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## On the Expo, Our Logo and More

s WE CLOSE OUT THE SUMMER WITH OUR SECURITY CONFERENCE BEHIND US, I think back to the membership meeting, and I am pleased about the members who stood up and spoke their mind about the issues. The voting may have not gone your way, but at least you expressed your feelings, and that's what this association is all about: its members!

**ALOA logo.** I am proud of our logo, and to make sure that it is used by only ALOA members, each and every one of our members will be given a registration number that must be displayed below the logo in all advertising. Any member displaying the logo without the registration number will be asked to add the registration number or remove the logo.

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**Building fund.** We kicked off the educational building fund, and I am pleased to say that we have collected \$102,000 toward the new education building. This new building will be shared by all three of our associations, with a special industrial classroom for safe drilling, safe and vault rigging, and welding. We will be able to conduct multiple classes simultaneously.

**Keys for Kids.** I want to thank all of the locksmith companies that signed up for the "Keys for Kids" program. Great job, David and Maury Saucedo from the Saucedo Company, El Paso, TX. (*For more information, see "Community Investment," p. 14*).

**Closing thoughts.** Lastly, the Security Expo in Las Vegas was a great success, and we the board are thankful to all of our members who participated in the education and the product exhibits. We are looking forward to another great conference in Baltimore next July.

Best regards, Tom Demont, AHC, CAI, CFDI, CFL, CMIL, CML, CPS, ARL

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## What's New Industry News, ALOA News, New Products and More

### **Forensic Association** TERNATIONAL ASS **Joins ALOA** Sunngo n Family

LOA HAS WELCOMED A NEW ASSOciation under its umbrella, by merging with the International Association of Investigative Locksmiths (IAIL). The organization's members include locksmiths, police officers, insurance investigators, and other security and law enforcement professionals with an interest of bringing the benefits of investigative locksmithing to the community as a whole.

"ALOA is proud to have such a highly skilled locksmith association as part of our family of associations," says ALOA President Thomas Demont, who served on IAIL's first board back in 1995.

All members of IAIL must join ALOA (most already are members), and ALOA members who are not currently part of IAIL will be given the opportunity to join. Past members of IAIL can rejoin under an amnesty program by just paying the most recent dues.

"It can't hurt for anybody to expand into the outlying areas of their business, especially when the economy is still somewhat tumultuous," says Jeff Lange, president of IAIL. "It's not bad to have another avenue to explore, and IAIL gives them that opportunity."

IAIL members focus on "various matters that might wind up in criminal or civil courts," says Lange, a forensic engineer. This includes investigating surreptitious and unauthorized entry, car arson, stolen cars, and break-ins. Many members are called



as experts in court cases to testify about the function and integrity of a lock system at a crime scene.

Discussions began in 2011 to merge the organizations, and the deal was finalized this year. With ALOA handling the management of IAIL, which currently has about 300 to 400 members, it will free up the group to focus on providing as many high-quality training opportunities as possible. "It takes a big burden off their shoulders by merging with ALOA," Demont says.

Lange agrees. "We can reach more people, and we can be more productive in the areas we need to be as an association, which is training locksmiths and other technical people in the areas of forensics and investigative locksmithing. There will be more testing available, more instructors, an expanded repertoire of forensic classes, and members will see more opportunities to get training and certification."

That includes the Certified Forensic Locksmith (CFL) designation, which encompasses classes such as Impressioning, Safe Opening, Investigative Locksmithing, and Auto Theft/Arson. Training will also be available in areas such as report writing, photography, and evidence gathering.

#### NEWS BRIEFS

Master Lock Company cel->>> ebrated the 100th anniversarv of American Lock at the ALOA Convention & Security Expo by giving away commemorative padlocks of the iconic A700 lock to the first 100 booth visitors all three days of the show. A drawing was held each day where the winner will receive a 100th anniversary showroom neon sign. "American Lock is known worldwide as 'The Locksmith's Lock' and for its industrial grade security products, so honoring the occasion surrounded by members of the Associated Locksmiths of America is a natural," says Douglas Lacina, senior product manager for Master Lock Company.

**Stanley Security Solutions** announced a partnership with Top Notch Distributors Inc., a leading distributor of residential, commercial and electronic access control products. This agreement places Top Notch as the premier national wholesale distributor for the Precision (PHI), Stanley Door Closers (SDC) and Stanley Commercial Hardware product lines.

#### The Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia (MLAA)

Trade Expo and Training Event is slated for October 5 and 6 at the Hilton Hotel in Adelaide,

Australia. For information, visit http://www.masterlocksmiths.com. au/registration-2012.php.

#### NEWS



ALOA President Tom Demont (left), AHC, CAI, CFDI, CMIL, CML, CPS, ARL, congratulates Gary Baldino of Baldino's Lock and Key Service in Lorton, VA, winner of a Hollon RG-22 safe valued at more than \$2,000 in a raffle by Hollon Safe Company. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the ALOA Scholarship Foundation.

#### The Lighter Side of Locksmithing By Steve Wyman



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er and sponsor for many years. We wish to acknowledge Allstate and express our sincere gratitude for the continuing support.



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#### **PRODUCT BRIEFS**

Stanley Access Technologies, recently announced the ECO Pro Electronic Controls Option for the complete line of SAT automatic slide door systems. The ECO Pro is a new electronic interface tool that provides an electronic alternative to manual access control switches. The device may be either jamb- or wall-mounted right at the door. It also offers an easy-to-read digital display and push buttons for easy control, according to the company.

The new XL Key Caps from Lucky Line are 20% larger than the company's regular Key

Caps to fit large key heads. The caps feature a smooth write-on surface for easy labeling and come in



orange, gray, green, and tan.

Schlage recently introduced Everest 29, its next generation of patented and restricted keys. Everest 29, which is patented through 2029, is intended for multi-level security management systems at universities, hospitals, government buildings and other commercial buildings, according to the company.

The new Sovereign Safe line from **Stack-On** offers a 90-minute fire rating; UL-rated locks; high-gloss paint finish, and door storage for up to 36 guns and other valuables.

