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## Publisher's Message



BCMC 1980 - 2003: Then & Now by Kirk Grundahl

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What goes on in the construction industry during the fall season? For some, things slow down from the height of the summer rush, giving them the opportunity to get their bearings and assess successes and failures. Others are working steadily through the fall with no sign of let-up in sight. We here at SBC Magazine are dotting our "i's" and crossing our "t's" in preparation for the Building Component Manufacturers Conference (BCMC)!

In this issue, you'll find a wealth of information about BCMC 2003, like the where, when, what, who, how and why of this annual show. You'll find a list of exhibitors as well as a detailed floor plan. You'll also find an abundance of information about educational opportunities available at this year's show. If you've never attended, we hope to meet you in Phoenix. And if you've been a past attendee, we welcome you back to the "greatest component manufacturing show on earth!"

Through the years BCMC has served as a showcase for many important innovations and a forum in which to exchange concepts for the advancement of the structural building components industry. It's hard to believe that the first show was held back in 1980—over twenty years ago! It was apparent the component industry was big enough, strong enough and mature enough to support a full-sized exhibition with a first rate educational program; and so, the 1980 Building Component Manufacturers Conference was born. There were 39 exhibitors at the 1980 show—that's about one-third of those expected at the 2003 show.

Aside from the buzz about BCMC 2003, this summer there has been hours of behind the scenes work and collaboration between TPI and WTCA to better the industry. In this issue, we report on the status of the BCSI series and what it means to the component manufacturer. There is also a detailed layman's terms analysis of what the new quality standard (ANSI/TPI 1-2002) says about in-plant quality assurance. Find out why it is critical for you to know and understand what Chapter 3 of the ANSI/TPI 1-2002 standard says.

Without further adieu, welcome to SBC Magazine's annual BCMC Show Guide.

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