

## IAM Welcomes Visit by Transportation Secretary Mineta

Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta visited the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center to address 28 students from Aviation High School in New York city who were at the Center to learn about the aviation industry.

"We are now in the safest four-year period of commercial aviation," declared Mineta, who credited the record to high levels of training for pilots, flight attendants and aircraft technicians.

"We want these students to have a better understanding of what's really taking place in the commercial airline industry today," said IAM Transportation General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. "With the skills they are learning, these young men and women will be well



*Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, left, is accompanied by Transportation GVP Robert Roach, Jr., right, during a recent visit to the Winpisinger Center.*

equipped to find rewarding careers in a variety of industries."

The students, who will graduate with Airframe and Powerplant licenses issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, are the fourth group from Aviation High School to visit the Winpisinger Center since the partnership program with the IAM began in 2003.

## New Chapter Opens in IAM History

More than 100 years of IAM history come alive with the online debut of *Machinists' Monthly Journals* from the earliest edition in 1889 through its last year in 1956. The collection, which also includes *Machinist* newspapers published from 1946 to 1994, is the result of a two-year effort between Georgia State



University's Southern Labor Archives and the Machinists union.

"This has been a tremendous project to capture our history and make it available to our members, labor scholars and anyone interested in labor history," said Winpisinger Center Director Jim Leslie.

Thousands of pages of *Monthly Journals* and *Machinist* newspapers have been converted to digital PDF format and are keyword searchable, including name and topic. The collection is available at the Southern Labor Archives at [www.library.gsu.edu/spcoll/labor](http://www.library.gsu.edu/spcoll/labor).

*Winpisinger Center Director Jim Leslie, standing right, debuts the new online collection of past IAM publications. Joining Leslie are Education Representative Charlie Micallef, center, and Southern Labor Archives Director Pamela Hackbart-Dean, standing at left.*

# Union Products a Big Hit in Cleveland

IAM products were a big part of the 2006 AFL-CIO Union Industries Show, now known as the America@Work show. This year's showcase of union-made products and services was held in Cleveland, OH and drew thousands of visitors.

As at past shows, the Machinists were there in force, showcasing some of America's legendary brands. The Machinists display drew large crowds with its iconic Harley-Davidson motorcycles, a giant Red Wing shoe, bright green John Deere tractors and other colorful products. Other IAM exhibitors included, Amana appliances, Corwin Knives, Trane Air Conditioning, Peerless Chain, YORK, Meyer Products, Union Office Solutions, USA Coffee Company, Guide Dogs of America, the IAM National Pension Fund and the National IAM Benefit Trust Fund.

"Our members make some of America's best-known brands," said General Secretary-Treasurer Warren Mart. "We're proud to showcase their work and the quality products that carry the union label."



Thousands of visitors saw quality union-made American products at the 2006 AFL-CIO Union Industries Show in Cleveland, OH.



IAM members can order Machinists' gear online at [www.goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org).

## Shop Online for IAM Gear

IAM members can now purchase union gear at the online IAM Store. Members will be able to buy a variety of IAM-related products such as t-shirts, jackets, jewelry and caps, all sporting the IAM logo.

The launch marks the first time [www.goiam.org](http://www.goiam.org) has offered members the option to buy products to support their union. All items are union made in the U.S.A. specifically for IAM members.

To make an online purchase from the IAM Store, click 'IAM Store' at the top of any page on the IAM website. Click 'Create New Account' from the sign-in menu on the left side of the page. The 'New User' page opens. Fill in your information in the fields provided (including your IAM book number). Then click 'Update.' You are now ready to start shopping.

When you find something you like, simply click on it. If you want to purchase the item, click 'Order.' Shipping rates for the item will appear and you will be prompted to enter credit card information and your purchase will be complete.