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#### SPOTLIGHT INTERNATIONAL



# It's a Small World

European locksmiths share many similarities with their American counterparts — but they have some important distinctions. **By Dave O'Toole** 

HE EUROPEAN LOCKSMITH FEDERATION (ELF) IS A FEDERATION OF 21 NATIONAL locksmith associations representing 22,000 locksmiths from 27 European countries. The main goal of the federation is to promote fellowship, education and cooperation among locksmiths and lock manufacturers. ELF is divided into four different regions: the Nordic countries, the Mediterranean countries, and Eastern and Western Europe. The executive board of ELF is made up of the president and the four directors of each region. In the Nordic countries, locksmiths are closely aligned with Assa Abloy companies (Assa, Ruko, Trioving and Abloy), which are headquartered in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland. Locksmiths specialize in integrated security, supplying CCTV and alarm systems integrated with high-security master key, access control and door control solutions. Locksmithing in the Nordic countries is extremely specialized and profitable, and many locksmith companies are owned by manufacturers, including Assa Abloy, Kaba and Dorma, as well as telecom companies.

In Southern Europe, locksmiths rely on traditional locksmith work, high-security multipoint locks, and steel doors and auto work. Electric locking and intercom systems are quite popular in this region due to the large number of apartment dwellers.

Western European countries provide general locksmith services, and auto and safe work. There has been a huge increase in this



market for RFID wireless electronic handles and cylinders, which the locksmiths are embracing — increasing their market share of the electronic security market (which is worth \$3 billion annually in Europe). Digital locks are not as popular in Europe as they are in the United States. The traditional high-security master key systems market is still growing, with patented key systems available from all the manufacturers.

Eastern Europe is a lot more traditional in its approach to locksmithing. Many keys for locks are handcrafted, but they are quickly embracing the modern electronic machines and locking. There are new locksmith tools and electronic diagnostic equipment for cars being produced there, which is generating many opportunities for locksmiths to flourish.

#### **Come Together**

ELF holds regular meetings with major lock manufacturers, such as Assa Abloy and Kaba, to resolve issues affecting ELF locksmiths such as product defects and deliveries. We also discuss ways of promoting closer



The ELF event included a recreation of the opening of the Olympics, after which attendees walked down the mountain to the convention hotel holding flaming torches.

"There has been a huge increase in Western Europe for RFID wireless electronic handles and cylinders, which locksmiths are embracing."

cooperation between the companies and ELF with marketing and product initiatives, as both parties are dependent on each other to improve business. ELF invites manufacturers to its board meetings to present the latest trends in the industry and to identify new business opportunities for locksmiths.

Each year ELF hosts an annual convention, which is held in a different country. In March 2012, it took place in Lillehammer, Norway, which was the host of the Winter Olympics in 1994. There were more than 600 participants from 29 countries worldwide. There were many educational classes over four days, an exhibition (including an ALOA stand), and many social events, including the gala dinner with 650 people dining and dancing the night away.

The highlight of the convention was an event held in the Olympic stadium for ELF, which recreated the opening of the Olympics. There were ski displays, singing, fireworks and the lighting of the Olympic flame by the ELF president. Attendees walked down the mountain to the convention hotel holding flaming torches, which was a spectacular sight that will be remembered for a long time by those who attended.

ELF will hold its next convention in Madrid, Spain, at the end of May 2013; the following year it will be in Florence, Italy. @



Dave O'Toole has owned and operated several locksmith companies in Dublin and Belfast in Ireland for 30 years. He is a founding member and past president of the Associated Locksmiths of Ireland. He has been president of The European Locksmith Federation since 2005, representing more

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than 22,000 locksmiths in 22 countries in Europe. He received the ALOA Presidents Award in 2007 and The Master Locksmith Association of UK Chubb award in 2010.



# Understanding the ALOA/ IAIL Merger

A look at what these organizational changes will mean to you. By Jeffrey Lange, PE, CFL

N 2008, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INVEStigative Locksmiths (IAIL) and the Associated Locksmiths of America (ALOA) took a major step when ALOA graciously began hosting the yearly IAIL training conferences. In 2010 discussions regarding management of the IAIL by the ALOA began.

As the discussions developed, and a history of successful training conferences was beginning, the conversation led to a deeper and broader relationship between the two associations. In late 2011, Tom Demont, president of ALOA and sitting board member of the IAIL, proposed in detail a plan for the IAIL to become part of the ALOA family of locksmith associations.

The ALOA proposal stated simply outlines a merger of the IAIL into ALOA. Although the terms of this merger include an ownership of the IAIL by ALOA, the IAIL maintains its individual identity. In addition, the IAIL board of directors dictates the direction of the IAIL and will control all forensic course content for ALOA training.

For the sake of brevity, here are the five most significant changes that will be apparent to the IAIL membership:

1. All association management, including dues notices, membership applications, publication, member referrals and member status, will be handled by the ALOA management team.

2. Membership in the IAIL will require membership in ALOA. This represents the most significant change for IAIL members who are not presently ALOA members. This change will mean that the IAIL dues will be added to the ALOA dues, bringing overall combined membership dues to approximately \$250. These dues changes will begin in membership year 2013.

3. The Certified Forensic Locksmith program will remain in full control of the IAIL board of directors. Administration of the CFL test will be performed as part of the ALOA PRP program.

4. Forensic training availability will increase dramatically. Expanded courses are already being scheduled for the ALOA Dallas, Texas, training facility, as well as other facilities around the country.

5. Publication, as always, is and will be encouraged. The IAIL will no longer have an independent journal but will be given the necessary space in *Keynotes*, the official publication of ALOA. This in itself will improve communication and ease the burden associated with producing an independent journal. This, like many of the above duties, alleviates responsibilities and frees the board "Forensic training availability will increase dramatically. Expanded courses are already being scheduled for the ALOA Dallas, Texas, training facility, as well as other facilities around the country."

