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ShopBot to Host Users Group in San Mateo, CA

Camp ShopBot Will Take Place One Day Prior to the Fourth-Annual Bay Area Maker Faire

Durham, NC (April 23, 2009) – For the third consecutive year, [ShopBot Tools](#), designer/manufacturer of affordable, high-performance digital fabrication – or CNC – systems, will be a sponsor and featured exhibitor at the Bay Area Maker Faire presented by *MAKE*: magazine, May 30-31 at the [San Mateo County Event Center](#) in San Mateo, California. As in the past, ShopBot will hold an event on the day prior to Maker Faire. This year's event will be a Camp ShopBot on May 29 that, like Maker Faire, will celebrate American talent, creativity and ingenuity. ShopBot owners and operators are encouraged to show and demonstrate the projects made possible by their ShopBots, and those who are not yet ShopBotters are welcome to participate, ask questions and learn from experienced users.

“For the past ten years we’ve been hosting an ongoing series of get-togethers that have become known as Camp ShopBot,” said Ted Hall, ShopBot president. “The first Camp consisted of four ShopBot owners and a few interested onlookers, but those of us who were there realized that this was a great way to exchange information and tricks of the trade very easily. Today’s Camps are much larger and, like Maker Faire, serve as examples of the creativity and talents of our country’s makers, including ShopBotters.”

Topics for the Bay Area Camp ShopBot include:

- 100K Garages - ShopBot-sponsored community for connecting designers, makers and ShopBot fabricators. The website www.100kgarages.com will be live soon, but look for the official announcement of 100K Garages in *MAKE*: 18
- Open SBP - Discussion and demonstration of ShopBot’s open-syntax-format CNC machine control code [\[LINK\]](#)
- eCabinet Systems link - Design and rendering software for furniture makers [\[LINK\]](#)
- Vectric’s Aspire - Creating digital 3D models [\[LINK\]](#)
- ShopBot Automatic Tool Changer - Simplifying CNC production with the ATC [\[LINK\]](#)
- Digital Design Co. - The MIT Studio project [\[LINK\]](#)
- Show and Tell - Demonstrations of ShopBotter-created projects

This year's fourth-annual Maker Faire will be organized around the theme of Re-Make America and celebrates what President Obama called "the risk takers, the doers, and the makers of things." The fourth-annual Maker Faire will showcase individual creativity and grassroots innovation in the largest festival devoted to DIY culture and technology in the country, and ShopBot is proud to be able to tie in to this year's theme. There is no cost to participate in Camp ShopBot, but attendees are asked to register for the event so that we may plan appropriately. More details and registration information can be found on the ShopBot coming events page at www.shopbottools.com/upcoming.htm or by following the Camp ShopBot Forum thread at www.talkshopbot.com/forum/messages/11096/39826.html. For more information on Maker Faire, please visit www.makerfaire.com.

About Maker Faire

[Maker Faire](#) is the premier event for grassroots American innovation. The event started in San Mateo, California in 2006 and expanded to Austin, Texas in 2007. The event may expand elsewhere in the future. Maker Faire is supported by [MAKE magazine](#) and [craftzine.com](#) and [O'Reilly Media](#), the premier information source for leading-edge computer technologies. The company's books, conferences, and web sites bring to light the knowledge of technology innovators.

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 6,000 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 or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/shopbot.

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