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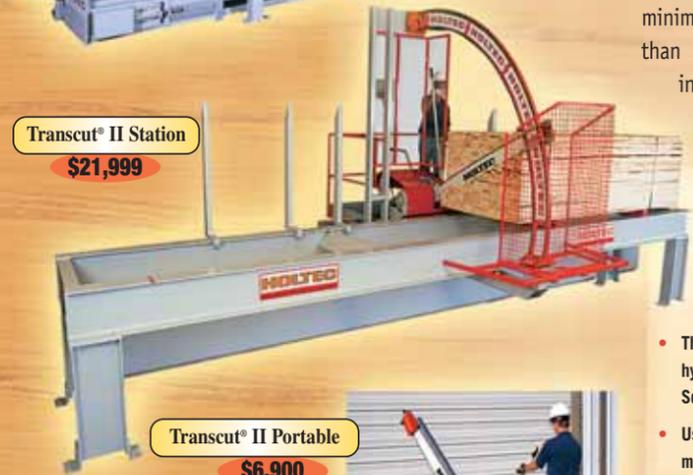
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Editor's Message

Diversifying, Staying Connected Are Key in Current Environment

by Bob Becht

Reflections on a year like none other.

It goes without saying that this year so far has been more challenging than I ever imagined, and I'm sure many of you are finding yourselves in the same position. However difficult business is, I feel fortunate to have served as WTCA president over the past year. I like to think of the silver lining in our current situation as forcing us to become better, smarter, more innovative businesspeople. The latest predictions from most resources I've checked call for a housing rebound in 2010—later than originally projected. If you're anything like me, these projections are forcing you to think hard about how your business will stay strong. In a word, I believe one of the keys for many of us is diversification. Taking big or small steps toward diversifying our product lines and related services may feel like uncharted territory after a stretch of "boom" years for our industry. I know that for my company, we had several years of taking orders and trying to keep pace with demand. The environment we're in now is much, much different. We've got to get creative, explore new markets and think outside the box.

Kirk Grundahl shares his **Big Picture** on page 16. Getting back to business basics, he says, is one of the most important survival strategies for any business. Among them: connect with customers, differentiate, and market, market, market. He also talks about the importance of staying connected with peers, and a new forum WTCA created is precisely for this purpose. If there's one benefit of your membership in WTCA, it's staying connected and learning from each other.

Another all-too-familiar example of keeping on your toes no matter how hard things get is spotlighted in one of this issue's features. On page 30, read up on what you can expect the next time you get a surprise visit from OSHA—from the inspection itself to reviewing your safety records. There are even examples from CMs who have endured surprise visits to demonstrate some of the things that can happen during an inspection. You might never be able to foresee the future, but with "What to Expect When You're (Not) Expecting...OSHA," your operation will be as prepared as possible.

A couple more thoughts before I pass the gavel to Ben Hershey, our 2009 president:

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One of the best things I think you can do for your business is to come to a place where you can learn more than any other event of the year: BCMC. If you want to keep your finger on the pulse of the industry, and carry out business planning, evaluating and adjusting, there's no better place to do it. Find a list of this year's exhibitors on page 42. There's still time to register! Visit www.bcmcshow.com for complete details.

In closing, I would like to thank the WTCA Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for the pleasure of serving WTCA over the last year. I also thank the entire WTCA membership for their participation in and support of our great association. **SBC**

at a glance

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- ❑ If there's one benefit of your membership in WTCA, it's staying connected and learning from each other.
- ❑ BCMC is the place to keep your finger on the pulse of the industry and make adjustments to your business.

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A look at stress-graded lumber.

by Ryan J. Dexter, P.E.

Lumber plays such a significant role in the design of metal plate connected wood trusses that it is no surprise that we often receive questions about it. The questions often simply refer to lumber design values; but sometimes the questions reflect the terminology used. We have all heard the term "stress-graded lumber" for example, but what does it mean? The term is used frequently in this industry. For instance, the *Building Component Safety Information (BCSI)* booklet states that the "minimum size of lumber used as lateral restraint and diagonal bracing is 2x4 stress-graded lumber unless other size is specified by the building designer."

Question

Is 2x4 Spruce-Pine Fir #1/#2 considered a stress-graded lumber? After all, it is visually graded in order to determine its structural capabilities, not for its appearance. Or does stress-graded lumber mean machine graded?

Answer

Any lumber that is graded to assign design properties would be considered stress-graded. It makes no difference whether the material is graded visually or mechanically (e.g., Machine Stress Rated [MSR] or Machine Evaluated Lumber [MEL]). Any material with listed design properties in the *National Design Standard for Wood Construction (NDS) Supplement* or in individual lumber use guides are considered stress-graded and are acceptable per the BCSI general requirements. If a product is only graded for appearance (i.e., boards) and design values have not been established for the grade, then that material, although graded, is not stress-graded.

Question

Is there a minimum grade recommended for truss members? Do tension members need to be machine stress rated lumber?

Answer

Truss members can be stud grade as long as the design values are equal to or less than the stresses that are actually going through the truss. And no, the lumber does not need to be machine stress rated, but stress values need to be associated with the lumber. ANSI/TPI 1-2002 Section 3.4.1 states:

Truss lumber shall be the grade and size specified on the truss design drawing. Truss lumber of a different grade shall be permitted to be substituted if the substitute grade does not exceed the coefficient of variation for modulus of elasticity (COVE) of the specified grade, and meets or exceeds the specified grade for each of the following properties:

- (a) allowable design value for bending (F_b);
- (b) allowable design value for tension (F_t);
- (c) allowable design value for compression parallel to grain (F_c);
- (d) allowable design value for compression perpendicular to grain ($F_{c\perp}$);
- (e) allowable design value for shear (F_v);
- (f) allowable design value for bearing (F_d);
- (g) specific gravity (G); and
- (h) average modulus of elasticity (MOE)

Any changes in grade not meeting the above requirements, or any changes to structural composite lumber products shall require the review and approval of a Truss Designer.

As long as the allowable design values of the lumber (which are based on the species and grade) are at least equal to the amount of stress that the lumber will be expected to resist in the truss design, the lumber is acceptable. The only way to know what the allowable stresses are is to use lumber graded by the lumber manufacturer. Typically, truss webs are at least Number 3 or stud grade and chords (whether bottom chords which are typically in tension or top chords which are typically in compression) are at least Number 2 grade.

You should expect to find the same quality lumber in trusses as you would in any other type of construction. The lumber used in trusses is sized and graded the same way all structural lumber is. Lumber species of Southern Pine, Spruce-Pine Fir, Hem-Fir, or Doug-Fir-Larch are common. These lumber species are often used in trusses and are available in structural grades such as Select Structural, No. 1, No. 2, etc. Metal connector plate strength values are tested in the various lumber species that they will be used in; truss design software must contain the species and grade dependent lumber and plate values in order to correctly perform to the truss design.

Ultimately, trusses can be designed with any stress-graded lumber. Depending on the design loads, certain grades of lumber may not be adequate to handle and transfer the given loads for a particular truss design and thus they would be unacceptable. These cases would require a higher grade of lumber to adequately resist the forces in the truss. **SBC**



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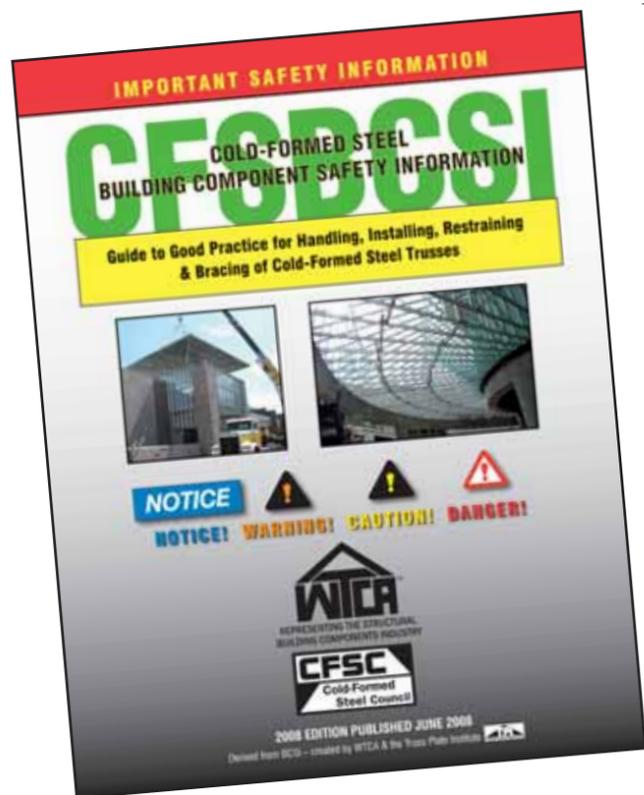
New Guide for Cold-Formed Steel Component Manufacturers

by WTCA Staff

Announcing the new cold-formed steel version of BCSI.