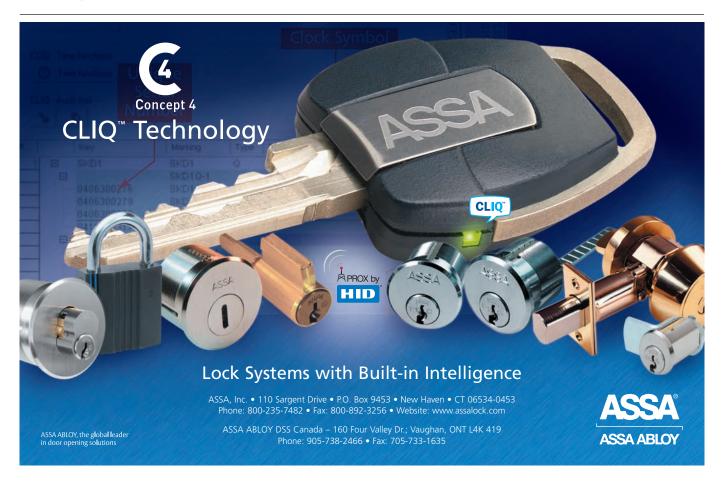
 all volunteers — to work on expanded training, procedure development, etc.

In January 2012, the IAIL board of directors voted to proceed to the next step, bringing us closer to a merger with ALOA. The IAIL board of directors feels, overwhelmingly, that this merger is a positive step for the IAIL and its members. Although no deal is perfect, the IAIL board of directors believes that this merger is essential not only to the expansion of the IAIL, but in many ways to survival in these difficult and tumultuous economic times.

We anticipate that the merger will be complete by late 2012, at which time IAIL members past and present will be advised of their options regarding membership to both associations. It is the hope of the IAIL board of directors that you support our decision, knowing we have the interests of the association and its members held paramount.

(For more information, see "Forensic Association Joins ALOA Family," p. 6.) �

**Jeffrey Lange, PE, CFL** is the president of the International Association of Investigative Locksmiths.



SPOTLIGHT MEMBER



# **Community Investment**

The Saucedo Company launches Keys For Kids program to give back to the local Boys & Girls Club in El Paso, Texas.

#### By R.V. Baugus

RMED WITH MULTIPLE CAREER OPTIONS AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UNIversity of Notre Dame in 2007 with a degree in accounting, David Saucedo II decided to quickly take the suspense out of any lingering job decision by returning home to El Paso, Texas, to join The Saucedo Company family business. "I got my degree and my brother Mauricio graduated in 2010 in hotel administration from Cornell, and we both told my dad we wanted to be in the family business," says Saucedo. "We're the fourth generation and it has been fantastic working together."

But this is much more than a feel-good family story. It is a nod to a successful company that was started in 1917 by Saucedo's great grandfather and is approaching its 100th year in business. It is also an acknowledgment to how a company can create goodwill in the community with a program that gives back to a local organization — with a goal of going national.

It's a far cry from when J. Silvano Saucedo arrived from Mexico and literally put a roof over an alley that was situated between two buildings. Thus was born the first lock shop in El Paso.

#### **The Customer Is Always First**

Saucedo says that the breadwinner for the company is a dose of heavy commercial accounts, with key control another specialty. "That's basically giving the consumer or owner ultimate control on key distribution," says Saucedo. "We import a special key out of Germany. If you want this system you have to authorize every single key that's made or have someone that's on a signature card that can authorize it for you."

Saucedo calls this the "ultimate security benefit you get from buying a key control from us. We offer peace of mind, basically."

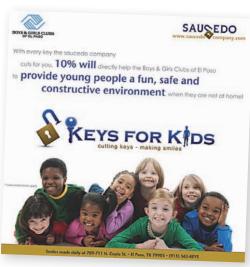
It is also another example of the company's main selling message in that the customer is always first. "Don't ever think that you are better than your customer because without them you have nothing," says Saucedo. "We have always put our customers first. In fact there is a standing joke at the office that people will come in to get a key made and end up staying for 45 minutes or an hour because it's like Cheers down there, where everybody knows your name. Our customers know we stand behind our name."

Now that the brothers are in the business and the ones soliciting sales and meeting clients, it has allowed their dad to focus on the operations at the office. "We're seeing success right now, and it just feels good to be a part of this tradition," says Saucedo. "I just couldn't see myself doing something else. It's in the blood."

Being a responsible friend to the community is also in the blood, and one of the main reasons why Saucedo created Keys For Kids, a program that gives 10% of revenue from each key sold back to the local Boys & Girls Club.

"One of the first organizations I joined when I got back from college was the board of the Boys & Girls Club," says Saucedo, who was 22 at that time. "I was the youngest board member and saw all the things going on with nonprofits around that time in 2008 when the economic meltdown started. Money was just hard to come by. We started thinking outside the box about how we donate money to organizations.

"The stuff that they do with the limited budgets they have is quite an accomplish"If you give back to your community, you get so much more in return. It just feels good to be able to participate."



The Saucedo Company's Keys For Kids program gives 10% of revenue from each key sold back to the local Boys & Girls Club.

ment. I kept asking myself how I could monetize it to benefit and thought, we cut tens of thousands of keys a year, why not kick off the program here in El Paso and give back 10 percent to the Boys & Girls Club. They obviously need other income sources, but I thought it would be a good supplemental income source and maybe later we could take it nationwide."

#### **Getting the Word Out**

Saucedo is dreaming big. His eventual goal is to have the Keys For Kids program in any city in the United States where there is a Boys & Girls Club. The easy part, he says, should be finding affiliated locksmiths in those cities who can participate in the program. "It is known and taught in most business schools that if you give back to your community, you get so much more in return. It just feels good to be able to participate," says Saucedo.

After a soft launch earlier this year to let people on his email distribution list know about the program, Saucedo says that he has cut some 3,500 to 4,000 keys. As soon as the donation amount hit \$1,000, Saucedo and the local Boys & Girls Club held a check presentation on March 29 to officially launch the program.

"Hopefully we can get to the next \$1,000 faster now that there's awareness," says Saucedo. "My slogan is Cutting Keys, Making Smiles. Going forward we want to have quarterly donations to the Boys & Girls Club."

Saucedo adds that he has had some great conversations with ALOA president Tom Demont about the reach of the program. "Tom is in our corner and wanting to help us get the word out," says Saucedo. "He and I both want to see the program grow and go national. He's excited about it and I'm excited about it. We had a presence at this year's trade show in Las Vegas to tell other ALOA members about the program."

