



#### Getting the Word Out

This is the WTCA booth at the 1st Annual Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO) Trade Fair. WTCA's Minnesota Chapter worked with WTCA-National to support the fair. Many chapter members pitched in to make the exhibit a reality: Mike Peterman and Chris Torgerson (Scherer Brothers), Dave Danielson and Chris Backhaus (Automated Building Components), Joe Hummel (Villaume) and Randy Kor (Universal Forest Products, Inc.). Peterman commented, "...the booth turned out great. We were able to have some friendly debates with building officials." SBC



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#### RAM Easy Rider ™

The RAM Easy Rider is the component industry's leading trackless truss fabrication system. Why? Because you can build more trusses with less labor. Its unique distribution of workload keeps the manufacturing process smooth, efficient and highly productive. Now, with the introduction of the AutoSet C4 automated jigging system, it's even more productive. The C4's innovative offset drive keeps table slots clear and open to the floor for easier maintenance. What's more, it may be the fastest setup system in the industry.

Now With AUTOSETC



## Hi Speed Linear Saw™

The ALS saw is the most sought after cutting machine in the component industry. No wonder. It is the only automated component cutter that cuts all standard truss parts from any lumber width: single, double, and step webs - off center - regular and scissor bottom chords scarfs longer than 60 inches – and bevels of 90 to 30 degrees. The ALS will cut parts as short as 3 inches and engineered wood products as large as 40 by 14 by 1 1/2 inches with no machine modification. To see it for yourself call for a free video that shows the ALS in



## **Speed Cut Express ™**

The Speed Cut Express installed on a new or existing Metra-Cut turntable saw can make even a relatively new sawyer cut like a pro. Using information created with truss design software, the Speed Cut Express automatically sets up both length and angle for every piece. On-screen graphics show the orientation for the lumber while the saw sets up for the next cut. Machine movement occurs after the blade returns to safe

position behind the fence. Setup is fast and pieces are cut to exact design specifications. Tough servo motor technology is the same as in the machine tool industry.





## **AutoMill Component Cutters ™**

With 5 cutting heads, setup times of less than 20 seconds, 23 axes of automation, and auto sequencing, AutoMill component cutters are the standard of the industry. The AutoMill RS can cut more than 3,000 pieces in lengths of 13" to 20' in a single 8-hour shift. The AutoMill SC version is the

most accurate saw ever produced for the wood truss industry, thanks to servo technology. Get all the facts from the Alpine Equipment Division.







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