With residential housing moving at a snail's pace, the commercial and multi-family construction markets have become bright spots for many manufacturers in the industry to make up ground. It couldn't be better timing for a new guide aimed at the safe handling of cold-formed steel (CFS) components.

In July, WTCA's Cold-Formed Steel Council (CFSC) released the *Cold-Formed Steel Building Component Safety Information booklet (CFSBCSI)*, now available for purchase. Modeled after BCSI, it includes the most current information regarding the handling, installation, restraint and bracing of cold-formed steel trusses.



The booklet includes information on important safety items to be considered when handling and installing trusses, required information for building designers to include in the construction documents, crane use and proper truss handling, hip set assembly installation recommendations, long span truss installation, field assembly and other special conditions, permanent restraint and bracing concepts and guidelines, construction loads, truss damage, jobsite modifications and installation errors, and fall protection general guidelines.

A committee of CFSC members collaborated on the booklet over the last year. Mike Noonan of Cascade Mfg Co and CFSC co-chair served on the project committee. He said this type of safety guide has long been needed by CFS manufacturers to educate the people who handle their products. "The CFSBCSI is a great risk management tool for your business, which is why the industry has been asking for it. All truss fabricators who have been involved with steel are in need of this tool, and it hasn't been available before. Now that it is, we as an industry need to make use of it," said Noonan.

Joe Odgers, CFSC co-chair from Builders FirstSource, said that by embracing CFSBCSI, CFS manufacturers can ensure that a unified message about the product is sent to the marketplace. "Before this document existed, we lacked a common message. Now the process of educating building designers, contractors and framers will be a lot easier," he said.

CFSBCSI is available in an easy to read 8½" x 11", spiral bound booklet and includes many photographs and graphics that help clarify and support the handling and erecting practices discussed in the text. In addition, each of the six chapters of CFSBCSI are also available as individual Summary Sheets that are combined into an easy to use JOBSITE PACKAGE. This package condenses the information provided in each chapter into a few pages that emphasize the main concepts using a more graphical presentation for ease of use in the field. **SBC**

To learn more about CFSBCSI or to order copies, visit www.cfsc.sbcindustry.com.

at a glance

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- CFSBCSI is organized into six chapters, each of which exists separately as a Summary Sheets
- The CFS JOBSITE PACKAGE is a graphical presentation of CFSBCSI concepts for ease of use in the field.



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The Big Picture

Diversification & Patience... Our Last Resources

by Kirk Grundahl, PE.

What you can do to stay productive and positive.

If you ever thought you had control of your business's destiny and that you had enough business savvy to out-think any problem, this is the business cycle that could easily bring you to your knees with humility. The marketplace just does not care if you do well or fail. There are several key lessons here for sure, the most important being that one has absolutely no overall control.

This is the most challenging time most of us have ever faced in business. We feel even more helpless when we're struck with the stark realization that most of what has happened to our businesses, even to the point where we may be forced to go out of business, is not due to fundamentally bad business decisions. What is occurring is a series of forced changes to all facets of our business. One suspects that by now you have no more significant options for cost reductions left, so the business game has to shift to what to do next.

As current WTCA President Bob Becht said in his final article, business diversification is a key word today. We need to be thinking this through. The fundamental question is if and how diversification will make a difference for business in the necessary timeframe. While patience is not easy to have in situations like this, patience coupled with focused, diligent, detailed, hard work may be the only resource that remains for some of us.

While each of our businesses are different in terms of goods and services provided, there are some common themes and concepts that may have value in considering. Here are four that I believe are the most valuable in our current environment.

1. Take a hard look at your sales function.

Challenge your team to communicate more with people who have a good feel for the market. What ideas do your sales staff have regarding the market and where opportunities lie? Attendance at local construction market oriented tradeshows will give you a much better feel for all facets of the local/regional construction markets. If you have not already been involved in your customers' local trade association, it is definitely a good time to do so. If you've been doing this all along, these relationships are likely coming in handy now.

Another approach is to go to the horse's mouth. Communicate more with current customers and ask if there are opportunities to help them. Their responses may initiate a dialog about how you could add value to their business. It is always valuable to speak in depth with your close customers because the things you learn from one can be easily applied to others.

Once you and your sales team has adequately surveyed customers, expand or alter services to meet their needs. This might mean partnering with them to move together into markets they (and you) may not have served before. If they have downsized like you, talk about developing a strategy, with them, to fill the gaps they have in their business with services that fit your staff's skill sets and their immediate needs.

Based on the direct marketplace feedback you gather pick a select few target markets to see what results can be generated and what feedback you gain and then adjust, adjust, adjust.

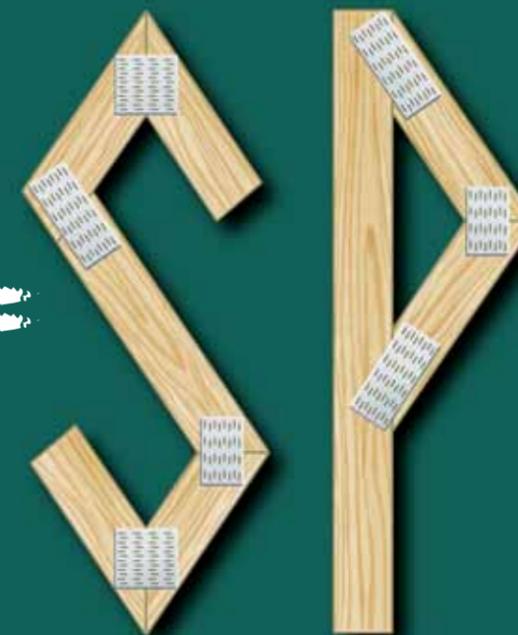
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at a glance

- ❑ Making sound business decisions in this business cycle provides no guarantee of business success.
- ❑ We must recast the notion of diversification and find creative new ways to serve customers.
- ❑ Beyond evaluating sales and product lines, defining clear objectives and consulting with industry peers for ideas are important exercises.

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2. Take a hard look at your product lines.

Seriously evaluate what diversification means to your business and how it can be implemented. It may mean getting into washer/dryer sales. I hope it doesn't come to that, but the point of conducting this exercise is to identify the low-hanging fruit that can generate cash now and allow you to build business in an alternative direction(s).

I'll be more specific. It might mean determining the areas of your business in which you out-perform the competition and seeing how those areas can be put together with a changed

or new series of product lines that will provide unique value in the marketplace. Alternatively, it could mean expanding more deeply into the residential and commercial/industrial structural framing marketplace to provide the full array of building material services including red iron, concrete, or any of a wide variety of complementary materials. Add more building materials to sell along with any unique services you can think of that will set you apart.

What product line or combination of product lines can you add in your market area that others cannot get easily and that would provide you with a unique offering? What about framing or building design? What about teaming up with a builder, framer and building designer to collaborate on projects and truly implement optimum value engineering concepts?

This is clearly not the kind of market that allows you to rule out options or be too picky about what you are going to be doing, so the goal will be to foster as much creativity as possible when brainstorming.

3. Develop clear goals, objectives & benchmarks.

Lay out realistic yet challenging goals and objectives that align well with the skill sets of your staff and the framework of your business. Focus on your strengths and the things that make you unique, and make sure that the unique features and benefits are present in your goals. Learning how to exploit this uniqueness will serve you well no matter what kind of business environment you are presented with now and in the future.

Next, monitor sales and marketplace feedback daily. Do not be afraid to abandon

objectives that are not working and quickly adjust the goals and plan. Dead ends, frustrating experiences and fluid adjustments will probably be the norm. Do your best to stay as positive as you can, and do not relent.

4. Tap your industry support group.

There is no better time to have a support group of non-competing friends in the industry to bounce ideas off of. This same support group also includes all of your suppliers. Every conversation and meeting presents the ability to learn, evaluate and adjust your current plan. Certainly there is an opportunity or idea that can come out of every exchange. It's up to each of us to look for it and capture the vision on how to take advantage of it.

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Learn from Your Peers at BCMC

There is only one place you can go to meet with the largest gathering of you peers that exists in our industry: BCMC. If you want to know more about your industry or business in general, you can learn a lot from your fellow agents in the field, said writer Geoff Williams in a recent Entrepreneur.com article. Williams quotes a British entrepreneur Douglas de Jager who joined a networking organization to grow his online property search site.

"Your peers are your best resource," said de Jager. "It was a way for members to share experiences and to learn from each other. It's amazing what ideas can come from a collective group."