Before the program goes national Saucedo wants to make sure he has done all necessary due diligence at home before approaching another city, another friend or another affiliate. As a good accountant would, his goal is to find a streamlined system that participating locksmiths elsewhere can use to participate in the program.

"Together you can be a part of your community and help it grow to where you want it to be," says Saucedo. "What fuels me is helping future generations and giving them the opportunity that I had. I'm young and I still have a lot to give." 𝚱



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The 2012 ALOA Convention & Security Expo in Las Vegas proves to be a winning bet for thousands of attendees.



HE 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALOA CONVENTION & SECURITY EXPO PAID OFF BIG TIME FOR more than 2,500 association members and vendors who gathered in Las Vegas, Nevada, for 500-plus hours of hands-on training, dozens of product introductions, numerous networking events — and perhaps a few nights of fun and frivolity in Sin City, USA.

Our internationally renowned event, which took place at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, July 7-14, 2012, drew attendees from around the world, including countries like Egypt, Norway, Singapore and Venezuela.

A big thanks to the exhibitors, attendees, instructors and everyone else who made the event a winner. If you missed out on this year's show, don't worry — there's always ALOA 2013, scheduled for July 13-20 in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Hilton Baltimore/Baltimore Convention Center. In the meantime, check out the following 17 pages of highlights from ALOA 2012!

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## AN ACE IN THE HOLE

About two dozen ALOA members braved the blazing desert heat to participate in the ALOA Open Golf Tournament, held Wednesday, July 11, at Stallion Mountain Country Club. Tournament winners were Lowest Gross Score, Ron Smuk, Ken Stemig, Fred Kosloske and Bob Thompson; Closest to Pin, Tony Presidio; and Longest Putt, Rudy Armitage.



## Ladies Night



Disproving the notion that locksmithing is a male-only business, about two dozen females gathered Wednesday, July 11, for the second annual Women of Locksmithing meeting, an informal get-together sponsored this year by ALOA. The gathering gave attendees a chance to share stories and offer each other encouragement and support.







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## **Party Time**

Convention attendees and exhibitors alike gathered Wednesday, July 11, for the annual ALOA Kickoff Party, which featured food, drinks and plenty of networking (and let's not forget the two towering, sequined ladies who greeted guests at the door).













More than three dozen locksmiths gathered Thursday morning, July 12, shortly before the ALOA Membership Meeting, for the annual CML breakfast.

## FOOD AND FRIENDS



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## MEMBERS ONLY













The 2012 Annual Membership Meeting took place Thursday, July 12. After a call to order at about 9 a.m., President Tom Demont introduced Jeff Lang, president of the International Association of Investigative Locksmiths, which recently merged with ALOA (*see "Forensic Association Joins ALOA Family," p. 6*).

After the board approved the minutes of the previous two meetings, Demont announced the recent election results (*see Keynotes, July/ August 2012, "Announcing the 2012 Election Winners," p. 44*) and swore in Robert Easter, ALOA's newly elected northeast director. Next, Demont and Interim Executive Director May May provided their reports, highlights of which included information about ALOA's forthcoming website redesign.

Lynn Best, president of the ALOA Scholarship Foundation, announced that the organization provided 12 scholarships to the 2012 ALOA convention, thanks to its supporters: Allstate Insurance, ASSA ABLOY, Arrow Lock, Kaba Ilco, Kaba Access, Lucky Line, Medeco, Multi Lock, Pro Lock, Professional Business Products and IDN Wholesale.

Other highlights of the meeting included the presentation of numerous awards: the ALOA Award, which Demont presented to James M. Watt, CML, CPS, CAL; the new ACE Service Award, which was presented by ALOA Education Manager Jim Hancock, CML, CMST, to Casey Camper, CML, CPS, and William M. Lynk, CML, CPS; the ACE Award, which Hancock presented to Grey R. Woodyear, CRL; and Author of the Year, which Keynotes editor Mario Medina presented to Greg Perry, CML, CPS. (For more information on the winners, see "ALOA Award Winners," p. 24.) Also, outgoing board members Bobby DeWeese, CML, CPS; Bob Mock, RL; and Keith Whiting, CML, CFL, were recognized for their service. (Whiting was voted northwest director by the ALOA board until next election.)

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## **YOUTH GROUP**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Young Security Professionals meeting brought together locksmiths under the age of 40, giving them an informal opportunity to network with their peers and older industry mentors.









ALOA's invitation-only International Reception, sponsored by Medeco, drew members from around the globe for food, drinks and networking.



## STATE OF AFFAIRS



About two dozen representatives from ALOA chapters across the country met to share updates and their concerns, including California Senate Bill 750, which proposes to let some automobile manufacturers refuse to provide key codes to locksmiths.

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# **TOP-TIER EDUCATION**





This year's ALOA Security & Convention Expo provided 62 full-day classes (496 hours) and 47 seminars and workshops (130 hours), taught by more than 50 instructors.







# **STOPPING THE SCAMMERS**



The ALOA Locksmith Task Force Committee met Friday, July 13, to discuss ways to battle the scammers who have invaded the industry, as well as the Internet. "It's time for everyone to help keep them off Google," ALOA President Tom Demont told the group.







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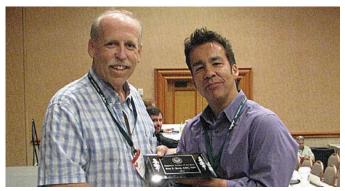


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# **AWARD WINNERS**



Author of the Year Award winner Greg Perry, CML, CPS



ACE Award winner Grey R. Woodyear, CRL

#### **ALOA Award**

The ALOA Award — the association's highest honor — was presented this year to James M. Watt, CML, CPS, CAL. ALOA President Tom Demont awarded Watt at the ALOA Membership Meeting. Watt, who has been active in the field since 1975, is an ACE instructor and member of the ALOA Proficiency Registration Committee. He was elected to the ALOA board of directors in 1987 and served as vice president from 1989 to 1997.

The ALOA Award is presented to a living person who has shown a lifetime of outstanding achievement in and support for the locksmith industry through his or her contributions in education, association service and public relations. The ALOA Award recipient is chosen by its three most recent recipients.

