

Orlando, Fla. – For Bill Wammes, International Bowl Expo is the greatest vacation in the world.

“Where else can you see all of the great innovations in the sport we love,” says the Bowling Green, Ohio, bowling proprietor.

Wammes operates Al-Mar lanes, a 16-lane center. He first purchased it in 1989 and he rebuilt it in 2001 after a fire destroyed the lanes.

“The first event after re-opening was a Professional Bowlers Association regional tournament,” Bill said. “I bet it’s the only time they bowled in a center with no masking units because they hadn’t arrived yet.”

This September, Al-Mar lanes will host the highest paying PBA Senior regional event in the country.

Wammes has been coming to International Bowl Expo for 20 years.

“One of the big things which excited me this year is Bowlopolis,” said Wammes. “That’s the joint branding effort by BPAA and USBC for youth bowling. It really should bring youngsters into our centers and introduce them to our sport.”

Headquartered in Arlington, Texas, the 76-year-old Bowling Proprietors Association represents the business interests of bowling centers worldwide.

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