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Closing Thoughts

There are no easy answers in any of this; much of your ability to stay in business in this environment is based on how much cash you have in the bank and how willing your banks are to support you through this rough patch. Our hope and prayer is that you all have a great support system that has come along side you when you are in a particularly challenging situation. Let's not lose faith. Here's to positive hope for our collective future. **SBC**

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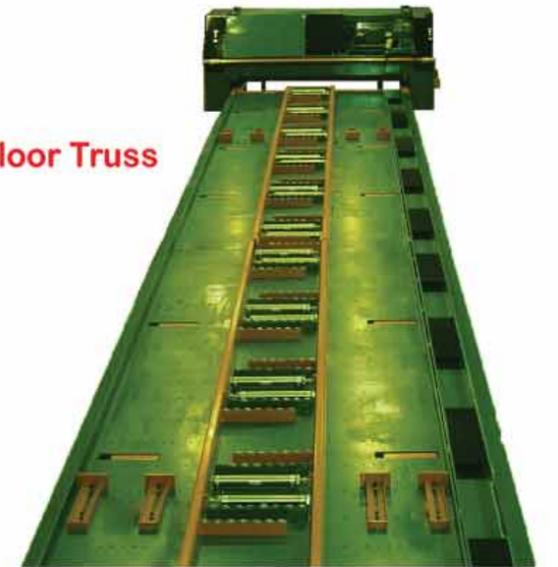
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Church Add-On Gets Beautiful New Chapel with Components

by Joe Heinsman, PE.

The design of a new chapel showcases innovative use of components.

at a glance

- ❑ Stock Building Supply helped to design and build a showy chapel addition.
- ❑ The use of components became interesting when the structural engineer decided that the significant horizontal deflection inherent in steep pitched scissors trusses would be greater than what would be acceptable for this structure.
- ❑ The height of the trusses required that they be built in halves and field assembled.

An addition onto the Toney Chapel to Southport Presbyterian Church in Southport, IN was a unique use of trusses with a number of interesting structural features. While simple in concept and plan, the number of creative approaches needed to construct this “simple” building presented some interesting challenges. The trusses were designed and supplied by Stock Building Supply in Franklin, IN (Davidson Lumber Co. at the time of construction).

The basic plan of the chapel is a cross shape with each of the legs being 40' wide. The legs are relatively short compared to their width. The two side legs are 14'-8" long and the front and back legs are about half of that. There is a gable at the end of each leg. Four intersecting vaults meeting at a point at the center of the building with a high ceiling pitch that was designed for aesthetic effect. The roof was designed at a 12/12 pitch and the ceiling an 8/12 pitch. The walls were designed to be 14' tall.

The use of structural components became interesting when the structural engineer, Scott Jones of Arsee Engineers, decided that the significant horizontal deflection inherent in the 40' steep pitched scissors trusses would be greater than what would be acceptable for this structure. In addition, the height of the trusses required that they be built in halves and field assembled. His solution was to have the scissors trusses designed similar to three hinged arches and design the exterior walls to

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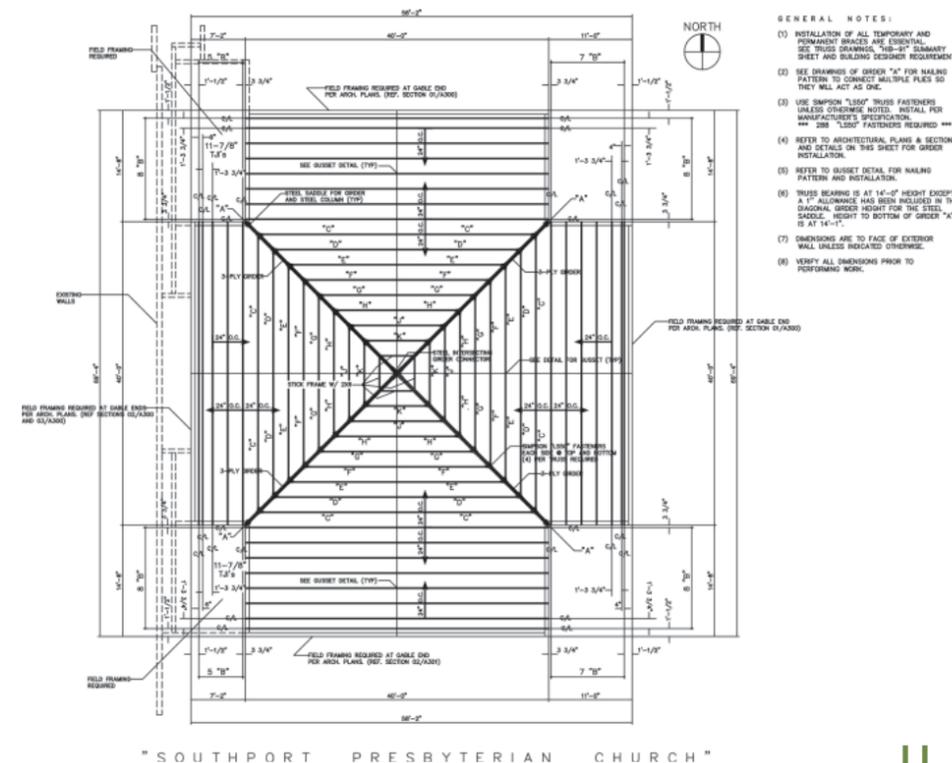


Figure 1. The design drawing indicates four intersecting vaults meeting at a point at the center of the building with a high ceiling pitch. The roof was designed at a 12/12 pitch and the ceiling an 8/12 pitch.

Photo 1. After the steep half scissors trusses were assembled on the jobsite, the trusses for each of the four legs of the addition were set by crane. Steel beams along the top of the walls of each leg and glulam beams in each of the four gables resist horizontal and vertical forces.



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Photo 2. For aesthetic purposes, the glulam beams are all exposed on the inside of the finished structure

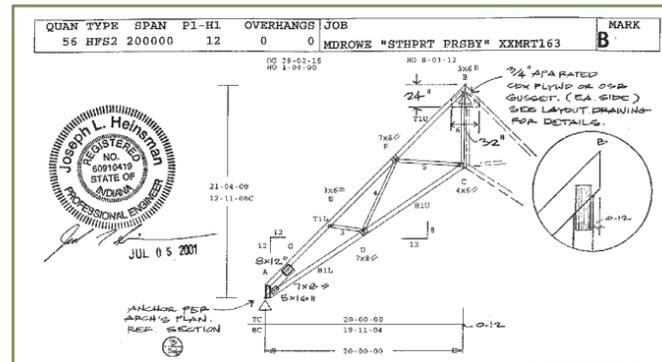


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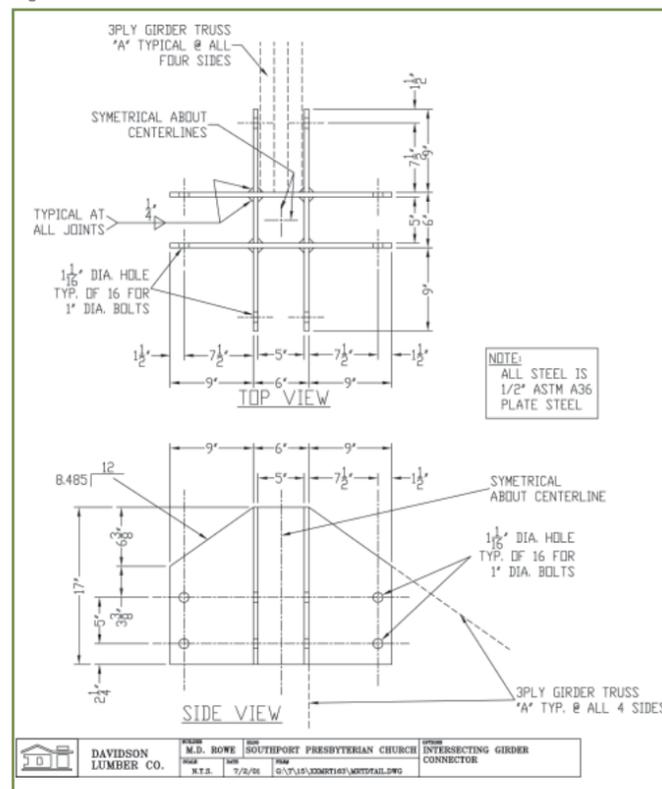


Figure 3.

The trusses were designed and built as half scissor trusses leaning on each other with the only connection at the peak between the top chords using a plywood gusset and nails (see Figure 2). A light connection was made between the bottom chords for stability during erection. Four 3-ply half scissor girder trusses starting from the four inside corners extended to the center point of the building and were also designed similar to 3-hinged arches. These girder trusses leaned against a center compression ring at their peak which was designed and supplied by Stock Building Supply (see Figure 3). The compression ring was of 1/2" plate steel with flange extending down each side of each of the four girders. Two 1" diameter thru-bolts were used at each girder truss. Again the connection was at the top chord only. Stubbed trusses ran

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resist the horizontal thrust that resulted. A combination of steel in the side walls of each leg of the chapel and glulam beams in the gables was used to resist the horizontal forces. The steel in the side walls was a wide flange beam along the top of the wall to carry the vertical load with a flat-side-up C-channel on top of it to resist the horizontal thrust of the trusses. Horizontal steel saddles with bolt holes were welded to the top of the C-channel at each truss location. At the inside corners the horizontal load was transferred into the intersecting perpendicular wall's steel framing where it was resisted by either an angled tube steel brace within that wall or steel truss frames that were used in the two walls with openings in them that were too close to the corners to allow the use of the angled braces. At the gable ends, to resist the outward horizontal thrust of the trusses, a horizontal glulam beam ran across the gable end at the top of the walls tying the ends of the walls on either side of the gable together. This glulam was interrupted by two vertical glulam columns. Continuity of the horizontal glulam was achieved by attaching steel brackets to the vertical columns and horizontal glulam at their intersections. These beams, both horizontal and vertical, also served to create a frame to support the large gable wall framing. For aesthetic purposes, the glulam beams are all exposed on the inside of the finished structure (see Photo 2 above).