#### Author of the Year Award

Greg Perry, CML, CPS, won the Keynotes Author of the Year



ALOA Award winner James M. Watt, CML, CPS, CAL



ACE Service Award winners Casey Camper, CML, CPS and William M. Lynk, CML, CPS

Award again this year, giving him a total of four such honors. The Author of the Year Award is given annually to the contributor who excels in writing articles and offering expertise to the magazine's readers.

#### **ACE Award**

Grey R. Woodyear, CRL, was named this year's winner of the ACE Award, which is presented to instructors who, through their contribution of time, effort, knowledge and pursuit of educational excellence, go beyond their peers to promote and provide outstanding service. The first award was given in 1999.

#### **ACE Service Award**

ALOA's new ACE Service Award was presented to Casey Camper, CML, CPS, and William M. Lynk, CML, CPS, in recognition of their help in pushing the association's education efforts forward.

#### **Best New Product Award**

Marks USA won the Best New Product of 2012 Award for its Marks USA Grade 1, 175 Survivor Series locksets. The Survivor Series locksets are backed by Marks' lifetime mechanical warranty and test to 3,000,000+ cycles.

#### **Best Shop in the World Award**

At Lock Jock Inc., with locations in Picayune, Miss., and Slidell, La., doing things the same old way they've always been done isn't an option.

"I've been an advocate to change the public's image of a locksmith's shop for 10 years now," says James Portie, owner of Lock Jock. "It's something we really need to work on as a whole industry, changing the appearance of what everyone expects a lock shop to look like."

Cleanliness is big on Portie's list, as is a customer-friendly feeling the moment someone walks in the door of the family-owned and -operated business. "We've actually been working on a prototype for a new office, trying to come up with a better design that's more pleasing for the public," says Portie, now in his 21st year as owner of Lock Jock. "To get credit from our peers means a lot."

#### **Best Van in the World Award**

Sometimes, bigger is better. Such is the case with the van of Wayne Laird, owner of Mesquite Lock Doc, based in Mesquite, Nev. "Everyone's got these little bitty vans that they have to crawl around in and do work," Laird says. "Some look good on the inside, but they don't have any room."That's not a problem for Laird, who has a Dodge Sprinter, which is taller than most, allowing him to stand up inside. "That's what makes it unique," he says. "You can stand up in it, and that's the biggest advantage that there is."

He purchased the van when he started his business about five years ago, and has since outfitted it with cabinets, duplicating machines and code machines. He focuses on residential and commercial operations.

Having a good van, Laird says, can make all the difference. "It can save you a lot of time and effort," he adds.

#### **Best Website in the World Award**

A decade ago, the term "social media" meant nothing to most people. Fast-forward to today, though, and it's vitally important to many businesses — including Pop-A-Lock of San Angelo. "Our website employs all the latest gadgets: social media, connectivity to it, an active blog, and active Facebook and Twitter accounts linked to the homepage," says owner Noel Norwood. "We entered hoping that would be recognized."

The website, www.popalocksanangelo.com, is about a year and a half old, and the business has been in San Angelo, Texas, since 2003 (Norwood has owned Pop-A-Lock franchises since 1996). When designing the site, they researched popular websites and went for a blue color scheme that would be "attractive and appealing," Norwood says. "That was our goal when we set it up."

Their goal was also high visibility, which they've achieved. Search for "locksmith San Angelo" online, and Pop-A-Lock is the first result to show up. The easy-to-navigate site includes sections for services, the blog, contact information and a free price quote, and of course features links to their social media profiles. "That's where everybody's trying to go," Norwood says. "Social media's the big thing for positioning."



Best New Product Award winner



Best Van in the World Award winner



Best Shop in the World Award winner



Best Website in the World Award winner

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# SHOW TIME

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#### ALOA Instructors: Taken to Communist Russia?

While teaching at the 2012 ALOA Convention and Security Expo in Las Vegas, five instructors and one civilian were abducted, ushered to a clandestine Red Square venue and forthwith placed into a Siberian-like vault at -10 degrees Fahrenheit for more than 10 minutes. They were afforded heavy Russian military garb, full-length fur coats and hats while being plied with vodka for what seemed like hours. Even with the promise of high military ranks and thousands of rubles apiece, the group was reluctantly released to their respective table at their own recognizance since no state secrets were revealed.

This event took place at the award-winning Red Square Restaurant at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. Veteran ALOA ACE instructors: General Mark "Vladimir" Blum, CML, CPS, CAL; Lieutenant Harry "Nicolai" Sher, CML, CPS; Corporal Edward "Ivan" Woods, CML, CPS, CAL; Colonel William "Dimitri" Lynk, CML, CPS; and Sergeant Casey "Petrov" Camper, CML, CPS, along with Private Patresha "Natasha" Harris, all proactively engaged in the "Vodka Vault Challenge."



From left to right: Colonel William "Dimitri" Lynk, CML, CPS; Lieutenant Harry "Nicolai" Sher, CML, CPS; and General Mark "Vladimir" Blum, CML, CPS, CAL, in the Vodka Vault, taking the "Challenge."

Though not at gunpoint, they all reluctantly lined up to enter the Vault, each being garbed in Russian military coats or thick, Siberian fur coats with Cossack hats placed atop their heads. In military fashion, these comrades all toasted ALOA at -10 degrees Fahrenheit. This unlikely event chilled their bones to the core, but warmed their hearts with excitement. "ALOA Forever! Nostrovia!"

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# SHOW **STOPPERS** highlights some of the hottest new products from the trade show f

Greg Perry, CML, CPS, highlights some of the from the trade show floor.

VERY YEAR, THE ALOA CONVENTION & SECURITY EXPO IS THE PREMIER CHANCE not only to take some of the top-rated classes, but also to see the latest and greatest this industry has to offer. Manufacturers debut new products at the trade show and show off improved products — and they often bring their engineers and top technical people, giving attendees a chance to network and offer suggestions.

This year was no different. I stopped at every booth to bring Keynotes readers some of the products I found interesting. Let's take a look!



