

By Dick Evans

ORLANDO – Thousands of people from Europe, Asia and America come to the Bowling Proprietors Association of America's Bowl Expo to renew old friendships and to learn about the newest bowling technology and bowling center services.

Matthias Scheinert from Leipzig, Germany, came to learn and he said it was worth the trip across the pond.

"I have worked as a bowling coach in Germany for five years," said Scheinert. "I worked first with America's Fred Borden when he came to Germany two years ago. I got my certification from him and now am a silver level coach.

"In Germany we rate the coaches as A (gold), B (silver) and C (bronze).

"I wanted to learn more about coaching so I decided to fly to America to attend Bowl Expo. I have attended classes about the mental game, coaching individuals and teams.

He said his favorite exhibit was Motion Pro, which feature software for coaching through videos.

"Bowl Expo offered me a great chance to meet important bowling coaches, players and get good information."

He said he will share it with his coach, Werner Gessner, who is a gold level coach. Matthias flew to America several days before Bowl Expo began and he has taken wife Jana and his seven-month-old seven son.

They have done their share of visiting various attractions like Universal Studios and Wet and Wild and a couple other places.

It is interesting that at the same time Matthias was visiting the European Bowling Proprietors also were holding its convention.