

# MEET SHARPENERS REPORT



**Sharpeners Report** is a monthly newsletter with a free news blog web site, [Sharpeners-Report.com](http://Sharpeners-Report.com), a [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sharpenersreport) page, and an E-news bulletin on events for and about sharpening businesses serving beauty salons, barbers, pet groomers, woodworkers, farm communities, industrials and households who need sharp edges to be optimally productive.

The publication was founded in 1981 and has evolved to serve many sectors of the sharpening industry with traditional and social media facets. Subscribers pay for 10 issues a year, and choose digital or printed versions emailed or mailed to them. Advertisers support the trade publication online and in print, and are vendors at the Sharpeners' Workshops and Supply Fair. The next trade show is set for April 16-18 2015 in Hickory, N.C. After that, check our website for upcoming events.

The Sharpeners Report is published by Creative Lakes Media, LLC, based in Minneapolis with subscribers primarily in the US and Canada, and the trade publication is growing. Now there are readers, and more news on equipment and sharpening features. An E-version of the newsletter was launched in 2012 and now makes up 30 percent of subscriptions. Trade shows every other year draw a great spectrum of vendors and sharpeners coming together for education, networking and equipment investments.

"We now offer DVDs, CDs loaded with back issues, and a bound collection of archived articles that are topic specific, such as The Best of Sharpeners Report on Saw and Tool Sharpening, or Beauty Shear Sharpening, or Clipper Blade Sharpening as well as Lawn & Garden Sharpening," said Judy Brenner, publisher. The 12 pages each month keep things light with a "Sharper Wit" column so readers are welcome to send in humorous blurbs along with helpful shop tips!

Established sharpening businesses and new start-up entrepreneurs go to [Sharpeners-Report.com](http://Sharpeners-Report.com) to sign up for a free sample issue, join our E-news community and can place or browse the classified ads for used sharpening equipment. Subscribers get a discount on classified ads. "It's a great way to reach this niche and buy used equipment at discounts, or find a new home for grinding equipment after investing in new CNC machines, or which are part of estate sales," the publisher said. Call 952-406-8870 or email [info@sharpenersreport.com](mailto:info@sharpenersreport.com) for more information.

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**EQUIPMENT UPDATE - AS SEEN AT AWFS**

At the AWFS, for Woodworking and Furniture Show Fair held in Las Vegas, several ISKA associate member companies displayed new equipment. After more than 2 years of work and testing, equipment, I did attend the NITA special grinding machine from Switzerland. It's a compact 3 axis CNC spiral router for grinder.



"This is a machine that will allow all sizes of saw shops to get into the spiral grinding market," said Rob Kraus. You can see a video on it at: <http://www.equipment4u.com/new-products.htm>. The company also exhibited a new 4 Axis CNC HSS saw grinder for cold axes.

Colonial Saw debuts its CNC Automatic Face and Top Grinder, the ABM CNC-HU, which runs \$54,000. It has a 6" CNC axis grid, with all common tooth geometries in one revolution.

Moore Saw Shop Supplies Inc. showed the Nova 32 CNC Top & Face Sharpener and a Tain 14 Axis Face.

Vollmer introduced the QXD250 division machine for PCD tooling.

They also displayed the CHD270 top and face machine for carbide tipped saw blades, the CF200 top and face machine for carbide tipped saw blades, and the Lench Solution K350 for HSS saw blades.

Even before the show, readers have been buying WJ21 Quam, St. Louis, just installed at 2nd Lench K32 710 cold saw sharpening machine in Italy.

starting with a 40 grit abrasive to rough them if they were really dull or chipped, and then finished them on the 150 abrasive belt sander. Each bit took about 2-3 minutes. Glen sharpens anywhere from 200 to 300 bits per month, on average. "The combs provide accuracy. What's a nice good three-handling bit, this takes all guess work out of the process. I'd get the machine for a break even point of 3 years or more." The Windsor-Matic has a 12" 80 grit Bostons grinding wheel. It can use a 40 grit which is coarse enough to get chips out in a hurry, and the 80 grit is great for finishing.

**SHARPER WIT**

**Changing names:** An attendee at the Sharpeners Report trade show had a first initial before his name. I asked why he goes by his middle name. "Years ago, my name, asked me if I had a middle name. She liked it better, and agreed to marry me if I went by it. I asked him what his calls her. "My EA." ▲