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**AUSTIN, TEXAS BECOMES SHOPBOT CENTRAL**  
*ShopBot holds its seventh-annual Jamboree in conjunction with Maker Faire*

**Austin, TX (October 23, 2008)** - From October 15-19, Austin, Texas became the temporary home of more than 100 woodworkers, designers, do-it-yourselfers, luthiers, boatbuilders, sign makers, plastic manufacturers and other CNC craftsmen and enthusiasts from around the world when ShopBot Tools held its seventh-annual Jamboree at the Travis County Expo center in the three days leading up to *Make* magazine's Maker Faire. Known to one another as ShopBotters, attendees came together to discover the ins and outs of ShopBot Tools' Personal Robotic Systems and to learn from ShopBot Staff, CNC professionals, software representatives and each other the ways in which ShopBots can help make their CNC-based businesses and hobbies more enjoyable and help them turn their creativity into lucrative businesses.

The 2008 Jamboree was also a first chance for many to see ShopBot's new compact, mobile CNC system - nicknamed Buddy - and the innovative PowerStick, which allows the tool's cutting surface to be extended up to 12 feet. The newly designed Personal Robotic Systems were on display for Jamboree attendees and local media and were available for demonstrations. After the Jamboree, ShopBot spent the weekend in Austin as a sponsor and featured exhibitor at Maker Faire. For more information about the ShopBot Jamboree, visit <http://www.shopbottools.com/jamboree.htm>.

**List of Presenters**

Robert Ball, [Habitat for Bats](#)  
James Booth, [Vector Art 3D](#)  
Ray Chapman, Chapman Sign Studio  
Chris Connors, [MIT's Fab Lab](#)  
Sallye Coyle, [Good Harbor Bay](#) (ShopBotting for Women)  
Brett Dickinson, [Lincoln Park High School](#)  
Ted Hall, [ShopBot](#)  
Dennis Michaud, [Blu Homes](#)  
Brian Moran, [Vectric Software](#)  
Ken Picou, [Luthier's Friend](#)  
Jon Santiago, [Sustainable South Bronx Fab Lab](#)  
Ed Stutz, [Luthier's Mercantile International](#)

**About ShopBot Tools, Inc.**

ShopBot Tools, based in Durham, N.C., designs and manufactures low-cost, high-value Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) cutting machines. ShopBot was founded by CEO Ted Hall, Ph.D., a Duke University professor of neuroscience, who developed the tool while building plywood boats as a hobby. After several years of development, the company began shipping tools in 1996. With more than 5,000 ShopBots in 54 countries, ShopBot is one of the largest producers of CNC routers for woodworking and plastics in North America. The company employs 25 people in the Durham, N.C. area. For more information, visit [www.shopbottools.com](http://www.shopbottools.com).

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