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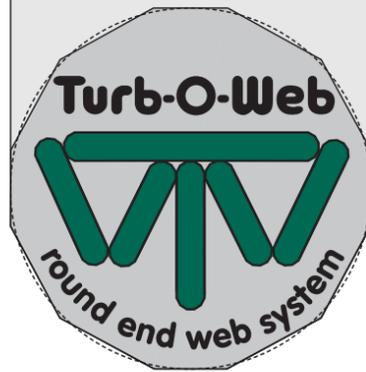
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between the girder trusses progressing toward the center of the building. Only the shorter of these were not also hinged at their peak. All webs in the trusses had to be aligned because of the need to pass a number of large ducts through the trusses and spread them out throughout the four legs of the building. Since all the trusses were the same basic profile, a stub of that basic profile, or as in the case of the girders—an elongated version of that basic profile, the task of aligning the webs was easily accomplished. The panel nearest the peak was the largest opening and was where all the ductwork was located. The area nearest the center of the roof was stick framed between the girders because the end verticals of stubbed trusses in this area would have interfered with the passage of the ducts. The large horizontal reaction of the girder trusses combined with the horizontal load that was brought to the inside corners by the steel C-channels on top of the walls resulted in a very large overturning load at these corners. As a result, the vertical steel columns that the girders rest on are in tension and a large concrete footing was needed at the base of the column to create the dead weight necessary to hold the column down.

After discussing various options with the project engineer, the decision was made to avoid expensive special order connectors to attach the stubbed trusses to the girders. Instead, the trusses were supported on a sloping 2x6 ledger nailed to the 2x12 top chord of the girders and dropped far enough to allow for a top chord bearing detail. This resulted in double miter cuts on the ends of the top chords with one miter cut against the face of the girder and one miter cut against the top of the ledger. The bottom chords were also mitered against the face of the girder truss (see Figure 4). To keep the trusses from sliding down the ledger, mitered blocking was added between the trusses. The blocking was nailed to the girders with a thru bolt added to keep it from being pried off the face of the girder by the truss it held in place. A standard framing connector was also used from the top of the girder to the top chord of each stubbed truss to keep the truss from sliding away from the girder and off the ledger (see Figure 5). All of this required careful coordination between Stock Building Supply and the project engineer.

The end result was a beautiful chapel which the parishioners of Southport Presbyterian Church have been able to enjoy since it was completed in 2002.

According to Dan Plummer, Director of Environmental Services with Southport Presbyterian Church, they have had no problem at all with drywall cracking or any other movement-related problems. **SBC**

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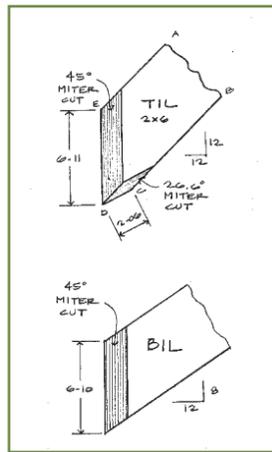


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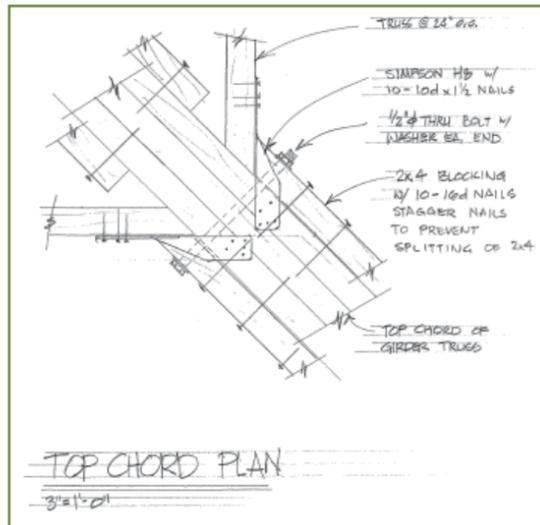


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What to Expect When You're (Not) Expecting...

OSHA

Know what to expect when OSHA surprises you.

by Molly E. Butz

In a perfect world there would be a precise and understandable process for everything, from having a baby to going through an OSHA inspection. And although the title of this article indicates that you might be "expecting" OSHA to stop in, it's not likely they'll give you any warning if they're headed your way. Realistically, unless there's something really major (and unusual) going on at your component manufacturing facility, you probably won't have OSHA knocking on your door. That being said, there are still plenty of reasons an OSHA inspector can and will end up on your doorstep without warning. And, although some states oversee their own (approved) safety/health plans (see Figure 1), those state plans are also required to maintain inspection procedures that are "comparable" to the federal standards. (However, CMs operating in state plan states are not subject to federal OSHA inspections in addition to state inspections.) Let's face it—with all these factors, it's best to be prepared.

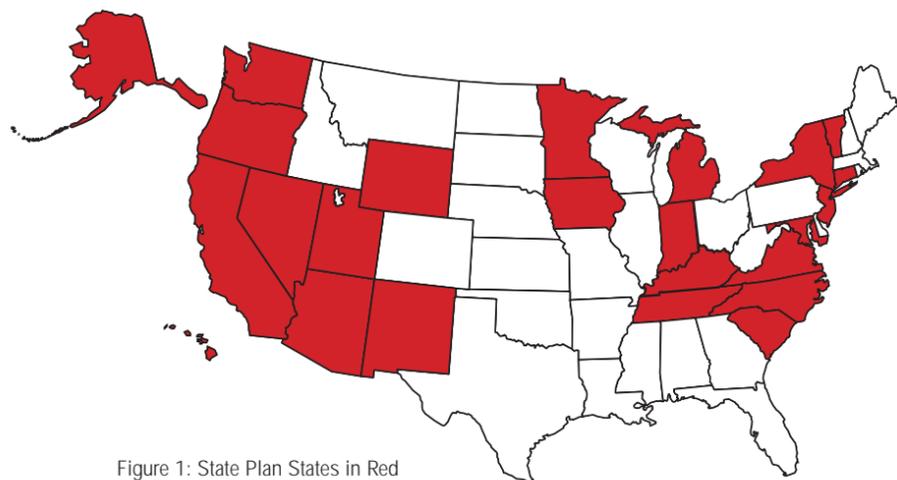


Figure 1: State Plan States in Red

You'll notice as we walk through the OSHA inspection process that some of the language (in quotes) has been taken directly from OSHA's 2008 publication *OSHA Inspections*. This has been done to highlight the specific words and phrases OSHA uses to define the inspection process.

at a glance

- ❑ The most likely causes for OSHA to drop in are an employee complaint or a programmed inspection.
- ❑ Something you can do now is to identify authorized employer and employee reps who would accompany an inspector during a walkthrough.
- ❑ Define an internal safety reporting system to ensure employees are comfortable talking about safety concerns.

Knock, Knock

If there ever is a reason for OSHA to drop in there are a few things you should know. First, the most likely causes for an inspection are an employee complaint or a programmed inspection (see sidebar on page 31). Most importantly, as mentioned before, be aware that the inspection will almost certainly occur "without advance notice." You should also know that before an OSHA compliance officer comes knocking, he or she will review the information about your facility including your "inspection history, the nature of the business, and the particular [OSHA standards] that might apply." It's crucial that you're familiar with these standards, too. After all, you can imagine what kind of impression you'll give if you have to admit you are unaware of the standards with which your business is expected to comply.

OSHA Inspections

With millions of workplaces under OSHA's watchful eye every year, inspections are conducted in order of importance. Established by OSHA, this order is as follows:

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- **Catastrophes/Fatal Accidents:** In this case, catastrophe is defined as "accidents resulting in the death or hospitalization of three or more employees."
- **Complaints/Referrals:** Formal employee complaints of unsafe or unhealthful working conditions and referrals from any source about a workplace hazard.
- **Programmed Inspections:** Aimed at high-hazard industries, workplaces or occupations and are often based on high injury incidents rates.
- **Follow-Up Inspections:** To determine if an employer has appropriately corrected previously cited violations.

