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ORLANDO – Les Huikko, whose family migrated to the United States from Finland 101 years ago, and his family made their own migration to participate in the International Bowl Expo at the Orange County Convention Center.

“It was a cold winter in Buffalo, Minn., this year so we are enjoying the warm weather down here in Florida,” said Les, who has owned Huikko’s Bowling Center for 31 years.

“It’s a family owned and operated bowling center,” he said.

It was also a family vacation/business trip to Central Florida.

The clan of eight flew into Orlando six days before International Bowl Expo started and have visited Disney World and Sea World.

At the trade show they have been busy buying a variety of bowling balls and bags and shoes for their recently renovated bowling center.

Les said that his favorite speaker was Juggling the Elephants’ James Laughlin.

Les got into the business because he enjoyed to bowl but admits that every adult in the family is now a better bowler than the business founder

International Bowl Expo is the showcase event for the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, which is located in Arlington, Texas.

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