#### C Alarm Lock Systems

The first product to catch my eye was at the first booth as I entered the show floor. Alarm Lock (www.alarmlock.com) has added a wireless remote to their Trilogy line. It will interface with any of their locks built back to 1994 with a separate receiver or to the Networx wireless versions without adding anything to the lock. You can add value to any installation with wireless remotes that release the locks from a reception desk or other location. In the past, having to pull wire to a standalone or battery-powered lock defeated the many benefits of using it over a hardwired lock. Having a wireless remote is a great addition to their line.

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#### Pacific Lock **C**

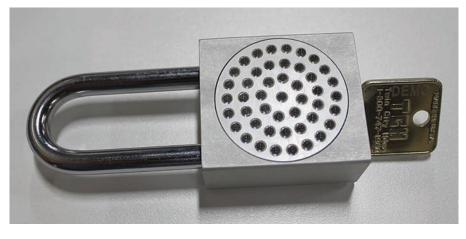
Pacific Lock (www.paclock.com) is a small family-owned business that supplies a great line of padlocks. They developed a padlock with reflectors after a customer said he needed to find padlocks in the dark when the AC power went out — finding a lock in a dark room was taking too long under emergency situations. This lock shines under the light of a flashlight. I can envision lots more applications, including the backs of trailers and on bikes to add reflection.

#### American Security Products (AMSEC) ⊃

Moving deeper into the trade show, a stop at the AMSEC (www.amsecusa.com) booth revealed a couple of new additions to their safe line. They now have a TF line that comes with a lighted-button swingbolt lock, the ESL5. (I'll take a more in-depth look at this lock in a future article.) The "T" indicates a 30-minute mercury fire rating. They also have a 60-minute mercury fire-rated safe line, designated the SF line.

The TF comes with 1¼" diameter bolts, a <sup>3</sup>/16" steel door thickness, 11- to 14-gauge body, and two layers of fire insulating material. The SF line increases the protection with 1½" bolt, ¼" steel door, 12-gauge body and three layers of insulating material. You can see the differences between the safes in the picture with my daughter Nicole holding both doors open.

AMSEC continues to produce poured fill BF 90-minute mercury fire-rated line of gun safes, built similar to their UL-listed BF burglary and fire safes. Another addition to their line is the motion-activated LED light kit. Customers love to see their safe lighted on the inside. The light kit is also available for the smaller upright safes, as seen at right.









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#### MBA USA O

MBA (www.mbausa.com) has a new kit available to make old-style Abloy keys from a damaged sample. It's probably not costeffective to give to a customer, but if you work with these locks much, the keys can be damaged, preventing it from opening the lock. This kit lets you get the lock open and make a duplicate key.







#### C Keedex

Keedex (www.keedex.com) always brings out a new product to make life easier for the locksmith, and this year is no exception. They have a Kwik Kee keying station for rapid rekeying a batch of cylinders alike. The tool has a spring-loaded plug follower and uses specially modified cylinder housings for loading plugs. The upper assembly contains a batch of tubes into which you stack bottom pins. Push a plug with the correct key into the fixture sideways, turn the plug up and the plug is loaded. Turn it back to remove the plug, and install it in your cylinder housing.

#### C Bullseye SD Locks

Bullseye (www.bullseyesdlocks.com), known for their line of safe deposit locks, is adding cam locks and L handles for teller stations. The nice part of this line is that the L handles have a removable plug, meaning it can easily be rekeyed or keyed alike with the cam locks.

#### C Master Lock Company

Master Lock (www.masterlock.com) is offering a neat little case for cell phones, iPods, keys, IDs and perhaps even a little cash. It's not high security; rather, it's geared toward the poolside market. The case has a resettable four-wheel combination lock and an attached cable to lock it to a chair, lounge or anything else that's either permanently attached to the ground or that might be obvious if someone tried to carry it off.

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#### STRATTEC Security Corp. <a>C</a>

If you are an automotive locksmith, you know that this part of our industry is constantly changing. Since 1935, STRATTEC (www.strattec.com) has been a huge part of the automotive lock market. This year, they're offering new, original GM remotes and remote head keys.

A different line but still under the STRAT-TEC umbrella is the Bolt line (www.boltlock.com), introduced several years ago with a padlock. They've expanded the line with trailer hitch receiver locks and cables. These locks are available in several keyways that match many newer GM, Chrysler and Ford vehicles. They've added a toolbox lock to the line.











#### Command Access Technologies C

The electronic access control technician will appreciate a few new products from Command Access (www.commandaccess.com). First up is flexible cable for getting the wire from the door jamb to jamb to the door. This unit works equally well for doors with butt hinges and doors, as seen in the picture with continuous geared hinges.

Command Access has also solved the problem of high inrush current required for latch retraction on many exit devices with two products. The first is a local power boost module that can operate from a 24VDC, 1.5 amp or greater power supply. The other way to operate these devices is with a motorized latch retraction. (Both options are pictured.)

A new product for them, and unique to Command Access, is an electrified trim for Von Duprin 22 exit devices. Shown in the picture in front of the trim is a current reduction module, which allows full current to retract and then reduces or limits the current, allowing the solenoid to operate cooler.

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Security Door Controls (SDC) • SDC (www.sdcsecurity.com) created a field retrofit system to electrify the Schlage L9080

mortise lock. Considering the cost of a new

electrified mortise lock case, this is a great product. Installed correctly, it is UL listed. How do you get the wire through a wood door to the lock? If your door is not fire-rated, SDC

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C ABUS Lock Company

new products and modifications. First up is the Titanium line of padlocks, intended to be just as strong or stronger than brass body padlocks but at a lower cost. The shackles are hardened and coated with ABUS' exclusive "Nano Protect" coating to keep the steel from rusting. Next up is their line of shackle collars that keep the padlock on the chain.

Another cool product introduced this year is a specially modified cylinder. The top of the bible has a cutaway opening with a special cap to allow the locksmith to take a cylinder keyed to five pins, and add the sixth top pin and spring without having to load from inside. Also on the side of the cylinder housing is a window introduced a few years ago, which lets you pin up the cylinder without removing the clip.

has the answer for that too. The laser door core drill fixture kit comes with a 50" specially designed drill bit with an extra-long flute to keep the shavings from clogging the drill bit.

