

Absolute Machine Hosts Discovery Day Event to Launch its Midwest Technical Center

Absolute Machine Tools, Inc. recently hosted its Discovery Day event at its new Midwest Technical Center in Elgin, IL, where 200 guests experienced live demos of a wide range of advanced metalworking equipment. New technologies from such machine tool brands as Nexturn, Precihole, Accutex EDM, Tongtai, Johnford, and FANUC Automation were introduced.

“We welcomed loyal customers and prospective customers to the new Midwest Technical Center where they discovered and experienced first-hand Absolute’s wide range of solutions to fit their manufacturing needs. They learned that we are a new, alternative resource in this geographic market. It was a fun day of food, friendship, and discovery,” said Steve Ortner, President and CEO of Absolute Machine Tools.

A partial listing of the demos and new machine tools shown were:

- AR 15 Gun Barrel production on a Precihole GVN 25C/2-100 gundrilling machine.
- Ductile Iron Transmission Cover machined on the face of a tombstone by a Tongtai HB-630 horizontal machining center.
- Connector Plate on a Johnford DMC-1500HN double column machining center.
- 5-Axis Pyramid on a Tongtai HA-440II horizontal machining center

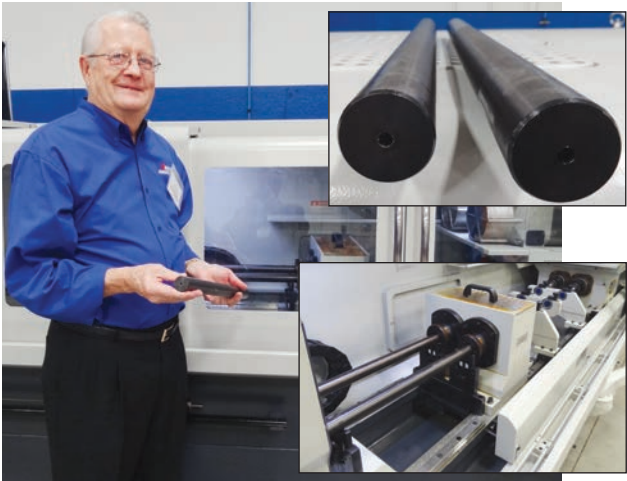
“The 26,000 sq. ft. technical center was acquired to support Absolute’s strong customer base in the region. Discovery Day was designed to showcase Absolute’s applications and service engineering capabilities via its highly trained staff and professional partnerships,” said



Steve Ortner. Ten Kennametal tooling packages worth \$1,000 each and 10 EDM consumable packages valued at \$350 were given away as door prizes.

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James McGaffin, Product Mgr. - Precihole, with the Precihole GVN 25C/2-100 drilling two AR15 gun barrels.



Randy Peacock, App. Engineer - IL Office, Absolute Machine Tools, with the Tongtai HA 400II HMC with KME 5-axis Tombstone Unit and Control.



(l-r) Rick Shanoski, National Sales, and Wes McLucas, President, MD Tooling, with the Tongtai TNL-100TLSB+Y featuring a sub-spindle, live tools, bar package turning center.



Ray Lawlis, Service Engineer, Absolute Machine Tools, with the Tongtai TMV-510C Milling & Tapping Center with 1,890 IPM Rapids. Shown is the Mill/Drill/Tap Pen Set demo part that was given to attendees.



Mike Land, Midwest Technical Center General Manager, Absolute Machine Tools, with the Nexturn SA-32P 7-Axis Swiss-Type Turning Center with 32 mm capacity and 210 mm length equipped with a 12' Bar Feeder. Demo is Spherical Fitting ø1" 1144 Stressproof Bearing Steel, polished and ground.



(l-r) Scott Brossard, Finance Mgr., Absolute Financial Svcs; Michael Julien, Account Mgr. - IL Office, and Tony Wells, Regional Sales Mgr., Absolute Machine Tools with the Tongtai HS-22+ Loader Auto Loading Turning Center.



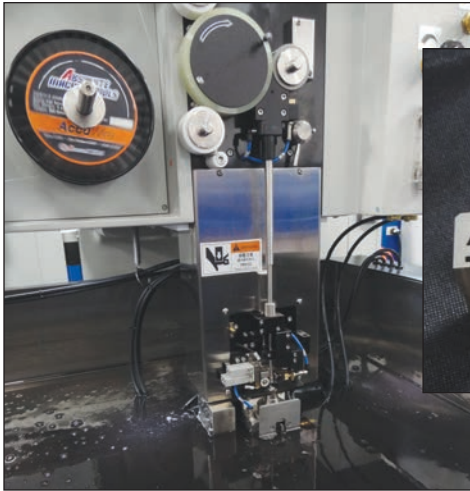
(l-r) Nate Walker, Service Manger, and Lee Soukup, Applications Engineer, Absolute Machine Tools, with the Johnford Super Turning ST-60CH performing a large shaft demo. It features a one-piece 60° cast iron bed with 39.4" swing over bed and 31.5" swing over the cross slide.



Mike Szoke, Specialist OE & Industry Projects, ISCAR Metals, with the Tongtai HB-630 HMC with the ISCAR P290 Stack Mill suited for Ti cutting featuring staggered inserts.



(l-r) Ross Spencer, Area Manager, and Sriram Sridharan, Applications Engineer, Blaser Swisslube.



(left) Mike Kraft, EDM Applications Engineer, with the AccuteX EDM SP-500i. The SP-500i has travels of 19.7" X, 11.8" Y and 11.8" Z and 3.90" x 3.90" for the UV axis. Maximum workpiece size is 38.4" X, 22.6" Y and 11.6" Z with a workpiece capacity of 3,400 lb. It features Auto Wire Threading (AWT), this includes an AWT Skip Function and AWT Monitor Screen on the 64-bit Windows CE Control. (top right) Absolute Machine features AccuWire, its own brand of EDM Wire.



Ross Kramer, Global Account Director, PartMaker, Inc.



(l-r) Mark Menconi, Account Mgr., and Paul Zuba, Sr. Account Mgr. - Machine Tool Industry Sales, Kennametal Inc.



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