However, if you're wondering specifically what might bring OSHA calling, here is a good example. Best Homes, Inc. had a visit from a federal OSHA compliance officer in March 2007. Scott Arquilla, Best Homes' Vice President, indicated that his facility was targeted because their 2005 DART (Days Away/Restricted or Transfer) and DAFWII (Days Away from Work Injury and Illness) rates were higher than the industry average. Falling into the "Programmed Inspections" category (see above), Best Homes' inspection was initiated under OSHA's Site Specific Targeting 2006 (SST-06) Plan which focused on worksites with high DART and DAFWII rates. It's interesting to note that as part of the officer's inspection, she reviewed the company's *significantly* lower DART and DAFWII rates for 2006, but nevertheless proceeded with an inspection of the facility.

Start the Process

An OSHA compliance officer will present his or her credentials upon arriving at your facility. **Always ask to see the officer's credentials and follow up with a call to your state or federal OSHA office to confirm if you have any concerns.** Once you've established the officer's authenticity, he or she will ask to begin with an "opening conference." Clearly you'll want all of the key members of your management team available before this conference begins so make sure that all of your staff, especially your front office folks, knows who to get in touch with



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in case a compliance officer arrives. OSHA protocol allows a 'reasonable' amount of time to gather your people; plan on roughly one hour. Note that you can turn the officer away requiring he or she return with a search warrant, but it's hard to believe that such a request will be well received and rest assured the officer will get one and come back. No matter how you choose to proceed, always maintain a respectful, professional manner.

During the opening conference you will learn why your business was chosen for an inspection, the "scope of the inspection," and which OSHA standards will apply during the walkthrough. Depending on the reason for the visit, the inspection may or may not be limited to a specific area of your facility. In addition, the officer will ask you to select both

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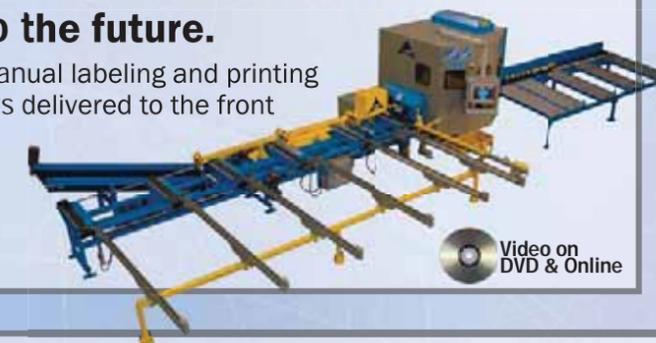
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- **Other-Than-Serious Violation:** A violation that has a direct relationship to job safety and health, but probably would not cause death or serious physical harm. OSHA may assess a penalty from \$0 to \$1,000 for each violation. The agency may adjust a penalty for an other-than-serious violation downward by as much as 95 percent, depending on the employer's good faith (demonstrated efforts to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970), history of previous violations, and size of business.
- **Serious Violation:** A violation where there is a substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result. OSHA assesses the penalty for a serious violation from \$1,500 to \$7,000 depending on the gravity of the violation. OSHA may adjust a penalty for a serious violation downward based on the employer's good faith, history of previous violations, and size of business.
- **Willful Violation:** A violation that the employer intentionally and knowingly commits. The employer is aware that a hazardous condition exists, knows that the condition violates a standard or other obligation of the Act, and makes no reasonable effort to eliminate it. OSHA may propose penalties of up to \$70,000 for each willful violation. The minimum willful penalty is \$5,000. An employer who is convicted in a criminal proceeding of a willful violation of a standard that has resulted in the death of an employee may be fined up to \$250,000 (or \$500,000 if the employer is a corporation) or imprisoned up to six months, or both. A second conviction doubles the possible term of imprisonment.
- **Repeated Violation:** A violation of any standard, regulation, rule, or order where, upon reinspection, a substantially similar violation is found and the original citation has become a final order. Violations can bring a fine of up to \$70,000 for each such violation within the previous 3 years. To calculate repeated violations, OSHA adjusts the initial penalty for the size and then multiplies by a factor of 2, 5, or 10 depending on the size of the business.
- **Failure-to-Abate:** Failure to correct a prior violation may bring a civil penalty of up to \$7,000 for each day that the violation continues beyond the prescribed abatement date.

What to Expect...

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an "authorized employer representative" and an "authorized employee representative" to be present at the opening conference and subsequent walkthrough. These representatives can be virtually anyone that works at your company, from managers to members from your safety committee. Simply choose folks that you feel fairly represent your company and your employees. And, if you designate your representatives today it's one more easy way to be prepared that you can check off your list!

In early 2007, another Midwest component manufacturer was visited by OSHA after complications following a minor workplace injury resulted in the employee's death. Further review of the circumstances surrounding the injury and subsequent death led the case experts and various insurance companies involved to question whether the case was actually work-related; because of this, the case remains open. However, because it was considered a work-related injury at the time the case was brought to OSHA, they visited with the company and completed a thorough inspection.

As part of the inspection, the compliance officer will ask to review injury/illness records (OSHA 300 logs) and often a copy of your company's safety manual which should include written programs for specific OSHA standards such as Lockout/Tagout, Hazards Communication and Personal Protective Equipment. Any concerns regarding your written documentation will be noted at this time.

The Walkthrough

Next the compliance officer will proceed to the inspection area(s). This gives the officer an opportunity to review various work and safety practices, consult with employees, take pictures and/or video, record instrument readings, collect air samples, measure noise levels and generally survey the areas in question. The officer will point out and record safety and

health concerns during the walkthrough. **Your employee representative should take notes and photos/video along with the officer for your company's records.** In addition, any concerns that can be corrected immediately *should be* corrected immediately. This will show the officer that you're willing and eager to comply.

Once the walkthrough is finished, the officer will execute a "closing conference." This conference includes the officer, the employer, the employee representative and any other employees deemed necessary. Each participant will receive a copy of *Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following an OSHA Inspection* (OSHA 3000) and the officer will review with the group each of the safety and health concerns he/she observed during the walkthrough. Each of these concerns *may* qualify for a citation and resulting penalty; expect that information to arrive after an OSHA Area Director has reviewed the compliance officer's reports and determined appropriate action.

If you received any citations and/or penalties, you'll need to "post a copy of each citation at or near the place" the violation occurred and leave it posted for three days or until the violation is corrected, whichever is longer. You may also be assigned a penalty for one or more citations (see sidebar on page 34), any or all of which can be appealed.

Wrapping Up Your Strategy

Having an OSHA compliance officer pop in probably isn't your idea of fun, but by being prepared you can take a lot of the stress out of the process. Use this simple checklist to keep you and your employees at-the-ready all the time.

- Establish a comprehensive safety program. Provide your program (or a summary version) to all employees requiring written acknowledgement they received their copy.
- Provide (and document) appropriate safety and health training sessions for all of your employees.

A Strategic Plan

Whether you're starting from scratch or you're just not sure your safety program is as thorough as it should be, WTCA's Operation Safety and Forklift Certification Program bundle can help! These industry-specific programs can help you create or improve your existing in-house safety programs by providing guidelines your management team can follow while building or augmenting your current programs. In addition, these programs both include multimedia employee training, various facility checklists and a collection of additional materials. From posters and employee handbooks to quizzes and forms, both programs were designed to help you build a thorough, organized safety culture in your facility. One additional course of action you might consider is choosing to participate in a voluntary OSHA compliance program. The best part? You won't be subject to a surprise OSHA visit. Read the stories of two component manufacturers that signed up for these programs in "Inviting OSHA In: Consulting with the Experts" (March 2008 SBC) and "OSHA: A Welcome Visitor" (March 2007 SBC).

- Stay informed about the OSHA standards that apply to your component manufacturing operations.
- Keep thorough, organized records in a safe, known location.
- Develop a plan and train your staff to ensure every employee knows how to react if a compliance officer arrives.
- Establish your employee representative today!

Finally, one of the most critical things you can do is institute an internal safety reporting system. Creating a safety culture in which your employees feel not only comfortable talking about safety concerns, but also confident that their concerns will be taken seriously and ultimately corrected, significantly lessens the chance that they will feel the need to turn to someone outside of your facility, namely OSHA, to complain. As always, your emphasis on safety and health issues will be reflected in your company and your employees, no matter who's standing at your door. Safety first! **SBC**



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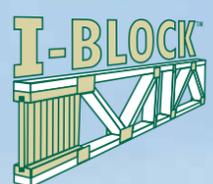


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Eco-Label Offers Viable Chain of Custody Alternative

by Libby Maurer

Encourages sustainability—maximizes material efficiency—lowers energy costs—reduces impact on the environment. These are the primary objectives of building green. But some component manufacturers are beginning to wonder what transporting certified lumber over 1,000 miles has to do with any of these principles.

One thousand miles you say? That's the distance FSC-certified lumber would have to travel to reach a component manufacturer's operation located near the east coast. We had an interesting conversation with this component manufacturer (CM) who asked not to be identified. We'll call him John.

This particular CM recently reviewed a project specification that called for trusses built with FSC-certified wood. Since it was the first time John had seen certified wood in a spec, he did some research. Here's what he found.