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### Von Duprin C

A new product from Von Duprin (www.vonduprin.com) has me rethinking concealed exit device hardware. I've never been a fan of concealed vertical rod exit devices; they always seem to need readjusting. Von Duprin introduced a concealed vertical cable system that's great for new installs and existing installations, allowing you to remove the old rod system and install the cable system reusing the existing panic bar. The top latch is a pivot and connects to the panic bar; it then connects to the bottom latch with a cable. They also designed in a bottom latch height adjustment to allow for different gaps at the bottom of the door. I really can't wait to install one of these systems.









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### Pingi

Humidity can destroy guns and many other valuables stored in safes. A lot of dehumidifiers are on the market; some require power and others are desiccants. Pingi (www.pingi.





### Keyport O

A new company called Keyport (www. mykeyport.com) has a product consumers will like: a slide that holds up to six keys or inserts. The keys are modified by Keyport to fit into their slide. They have in stock a variety of common house, padlock and automotive keys, and the blade can even hold some transponder inserts. If you have restricted key blank or something special, they can probably modify the head for the Keyport. Available inserts include flash drives, LED lights, barcode holders and bottle openers. @ com) offers a dehumidifier (in a cute package with a penguin emblem on the front) that tells you when it needs to be recharged, which can be done in a microwave within three to 12 minutes.

### C High Tech Tools

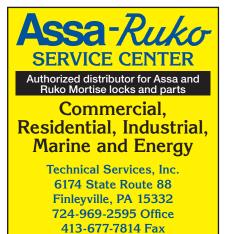
Over the next few months, I'll tell you about products I found at the show that deserve more coverage, including the Diebold retrofit kit for lug doors with small case locks, and a new key lock from Mauer. In the meantime, here's one last product: an LED car opening light from High Tech Tools (www.hightechtools.com). At just \$20 show price, it will be a nice backup to the more expensive lights in my truck. Who knows, after using it a few times it may be my primary light.



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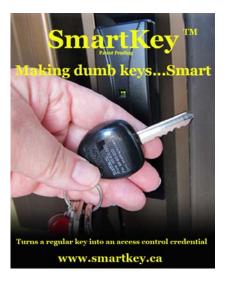
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## So Much Cooler Online

ALOA's new webinars provide a convenient, affordable way to advance your education. By Jim Hancock, CML, CMST in the classroom, to ask questions and get clarification.

The sessions are scheduled on various days and times to accommodate as many people as possible. Perhaps one of the best things about this training: In most cases, it's only \$25 to \$40 per session.

### The Lowdown

Here's how this works now, and where we see this going in the near future.

You'll receive an email from the education department announcing classes coming up within the next week or so. You'll reply to the email and tell us which class(es) you want to attend. We ask that you respond via email so there's no misunderstanding of email addresses or names, which would prohibit you from getting in the class.

Once you've replied, you'll receive an email invitation to attend the specific class. The email will have a link, which you'll click to go to a registration page. Here you'll enter the information needed for attending and to receive your certificate of training. This is also where you'll pay for the class. Once this is done, you'll receive a confirmation email with the class info and how to attend. As a reminder, you'll receive this same email one day prior and one hour prior to the session.

You'll log in approximately five minutes before the session begins, allowing

KAY, SO I SORT OF BLATANTLY STOLE THE TITLE OF this article from a pretty funny Brad Paisley tune — but it is cool to announce that the ALOA education department has finally decided to operate in the 20th century (I know it's the 21st century, but this announcement is that long overdue): ALOA now offers online webinar sessions.

These sessions are valid for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) wherever ALOA training is approved for these credits, and the classes are used for ALOA Education Units (AEUs). The webinars are instructor-led and will be interactive sessions; not only can you watch a presentation on your computer, but you also can talk to the instructor live, just like "Perhaps one of the best things about this training: In most cases, it's only \$25 to \$40 per session."

### **ALOA Accredits 14 New CFDIs**

Fourteen locksmiths attended two days of extensive training to become Certified Fire Door Inspectors in June 2012. Tom Demont, CFDI and ALOA ACE instructor, taught the two-day course at Accredited Lock Supply in Secaucus, NJ. The ALOA CFDI program is accredited through International Accreditation Services (IAS), International Fire Door Inspector Association (IFDIA), and the ALOA PRP requirements for Life Safety Codes. ALOA requires their inspectors to be proficient in NFPA 80-2007/2010, NFPA 101- 2009, ADA, IBC 2009, and IFC 2009, and they must pass an exam in each category.

The next class will be at the ALOA Training Center in Dallas, Texas. Sign up now to add another profit center to your business. — *Tom Demont, AHC, CAI, CFDI, CFL, CMIL, CML, CPS, ARL* 



From left to right: Mike Schell, William Meibauer, Matt Skoog, Anthony Wiersielis, William Kushnick, Vernon Kelley, Tom Demont, Robert Wright, Lee Torbik, Charles Park Jr., Michael Dohrenwend, Bruno Masciana, Watson Pharo, Guy Surer and Richard Rible.

the server to set up your computer. You'll choose your method of audio delivery — telephone, or computer speakers and microphone. Then sit back and wait and enjoy the class. As I mentioned earlier, these classes are interactive, so there will be discussion. The system allows for a real classroom experience (minus the handson, of course).

Once you've completed the course, the ALOA education staff will print a list of attendees with addresses and email addresses. Depending upon the number of classes held during the week, you'll receive your certificate via email within five days. The whole process is easy, convenient, affordable and most importantly, educational.

That's how it currently works, but the future is even more exciting. As we continue to grow the catalog of classes offered, there will be a link or site attached to our main site, www.aloa.org, that will let you see all current classes, as well as their dates and times. This will allow you to pick and choose days or even weeks ahead. Once you make your choices, you won't need to email us with your request — you'll automatically receive an email invitation for your chosen classes.

Can't make the class dates and times listed? No problem. We'll have the ability to record these sessions and make them available for viewing at your convenience. We believe that we'll also be able to record these sessions to DVD and make those available. Do you need a specific subject covered or want a session just for your employees? That too can be done.

