

Missoula Saws, Inc.

Missoula and Columbia Falls, MT – Member Since March 1978



When you work with wood and wood products your saws are the most valuable tools for business and project success. Missoula Saws, Inc. is a full service industrial saw supply source for saw and saw-related needs. From steel and carbide saw blades to band saws and grinding wheels, Missoula Saws can service all your industrial saw needs in the Pacific Northwest.



*Missoula Saws, Inc. in Missoula, MT
and Saw Performance Specialists, Inc. in Columbia Falls, MT.*

Clay Miller didn't plan to make Missoula Saws into a family business when he opened it in 1965. He had no idea that three generations of Millers would be working there. Clay had been a head saw filer since 1939, and the saw shop was just a sideline. Clay was a head saw filer at Intermountain Lumber,

in Missoula, MT and opened a shop to repair carbide circle saws. Back then, carbide was state of the art and still an innovation in saw milling. Soon the word spread through Montana, Idaho and Eastern Washington - Clay Miller was as good at sharpening carbide tipped saws as he was with band saws and round saws. Missoula Saws was no longer just a shop, it became a business.



*Missoula Saws, Inc. showroom has items in stock,
and can provide for any saw needs you may have.*

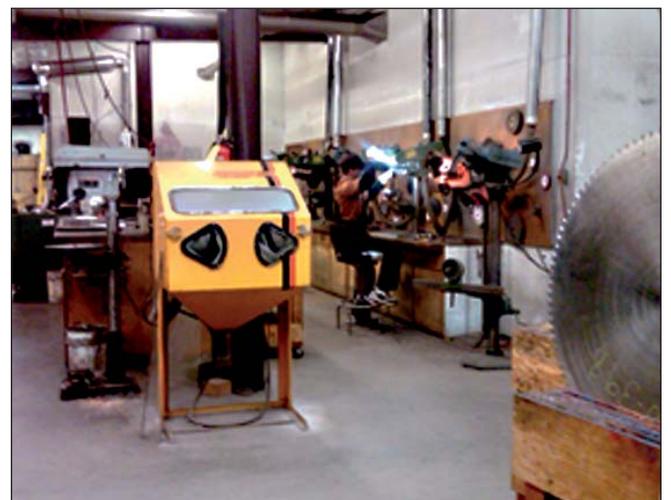
In 1970, George Miller joined his dad in Missoula as a sales manager and brought years of filing experience with him. Like his Dad, sawdust was in his blood, and in 1954 when he was 26 years old he was head filer at FK&L Lumber Co., in Martin City, MT. Other head filing jobs followed. George said, "I worked with some of the best expert filers, and while I never actually filed for my Dad, he was my mentor and always ready to help"

George's younger brother Bob Miller has been vice president and general manager of Missoula Saws since 1973. Before Bob worked in the filing room at Broeder Bros. Lumber Co. in Kalispell, MT,

he would go into the filing room at Broeder's and watch George work. That is what got him started in filing. Bob says, "I learned about half of what I know about saws from George, and the other half from Dad." It was great to have two good teachers in the family!

Bob's oldest son, Brian Miller, began work at Missoula Saws in 1986. Before that, he worked on the green chain and was a tail sawyer behind the head rig and the edger at Superior Lumber Co. in Columbia Falls, Montana. Brian says he liked the idea of being part of the family business. "Working on saws is one of the most enjoyable jobs I've ever had, Grandpa had retired when I went to work at Missoula Saws, but my Dad and Uncle George helped me learn how to put up good saws."

Brian wasn't the only son to join Missoula Saws. Barry Miller started in 1991 as a teenager working part time, and is now the full time saw filer. In between he worked at nearby Plum Creek Timber. Also, like his Dad, he worked the green chain, and was



*Missoula Saws' filing-room facility can handle almost any
blade. The largest blade so far had an 84 inch diameter.*

also a dry chain grader. In 1996 Rodney Munson, also a teenager, started working for Missoula Saws in the shop after school. He also learned from his Dad and Uncle George.

All the Millers of Missoula Saws feel they've done well in saw milling, and that saw milling has done well by them. It is said that you must keep-up with change! George Miller's advice to young people is "You can never stop learning." That's good advice for anyone.

SAW PRODUCTS

Carbide and stellite round saws

Planner, lathe and chipper knives

Band saws

Saw sharpening and repair equipment

Grinding coolant and bandsaw lube

BAND SAWS

Bandsaw guides

Simonds wide bands

Simonds metal cutting bands

Simonds red streak narrow kerf

ABRASIVE GRINDING WHEELS

Carborundum abrasives

Pacific grinding wheels

Norton grinding wheels

Bates grinding wheels

Radiac grinding wheels

Sait

Trim cut

CBN AND DIAMOND WHEELS

American diamond

Stadard diamond

O'Byrle wheels

Universal diamond

OTHER SAW PRODUCTS

Aget manufacturing dust collectors

Newman Whitney Planers and knife grinders

Robb Precision Tool tool repair

Reform knife grinders

Simonds Manufacturing

Armstrong Manufacturing

center alignment, band wheel grinding, filing room design and equipment installation, machine center start-ups and saw design and applications.

Barry and Brad Miller run the Kalispell office and Brian and Rodney run the Missoula office. Both facilities feature state of the art precision sharpening equipment, sharpening services for primary and secondary forest products and other industrial facilities, as well as for the cabinet and furniture industry.

Today, both companies are major distributors for several saw and saw maintenance equipment companies and are always ready to meet your needs.

Clay and George Miller have passed away, and Bob Miller retired in January 2002, leaving the third generation of Millers to move into the future and carry on the valuable knowledge that has been passed down from generation to generation.

As Brian Miller, Barry Miller, Rodney Munson and Brad Miller begin the next generation of Missoula Saws, Inc., they remember what Uncle George said, "You need to keep up with the change, whatever it takes." So, in September 2002 they purchased Saw Performance Specialists in Kalispell, MT. The company was owned by Scott Emmert, who started the saw filing business five years prior, after working for Plum Creek Timber. (Emmert now operates Saw Pro, a filing room consulting company based in Kalispell, MT.)

In an effort to further service the wood industry, Missoula Saws, Inc. has a full time staff. Our experience and knowledge can be utilized by the entire lumber industry. In today's tough and trying lumber market when everyone wants more for less, they can provide a specialized consultant to devote his time to the customer's specific needs. Missoula Saws can provide on site consulting/trouble shooting, machine



The well equipped sharpening facility, at Saw Performance Specialists, is ready to help you with any sharpening needs.



Saw Performance Specialists' showroom at Columbia Falls, MT.

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