"A couple months ago I didn't really know what 'green' was in the context of our industry. After reviewing the mission statement of FSC, I think it's a noble intention that needs major reform to be economically viable in the lumber and component industry," he said.

First John located the closest source for FSC-certified southern yellow pine: a mill in Arkansas. Lumber being shipped from Arkansas to his shop on the east coast would have to travel 1,200 miles. "Getting material shipped from across the country doesn't sound very green to me," John commented.

Next he costed out the job in two ways. In the first bid, he plugged in numbers for the FSC wood as specified. He used non-certified SYP in the second bid. (See Figure 1 for an example.) "For us to have done the job as specified, it would have been double the cost of a normal job using non-certified southern yellow pine," John said. "There's not much of a chance that anyone's going to pay another 50 percent of the cost for something that's designated 'green.' Not in this market."

His company never did the job. "Turns out we couldn't do it anyway because we're not FSC-certified," he said. This type of certification, known as chain of custody, is essentially a strict, if tedious, set of documentation procedures that track material from the forest to the jobsite. It typically applies to companies that manufacture, process or trade timber, and it is administered by forest management organizations like the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). In order to establish chain of custody, one of the things CMs are required to do is separate certified lumber in their yards and inventories. "Just as lumberyards would be required to do, we would have to double our storage size and double our SKUs to have green lumber. And we can't afford it in this market!" he exclaimed.

John revealed another detail about chain of custody. Lumber can be considered "green certified" from the time a seedling is planted until it is milled, but the moment a non-certified component manufacturer (or any other secondary manufacturer) takes possession of the product, the chain of custody is considered broken. This is the case even though the lumber properties haven't been altered.

The more he read about the cost of providing certified green components, the more hypocrisies became apparent to John. Expending fuel to send lumber on a 1200-mile journey, implementing costly and cumbersome chain of custody procedures, and purchase costs that are far higher than what the current market will support.

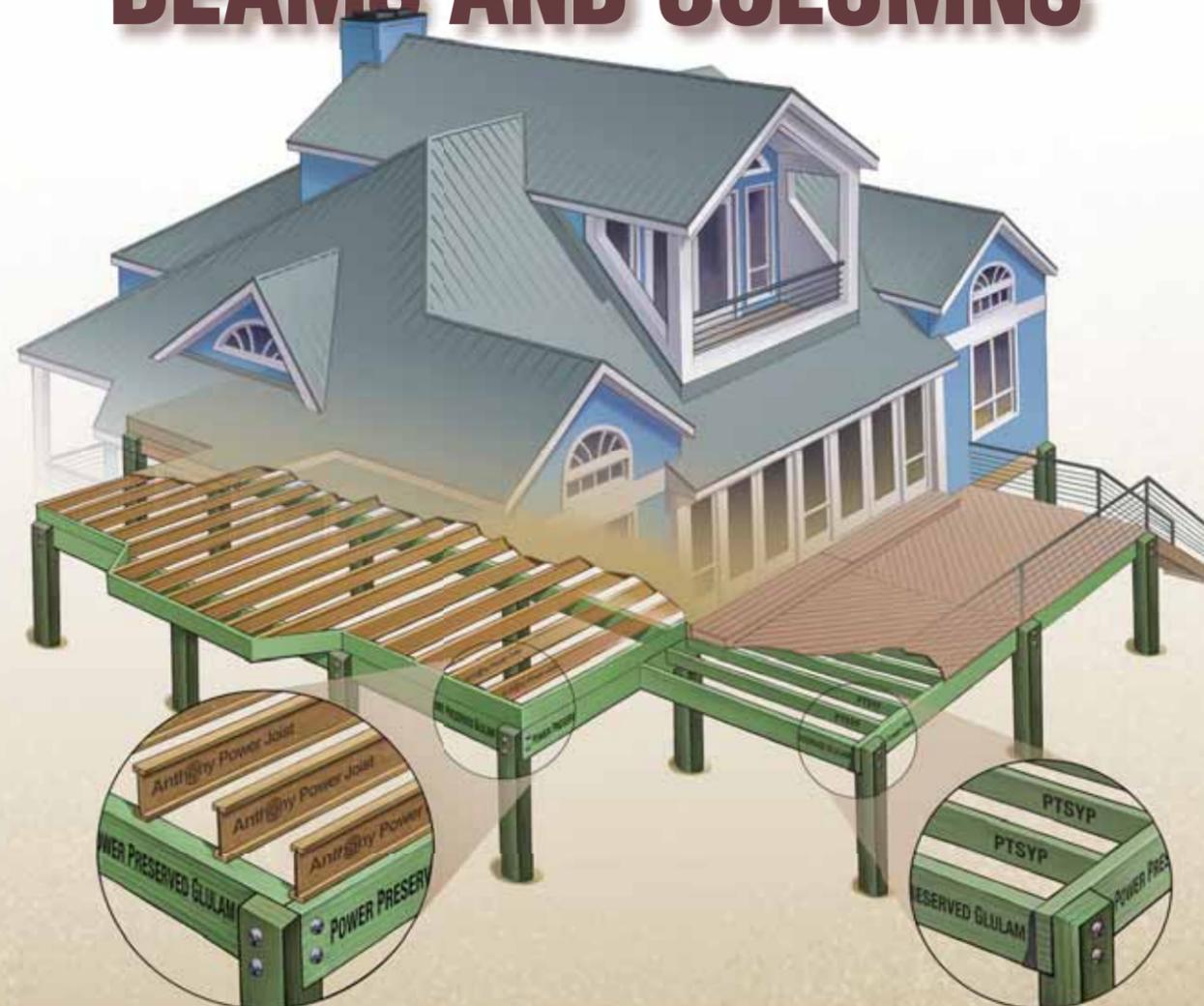
All this red tape for an industry that is, at its very core, green. "I'm all for [sustainable building practices], but our industry is just about the greenest of all industries. Our goal is to be able to hold the amount of scrap generated from building a truss in the palm of your hand."

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at a glance

- ❑ One component manufacturer found out that supplying green-built trusses can be very costly.
- ❑ Eco-certifiers like FSC and SFI impose strict chain of custody requirements on secondary lumber product manufacturers like CMs.
- ❑ A stamp placed on lumber that meets sustainable forestry criteria may be an ideal way for our industry to supply green-built products affordably.

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The Eco-Label Option

What can be done to address the severity of chain of custody but continue to serve the market and the end user with an affordable green-built product? Some manufacturers believe that the inefficiencies of certifying green building materials must be substituted with a common sense approach to providing affordable green options. Unless this is accomplished, green building may not be broadly accepted within the building components industry.

One idea is to develop an "eco-label," or an additional "green" designation that would identify lumber from sustainable forests. LBM Institute, an arm of NLBMDA, along with folks from all sides of the lumber industry, recently proposed the eco-label idea to FSC and SFI representatives at a forum in Kansas City (see sidebar on page 61 for more information about eco-labeling). "Someone with some business acumen has to get involved in determining how lumber is classified as green. This is why I found the eco-label concept so appealing," said John.

If implemented, this eco-label or lumber grade stamp enhancement would be similar to the grade stamps that now exist for lumber, with oversight provided by the American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC) through a Department of Commerce standard, in a standard similar to the PS-20 lumber standard. The presence of an eco-label would make green-certified lumber instantly identifiable. It would permanently imprint the chain of custody at the point that the lumber leaves the mill, and could eliminate the need for downstream paperwork retention. It would also successfully integrate the needs of all eco-certifiers (FSC, SFI, PEFC, STFS, CSA among them) to promote sustainable forest management with the needs of the marketplace (affordable green-built buildings) for an easily understood approach that already exists—the lumber grade stamp.

Such a label or stamp would streamline the chain of custody requirements currently enforced by eco-certifiers on component manufacturers and lumberyards. This, of course, would make green-built components more affordable. "[Chain of custody] is just driving up costs needlessly in a time when we need to make houses more affordable," said John. Eco-labeling would have made it possible for his company to take the job, get lumber locally and sell component packages affordably. "It would really open up the supply side of the equation, which would lower costs and make green much more economically viable," John commented.

In the Meantime...

While eco-labeling is evaluated by the lumber industry and the eco-certifying community, there are a couple things component manufacturers can do when faced with the decision to pursue chain of custody certification. First, understand that green building is largely misunderstood. The notion of being green and building green is still pretty subjective, even though certifiers like FSC and SFI would have you believe otherwise. Your customers probably don't have a grasp of it, and neither do some of the people specifying green-built products. The education process of green building is young, and rife with confusion and misinterpretation.

Next, know your facts. The next time you see a spec calling out certified wood, do a cost analysis and share it with your customer. You could even include it with your bid (see Figure 1 for sample bid). Unless you're working on a commercial job for the government, chances are good he'll choose the cheapest option, which will almost always be the non-certified route.