The possibilities are exciting. Online training can also act as an enhancement to our live classroom training by allowing students to download materials ahead of time, and to have an hour or two of preparatory training and lecture before arriving in the classroom. This allows the classroom training to be a bit more streamlined.

Again, the possibilities are exciting, and we look forward to exploring every opportunity this training will allow. We hope that all of you — the members of ALOA and the industry as a whole — take advantage of this training. Who knows, we make actually make it to the 21st century with our training — depending upon the Mayans, of course. ♥



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### LOCKSMITH TASK FORCE



# Fund the Fight

As the legal fund for the ALOA Task Force grows, so will our ability to fight the phony lockskmiths. By Mike Bronzell, RL

would like to thank all the ALOA Convention & Security Expo attendees who stopped by the ALOA booth and expressed their concerns regarding the phony locksmith companies. It was saddening to hear just how much individual businesses are being affected by this scam. Many feel completely helpless as government agencies seem to ignore the problem.

The ALOA Locksmith Task Force Committee has discussed these problems, and it has been determined that one of the main problems is the illegal advertising. Our problem wouldn't be so large if companies followed their own rules and prevented these criminals from fraudulently advertising and creating a near monopoly of listings with phony addresses. It seems that many locksmiths have complained over the years but have only received lip service about how they won't allow phony locksmiths to be listed.

To prevent our industry from being taken over by scammer locksmiths, we must fight for it. We must unite and take the bull by the horns. We have decided to take various forms

### Help Fight Back!

To donate to the ALOA task force online, please go to this link: http://www.aloa.org/legalfund of legal actions against the people responsible for allowing the fraudulent advertising to proliferate. This means we need legal funds to mount an attack. I cannot stress how important this legal fund is while our industry is under attack from criminal profiteers. "We need legal funds to mount an attack. Without your help, we are all in trouble."

### **Everyone Must Help**

Everyone has a stake in this and should donate whatever they can. Everyone should also spread the word to everyone else, and ask them to donate to this important fund. The money that you donate will be used to fight for your business and ensure that you have a fair opportunity to market your business to the public — without being drowned out by phony listings from illegal phony locksmiths. Without money in the fund, we cannot employ legal help to start any legal action.

It has been one year since the task force legal fund has been created. We have only raised approximately \$16,000. We need much more than \$16,000 to get anything going. I hope many of you realize that and donate right away. The longer we wait, the worse it will get.

I would like to thank H.L. Flake for donating \$500 dollars to the fund. H.L Flake is a distributer, not a locksmith, but has decided to help their customers (locksmiths) fight for their survival. I need every one of you to do the same.

Your donation is actually a business investment, as the fund is meant to protect your business from a scam that has devastated many locksmiths across the country. Without your help, we are all in trouble. Please donate now so our legal fight against fraudulent criminal advertising can begin. @



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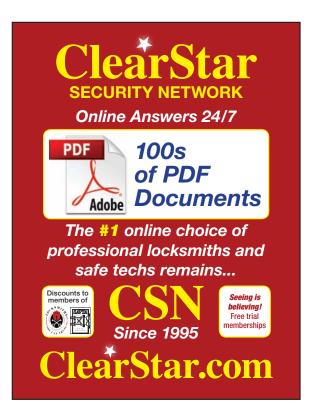
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## Industry PERSPECTIVE



### "There's a Nice Return on Your Investment"

For an insider's perspective on the replacement key blank manufacturing industry, we spoke with **Marc Auerbach**, the vice president of marketing for Jet Hardware Manufacturing in Brooklyn, NY. **Q:** Describe the current state of the replacement key blank manufacturing sector. **A:** Right now, we are seeing a general upswing in the overall market. During and after the recession, distributors' stock positions were reduced drastically relative to their past purchasing habits. For the most part, they were only ordering as necessary. Over the past six months, though, we've seen a much more steady stream of orders from distributors.

### **Q:** The security and access control industries are increasingly moving toward electronic access control (EAC). What has been the impact of this?

**A:** This is the most common question I get, even from people who aren't in our industry. While it's hard to measure any impact and differentiate between overall economycaused slowdowns and possible EAC integration causes, generally speaking, we have not seen any significant slowdown due to EAC.

EAC isn't new anymore, and I don't think there's any bigger impact today than there ever has been. And remember, practically every EAC lock still comes with a manual override key, so EAC generally doesn't replace manual keys. Until electronic locks become a mainstay of residential access, we are not likely to feel significant pressure in this area.

Q: What are some of the current technology trends, and what kinds of opportunities might these present for locksmiths? A: The most exciting technology trend we are seeing is the ease of accessibility for locksmiths to the highly profitable auto transponder cloning and duplicating market. The high-security technology tools and machines now available to locksmiths are priced at a fairly low point-of-entry, so many who have been on the fence are starting to jump in.

The proliferation of high-security car keys used in even the most pedestrian cars

is enabling locksmiths who have chosen to take the leap to better distinguish themselves from the average or occasional provider of basic key-cutting services. These locksmiths enjoy not only a healthy profit margin on the cutting and cloning of the key itself, but also increased sales due to incidental impulse buys as the customer waits. There's also a customer perception of higher locksmith quality when the keys work as intended.

Locksmiths can buy a high-quality manual duplicating machine for \$1,200-\$1,500, and cloning equipment for under \$2,000 that will enable them to clone keys for 90-95 percent of vehicles. When you can charge from \$75-\$125 per key, that's a nice return on your investment in the equipment.

## **Q:** What things are most important to locksmiths when working with a replacement key blank manufacturer?

**A:** Locksmiths don't want to worry about production inconsistencies in key blanks from one box to the next, about key blanks being too thick to enter the cylinder, or about the milling being wrong.

These are the things locksmiths think about when they open a box of keys: What has my history been with this manufacturer? How does the manufacturer respond if I do have an issue? Locksmiths put their reputations on the line when they hand their customer a cut key, so these things are of primary importance.

### **Q:** What is your outlook for the key blank manufacturing sector?

A: If current trends continue, we see a healthy and increasing industry over the next 12 months in all aspects of the replacement key blank market. For us, this includes residential keys, auto keys and even the decorative key blank market, for which the consumer appetite has remained steady and even expanded, despite its higher price point. @



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