



AMUG 101

→ What is AMUG?

- ◆ **Additive Manufacturing Users Group (AMUG)** educates and advances the uses and applications of additive manufacturing (AM) technologies. The cornerstone of AMUG is the annual Education & Training Conference. AMUG members meet annually to share information, tips and tricks on additive manufacturing processes, applications, materials, ancillary equipment, and industry trends.
- ◆ **“For Users, By Users”** is both AMUG’s philosophy and its guiding principle. Every presentation, workshop, sponsor and exhibitor pass through one simple filter: *does it provide value to AM users?* That is the crux of *“For Users.”* We then turn to users to provide the content and count on them to make the conference valuable, memorable and unique. That is the *“By Users”* component.
- ◆ Since its 1988 inception, the users group has always been managed and operated by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is voted on by the members participating at the AMUG Conference. As a first-time attendee your vote counts! More information about this will be available in AMUG 202 FAQ.

→ Is this a new conference?

- ◆ Absolutely not! In fact, the AMUG Conference began as the 3D Systems North American Stereolithography (SL) Users Group in 1988. While the initial Users Group was dedicated to SL technology, 3D Systems acquired DTM and the Users Group expanded to include Laser Sintering (LS) technology. As companies began to add a variety of AM technologies to their rapid prototyping and manufacturing services, the 3D Systems Users Group evolved into what is now the Additive Manufacturing Users Group, and the users group was opened to all AM technology in 2011.

→ Do I really need to arrive on Sunday and spend the entire week at the AMUG Conference?

- ◆ YES! Plan to arrive early at the AMUG Conference and stay through Thursday night.
 - ⇒ Saturday and Sunday pre-conference activities include Certificate Courses offered by ASTM and SME, as well as an Off-Site Tour by DMG MORI.
 - ⇒ Sunday is the New Member Welcome at 3:00pm that kicks off the AMUG Conference. The one-hour welcome will give you the opportunity to meet the AMUG Board, New Member Committee and experienced users of AM technology. We will also give you an overview of what to expect during your week at the AMUG Conference.
 - ⇒ The AMUGexpo is yet another reason to arrive as early as possible! The AMUGexpo is open ONLY on Sunday and Monday. It’s a great opportunity to see some of the latest innovations in action and to speak with knowledgeable staff. This year we have 18 Diamond Sponsors, 26 Platinum Sponsors and 95 Gold Sponsors and Exhibitors to see during the AMUGexpo. While the Diamond and Platinum Sponsors will be available all week, the Gold Sponsors and Exhibitors are only present Sunday night and Monday day/night.
 - ⇒ Between Monday and Thursday there are over 200 presentations, panels, roundtables and workshops that will take place. Hosts the hands-on Workshops on Thursday and provides the most sessions in one day. Don’t leave early and miss the most hands-on sessions in the industry!



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→ Is networking and socializing that important?

- ◆ It really is. The AMUG Conference isn't about sales and contracts, it's about building connections that strengthen the industry as a whole. If you see someone you know, approach that person! And if you don't know that person, members at the AMUG Conference are very open and welcoming. Everyone is here to learn and network. The walls of the Hilton Chicago are surprisingly robust and don't need your help keeping them up. It's OK to engage and talk to everyone. The events are designed to facilitate building relationships. AMUG is a lot of fun, and it's all about the people!
- ◆ Make sure you attend the evening dinners and events, and ESPECIALLY don't miss out on the Tuesday night off-site event. It's a surprise, so no one knows where we're going, but past events have included Knotts Berry Farm, airplane hangars, race tracks, NFL stadiums, museums, Universal Studios and more! *But don't forget your badge, you will need it to board the bus.*

→ After one AMUG Conference, I've seen it all, right?

- ◆ No way! The AMUG Conference is not a singular event. As the industry grows and evolves, the AMUG Conference does as well. Every year is different. Also, every year you attend, your personal network will grow. You'll meet new people and learn new things about our industry. The AMUG Conference is definitely not a one-and-done experience!

→ What is actually included in my registration fee?

- ◆ Your AMUG Conference registration includes:
 - Membership status in the AMUG organization until the start of next years' AMUG Conference. Membership status grants member voting rights for the AMUG Board of Directors election and Technical Competition Members' Choice Award
 - Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Beginning with dinner at the AMUGexpo on Sunday and ending with dinner on Thursday night. This isn't your typical boxed lunch. The food is next level. From carving stations, to dessert towers, the options are endless.. and delicious!
 - Welcome reception
 - Access to AMUGexpo on Sunday and Monday
 - Technical Competition during the AMUGexpo on Monday night
 - Keynote presentations
 - Technical sessions
 - Workshops and hands-on training
 - Sponsor speaking and training sessions
 - Off-site Event and Dinner
 - Wednesday and Thursday night events and dinner
 - Access to AMUG Mobile App
 - Access to Conference Proceedings
- ◆ Pre-conference courses offered by ASTM and SME are separate from the AMUG Conference and require registration and have additional costs. See AMUG website for more information.
- ◆ Off-Site Tours on Sunday are separate from the AMUG Conference and require registration. See AMUG website for more information.