Third, if green building certification is the builder's ultimate goal, research the requirements of the certification whether it's LEED, NAHB, Green Globes or any other program. You may be able to suggest other areas in which components can fulfill credits toward certification, even if they're not built with certified lumber. The resources at

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Bowermaster & Associates

Bowermaster & Associates is an expert partner with the WTCA. We are the leader in providing the Building Component Industry with the best coverage at the lowest cost. Over 40 truss manufacturers choose Bowermaster's Woodpro specialists to protect their insurance needs. Bowermaster & Associates is a full service insurance agency offering Property and Casualty insurance, Workers' Compensation, Health and Employee Benefits, Retirement and Financial Planning, and Human Resource Consultation. Stop by and see what we can do for you.

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Canadian Engineered Wood Products Ltd

CEWP is a national distributor of truss-related material, such as MSR lumber, Quality 1&2 and web stock. Our team of twelve traders in Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario allows us to provide the best options for our customers in both the eastern and western markets. In January of 2002, we were pleased to announce our agreement with Millar Western Forest Products, becoming Millar's sole distributor of MSR lumber.

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Carbeck Structural Components Institute

Carbeck Structural Components Institute (CSCI), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, undertakes research and education projects focused on the structural framing of residential housing and commercial buildings. One of CSCI's key objectives is to provide the fire service with education and information concerning how to effectively and safely put out fires in structures that include structural building components. Your support last year allowed CSCI to produce a new online educational program entitled "Ad Hoc Demonstration Fire-Sheathed Unprotected Floor System" based off of a live burn demonstration that happened in Colonie, NY, as well as new updates to the www.carbeck.org website.

Carolina Strapping and Buckles Company

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Clark Industries, Inc.

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Clark Industries, Inc. builds equipment to maximize your productivity while minimizing your labor dollars. Our roof truss systems require 2-3 man crews and allow raw materials to remain on the table during assembly and the pressing cycle. Our multi-head system simultaneously presses all nail plates. Single-Pass Floor Truss Production Systems. 100% nail plate embedment is our standard, eliminating the need for finishing equipment. CII provides an assortment of roof and floor truss presses, stand-alone jack presses, column laminators, horizontal and peak-up stacking systems. Come by our booth to discuss your standard or custom equipment needs.

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Cold-Formed Steel Council

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WTCA formed the CFSC to focus on issues that affect manufacturers of steel structural building components. The goal of CFSC is to protect and educate component manufacturers through risk management and training material. This year, CFSC has created a Cold-Formed Steel Building Component Safety Information booklet. Stop by our booth to see all of CFSC's new products and services.

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Eagle Metal Products

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Eagle Metal Products is a family-owned company driven to provide our customers with high quality products and unequalled customer service. Eagle Metal provides component manufacturers with connector plates, design software, engineering services and truss equipment. Visit our booth to experience our TrueBuild® structural component software, meet our knowledgeable staff and check out our new products being introduced in 2008. See why Eagle Metal is becoming the supplier of choice for component plants today!

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Finnforest USA, Engineered Wood Division

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Finnforest USA, Engineered Wood Division distributes Master Plank® LVL throughout North America. Master Plank® has all building code acceptances, including NER. Multiple span capabilities make this engineered wood product a logical choice for beams, headers, scaffold planks, mobile home, stair stringers and other industrial applications.

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Hundegger USA, L.C.

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Intelligent Building Systems - ITW Building Components Group

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Intelligent Building Systems, the leading supplier for the wall panel manufacturing industry, provides additional profit opportunities for component manufacturers by providing a COMPLETE WALL PANEL SYSTEM. Our innovative equipment—manual, semi-automated, or fully automated systems—include exclusive features that give you an edge over your competition. We will provide the perfect combination of IntelliBuild™ software, equipment and service for any component manufacturer. Our knowledgeable staff will help you determine how to maximize your company's performance. Stop by and see how we can contribute to YOUR SUCCESS with our INNOVATIVE COMPLETE WALL PANEL SYSTEM.

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Klaisler Mfg Corp.

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Lumbermens Merchandising Corporation - LMC

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Monet DeSaw Inc.

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We manufacture a variety of saws from simple push-button operation to top-of-the-line servo driven automated saws. On display this year will be the DeSawyer ES (servo driven saw), the FWA500 (floor web saw), and one of our linear saws. The DeSawyer ES is the highest production saw on the market and is by far every sawyers choice. It is the only saw in the industry with a complete manual backup system. Our FWA-500 continues to yield the highest productivity of any floor web saw available today. Please stop by our booth and we will show you the difference.

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MSR Lumber Producers Council

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The Machine Stress Rated Lumber Producers Council was formed to promote the benefits of Machine Stress Rated (MSR) lumber for the purpose of increasing the usage and acceptability of the product. It is the intent and mission of the Council to improve, promote, and advance the common interest and general welfare of all phases of the Machine Stress Rated lumber industry.

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NUCONSTEEL

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Chapter Spotlight

Educating Designers with the Michigan Chapter

by Anna L. Stamm

Marketing trusses directly to your potential buyers is one way to increase the acceptance and use of structural building components. But there is another way to increase market share—reaching out to building designers to demonstrate the benefits and ease of using components. So, how can your chapter reach out to designers? Why not try the Michigan example!

The Michigan Chapter is providing its members with customized binders of WTCA publications that have been specifically selected for the building design community. Members are able to hand-deliver or ship the binders to the architects, structural engineers and residential designers that they contact. The binders contain copies of the JOBSITE PACKAGE, *BCSI*, *Metal Plate Connected Wood Truss Handbook*, the design responsibilities document, and of course a list of chapter members. A cover letter explains that assistance is only a phone call away, so building designers are encouraged to contact chapter members for more information. The best part is that chapter members only have to pay the cost of shipping the binders—the chapter is providing the binders for free to all members.

This approach is excellent for any chapter that would like to add a personal touch to their marketing, provide a substantial package of structural building component-oriented publications, and reach out to all building designers. After all, the more information that architects, engineers, residential designers and specifiers receive on our industry's products, the more they will be inclined to use structural building components to create economical framing solutions for their customers. It's a win-win! **SBC**

Chapter Highlights

Iowa Truss Manufacturers Association

Despite the Midwest flooding, the Iowa Chapter held its summer meeting and golf outing in June. The day began with a plant tour of Engineered Building Design in Washington, IA. Thanks were extended Dave Mitchell and the employees of Engineered Building Design for the tour of the recently completed, and very impressive, truss manufacturing facility that contributed to more than 25 chapter members in attendance.

Following the tour, the meeting was held at the Washington Golf and Country Club. Ray Noonan gave the Education Committee Report. Andy Green and Al Esch presented a Fire Performance of Wood Trusses Workshop to the Monticello, IA volunteer Fire Department in March with

favorable evaluations. Given industry economics, however, the chapter will not seek further education opportunities this winter, but it will consider any requests as they arise.

Under new business, several items were discussed. The importance of attending BCMC was emphasized. Information from the Cedar Rapids HBA, "The Evidence Is In: Housing Pays for Itself," was distributed by Mike Farr and discussed. Also, a special recognition was made of Rick Terbrock who is retiring and was present for his last chapter meeting. Best wishes, Rick!

The afternoon of golf was enjoyed by most all who attended the tour and meeting. A special thank you was extended to the associate member sponsors. Rick Terbrock of MiTek Industries and Leonard Wasserman of Wasserman & Associates provided hole sponsorships. Prizes were contributed by Ted Alward of USP Structural Connectors, Josh Fitzgerald of Simpson Strong Tie, and Kari Cooling and Jim Kapsch of Holmes Murphy & Associates.

West Florida Truss Association

The West Florida Chapter continued to support the Give Kids the World charity this year. At the June membership meeting, it was reported that help was needed on five more villas. With an overall goal of 21 sets of trusses, they already had commitments of support (trusses, materials or monetary donations) from several chapter members: 41 Truss, Florida Forest Products, Kimal Lumber Company, Stock Building Supply, West Coast Truss, ITW Building Components Group, MiTek Industries and Simpson Strong-Tie Co.

The presentation at the June meeting was given by Kari Hebrank. With an update on everything to do with construction and Florida politics, Kari spoke on several topics. Regarding the Florida Building Code (FBC), she noted that the code language was changed under the "code plus" designation to no longer reference a 500-year storm event. She also commented on code changes for re-roofing, and noted that the effective date for the FBC had been moved to December 31, 2008. Kari also provided information on green building, specifically LEED and Green Globes. The members thanked her for her informative updates and interesting discussion.

Plans for the fall event were finalized at the July chapter board meeting. The 23rd Annual Building Officials Event will be held on November 7 at Robbins Engineering/MiTek Industries in Tampa. In addition to testing a field-repaired truss, the attendees will be able to earn continuing education credit for "Inspection of Installed Wood Trusses," a Truss Technology Workshop (TTW) from WTCA. Engineers from MiTek and ITW will deliver the presentation along with Robert Wall, PE of Architectural Services & Engineering. Sponsors for the event include: iLevel by Weyerhaeuser, ITW Building Components Group, Robbins Engineering/MiTek Industries, Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Structural Connections, Inc. and USP Structural Connectors.

