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# AWS MINI WELD SHOW

The St. Louis Section of the American Welding Society is having its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini Weld Show Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30 at Cee Kay Supply. The St. Louis Mini Weld Show is a free event. The show has become an important annual celebration used to showcase the latest in welding technology.

The Mini Weld Show is a place where manufacturers can showcase their new products to the public. There are hands-on demonstrations, manufacturing seminars, and new product demos. "In past shows we have showcased new products for the coming year, as well as cutting edge technology," states Keith Hicks an AWS member.

One of the great features of the Mini Weld Show is that it can bring such a large array of companies

together for one night in a small intimate setting where customers can interact with the manufacturers of the products they use. "With over twenty manufacturers attending the Mini Weld Show, it is the best place to see the future of welding in the St. Louis Area," stated St. Louis AWS board member Vic Shorkey.

"The mini weld show is a great place for people, like me, to see new technology in action. At the last mini weld show I saw a robot in operation, had my name cut out with a C & G system, saw new machines just on the market, saw the newest auto-darkening helmets, and was able to have some free food. It was great," exclaimed Randy Die-dricks an attendant at the last Mini Weld Show.

Another important part of the Mini Weld Show are



*The 7th Annual Mini Weld Show will feature a Fanuc Robot*

the vocational schools. The Mini Weld Show is a place for students to meet local area leaders in manufacturing. Kevin Ray of Kaskaskia College stated. "One of my favorite parts of the Mini Weld show is that my students can see some of latest technology and interact with local manufacturers" The American Welding Society will also have scholarship paperwork available at the Mini Weld show for students to fill

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The Mini Weld Show is being put on with the assistance of many local individuals including Tim Schaaf of Ranken Technical College. "I have been a part of the Mini Weld Show since it began, and I am very proud to have seen it grow over the years. The mini weld show is a great place for individuals to come and view new products without having to leave the St Louis area."

The American Welding Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology, and application of welding and alloyed joining and cutting processes, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. The organization is headquartered in Mi-

ami, Florida, but also conducts events and individual section and district meetings throughout the United States and in international locations. The organization is perhaps best known for its code and certification procedures, which provide industry standards for the welding and joining of metals, plastics and other materials. Through their publications, internet forums, member services, local and national events, educational resources, networking activities, and certification procedures, AWS keeps welding professionals and those interested in materials science up to date with the most current advances and procedures in the industry. As of September 2006, the society contains about 50,000 members, most within the United States.



# American Welding Society

## St. Louis Section

### 2009 American Welding Society St Louis Chapter Mini Weld Show Presenters

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bug-o                 | Track burning & mechanized equipment |
| C & G Cutting Systems | Cutting Tables                       |
| Gas Innovations       | Cutting with alternate fuel gas      |
| F.M.B.                | Ban saws / cutting saws              |
| Hougen                | Magnetic drills                      |
| Hyperthem             | Plasma cutting and cutting equipment |
| J Walters Inc         | Weld cleaning equipment & abrasives  |
| Jackson Products      | Accessories & safety equipment       |
| Lenco                 | Welding products                     |
| Lincoln Electric      | Welding equipment / robotics         |
| Miller Electric MFG.  | Welding equipment / plasma cutters   |

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| MK Products            | Orbital welding                      |
| Pandjiris Seam Welding | Seam welding                         |
| Piranha                | Iron worker machines                 |
| ProFax                 | Welding products                     |
| Quality Testing        | Weld testing & welder certification  |
| Neiderman              | Smoke exhaust systems                |
| Speedy Glass / 3M      | Auto darkening helmets               |
| Sumner                 | Pipe stands                          |
| Thermadyne             | Plasma cutting and cutting equipment |
| Fanuc Robotics         | Robotic arc welding                  |



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