners in Technology network work closely with Okuma personnel to solve problems and explore new productivity

ideas for manufacturers.

Over 250 attendees from all over the U.S. attended the event. Small group guided tours were conducted throughout the day, offering a firsthand look at Wolfram's state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities. The shop floor features machines such as Okuma Multus, Okuma LB3000 EX II, Tsugami TMA8, Tsugami S206, FANUC RoboDrill, Sodick ALN400G Wire EDM, Omega TMM presetter, Haimer Shrink Fit, Haimer Tool Balancer and 3nine mist collectors among others.

During the event, Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies made over 1,000 parts and saw an average machine utilization rate of 84%, even without machine operators standing at the machines. This immersive experience allowed participants to witness the cutting-edge machinery and processes that are at the heart of Wolfram's operations.

The event keynote speakers included Tim Thiessen from Okuma, Mike Laurendeau from Caron Engineering, and Kevin Fincher from ARMA (Austin Regional Manufacturers Association).

The lobby was filled with exhibitors from Olympus Controls, Blum Novatest, Caron Engineering, 3Nine, Omega TMM, Haimer, A.J. Rod, Schunk, Sodick and MFG Tribe.

For lunch, Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies treated everyone to homemade BBQ crafted by its very



(l-r) Nathan Byman, President, Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies, and Tim Thiessen, Sr. VP Sales & Marketing, Okuma.

own pit master and employee, Dale Ekdahl, who served up tender brisket, pulled pork and sausage.

The Wolfram Open House was not just about presentations and tours; it was an opportunity for the community of manufacturing professionals to engage in meaningful discussions, share insights and explore potential collaborations. The event served as a platform for attendees to connect with peers, learn from experts and gain a deeper understanding of the latest trends and technologies shaping the manufacturing sector.

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Tim Thiessen, Sr. VP Sales & Marketing, Okuma, presented "What 1's and 0's got to do with i's and t's?"



Kevin Fincher, CEO, ARMA (Austin Regional Manufacturers Association), presented "Workforce Development's Role in Developing Skills for Advanced Manufacturing."



Mike Laurendeau, National Sales Manager/OEM Accounts Manager, Caron Engineering, presented "Advancing with Automation: Identifying the Best-Fit Technology to Optimize Your Machining Operations."



Kirby Martinez, Optimization Manager, Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies, with the Tsugami TMA8F featuring TMAC (Tool Monitoring Adaptive Control).



Chris Swaim, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Wolfram Manufacturing Technologies, with the FANUC RoboDrill Automation Cell showcasing Wolfram's implementation of Caron Engineering's MiConnect Manufacturing Automation Software. With MiConnect users can connect devices and operations on the shop floor, automate and simplify manufacturing processes and guide operator flow to optimize productivity.

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