Southern Nevada Component Manufacturers Association

At the July meeting, the Southern Nevada Chapter's Code Committee

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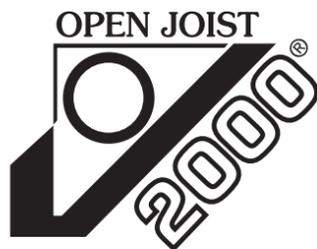
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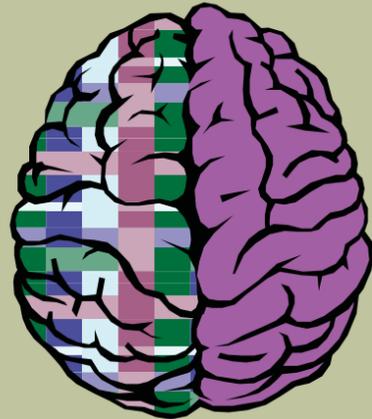
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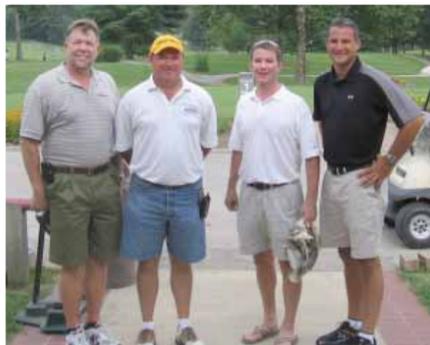
Co-Chair Rich Menge, PE, reported that the local building departments remain in the same status with the City of Las Vegas having only one plans checker and express plan check remains in effect for residential buildings up to 5,000 square feet. The city has further reduced its staff to a total of four building inspectors. The City of North Las Vegas interim senior building official remains subject to change every 30 days between officials within the department.

The flat growth rate in Las Vegas was discussed next. The Las Vegas Housing Market monthly newsletter reported that 884 permits were issued in June, making a total of 3,628 for 2008, resulting in a decrease of 61% from 2007. The estimated total for 2008 was given at 8,200, the lowest since the mid-1980s. The median new home price of \$269,900 was down 16.7% from 2007. Some 65% of closings in June were bank-owned properties. Directly then the resale market has an adverse affect upon the new home market. According to the report, this trend would likely continue through 2008 and into 2009.

The chapter welcomed its newest member, Desert Truss. All members were encouraged to attend the upcoming BCMC show in Denver, CO. Also, the date of the fall meeting was confirmed for October 16, but the location may be changed to a more convenient restaurant.

WTCA - Indiana

The Indiana Chapter held its first golf tournament and membership drive in July. Beautiful weather and great players combined for a terrific event. On the winning golf team were Don Simon of Nordic Engineered Wood, Ed Winders of Contract Lumber, Jay Bunyard of Wood Truss Systems and Brad Emmert of Timberland Lumber Company (see photo). In addition, there were two contests, sponsored by Nordic Engineered Wood and MiTek Industries. Winning the longest drive competition was Shawn Pell of Timberland. The prize for closest to the pin went to Jay Bunyard. Hearty thanks were given to MiTek and Nordic for sponsoring the contests, to the three hole sponsors—Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance, iLevel and Weyerhaeuser—and to Simpson Strong-Tie Co. for door prizes. Special thanks were also given to the golf committee, Brad Emmert and Ed Winders, for doing such a great job putting the event together. **SBC**



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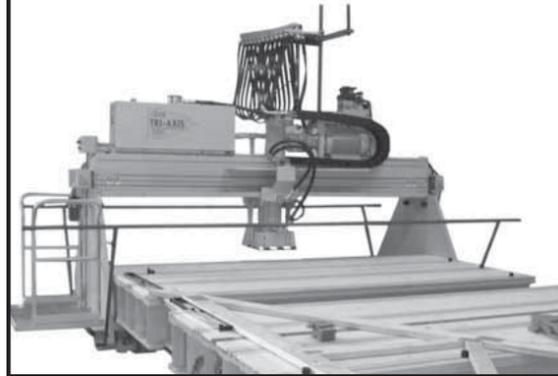


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September

- **18:** South Florida WTCA (SFWTCA) Chapter Meeting.
- **18:** Truss Manufacturers Association of Texas (TMAT) Golf Outing.
- **19:** Missouri Truss Fabricators Association (MTFA) Golf Outing.

October

- **1-3:** 2008 Building Component Manufacturers Conference (BCMC), Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO. Visit www.bcmcsow.com.
- **2:** Iowa Truss Manufacturers Association (ITMA) Chapter Meeting at BCMC.
- **2:** Mid South Component Manufacturers Association (MSCMA) Chapter Meeting at BCMC.
- **2:** WTCA Canada Chapter/Chapitre Canadien de la WTCA Meeting at BCMC.
- **7:** Tennessee Truss Manufacturers Association (TTMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **8:** Southwest Florida Truss Manufacturers Association (SWFTMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **9:** Wood Truss Council of Michigan (WTCM) Chapter Meeting.
- **15:** Georgia Component Manufacturers Association (GCMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **15:** WTCA-Arizona Chapter Meeting.
- **15:** WTCA-Northeast Chapter Meeting.
- **16:** Alabama Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **16:** North Florida Component Manufacturers Association (NFCMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **16:** Southern Nevada Component Manufacturers Association (SNCMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **16:** WTCA-Indiana Chapter Meeting.
- **16:** WTCA-New York Chapter Meeting.
- **21:** California Engineered Structural Components Association (CalESCA) Chapter Meeting Online via **SBC Connection**.

November

- **5:** Wood Truss Council of the Capital Area (WTCCA) Chapter Meeting.
- **12:** Joint North Carolina and South Carolina Chapter Meeting.
- **13:** Mid Atlantic Wood Truss Council (MAWTC) Chapter Meeting.
- **13:** Wisconsin Truss Manufacturers Association (WTMA) Chapter Meeting. **SBC**

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Summary of Proposed Eco-Forest Management Labeling of Softwood Lumber

WTCA component manufacturers attended a July forum in Kansas City to talk about an alternative to eco-certifiers' chain of custody requirements. They were joined by other purchasers and resellers of dimension lumber products like lumber mills, wholesalers, retailers, and manufacturers to discuss a LBM Institute (LBMI) program for labeling softwood lumber with two of the most recognized eco-certifiers—FSC and SFI.

In a written proposal distributed at the forum, the LBM Institute, WTCA members and the lumber group argued that eco-certifiers' current chain of custody requirements are "administratively complex and expensive to implement, and, conceivably, may soon actually threaten the competitive

sourcing of dimension lumber."

To address the expense and inefficiency of such requirements, the lumber industry group has petitioned the American Lumber Standards Committee (ALCS) to consider an eco-labeling program that would parallel PS-20 grade-stamping. It also provides permanent documentation of whether the product meets design specification and/or building code. LBMI's "eco-label" option would fit into the current PS-20 grade-stamping procedures. It would essentially attach the chain of custody to the product itself and the lumber could come from any of the major forest certification programs (FSC, SFI, PEFC, STFS and CSA).

On August 27, LBMI will present its proposal to the ALSC Administrative & Finance Subcommittee meeting, after which point ALSC will evaluate if the "eco-label" approach is compatible with its present operations and what the ultimate impact on industry is likely to be. If acceptable to its full committee, ALSC will consider adopting a policy or rule governing authorization of accreditation groups to implement eco-labeling of dimension lumber at production, and before entry to a commerce channel.

WTCA believes that the adoption of an "eco-label" would be highly beneficially to component manufacturers as a way of simplifying chain of custody procedures. **SBC**



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WTCA member American Pole and Timber provided these larger-than-life components for a new Wal-Mart store in Waynesville, NC.

Eric Lincoln, the Senior Project Consultant for the job, worked with the architect's specifications to create the truss design. "This project was a big deal for Wal-Mart," said Lincoln. "They wanted to soften up the front of the store, and after going through many ideas and designs, they decided on the heavy timber trusses."

Lincoln said the massive 8x16 trusses measured 28' tall and 58' long, each weighing in at a hefty 11,000 lbs. Because of their size, Lincoln said getting the product to the jobsite took several steps. "The challenge was building



a truss that big in our facility, disassembling it completely [for shipment], and then reassembling it on the jobsite, without problems." After the trusses were built in the shop, they were pressure treated and then shipped to the jobsite in pieces, said Lincoln.

American Pole and Timber's work left a positive impression on Wal-Mart. "The man that put this together has been building new Wal-Mart stores for 28 years, but this was the first time he used heavy timber," said Lincoln. "He really loved working with the timber and said this store is his favorite." The project was such a success that American Pole and Timber has high hopes that Wal-Mart will consider using heavy timber again for future stores. **SBC**



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