

Chapter Corner

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ny that is specifically an engineering firm. The chapter will explore its options in this situation. Last but not least, new chapter officers were elected. Jack Parker moved to the position of Past President and Chris Lambert became President. Tom Hollinshed accepted the Vice Presidency, John Presley the Secretary post, and Corey Misenheimer remained Treasurer. The upcoming meeting dates were set for Wednesday, June 15, and Wednesday, November 9.

WTCA-Illinois

For its first meeting under its new name, WTCA-Illinois (formerly the Greater Chicago Area Truss Manufacturers Association) moved its meeting location south to the Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center in Utica. The meeting topic was the development of a statewide building code and the guest speaker was Richard Piccolo, President of B&F Technical Codes Services, Inc., a consulting agency specializing in building and fire protection plan reviews, inspections, training and general code consulting services. Mr. Piccolo is a Certified Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Building Official, Certified Master Code Professional and an author/instructor of training seminars on the model codes. The chapter thanks Mr. Piccolo for his informative presentation. In addition, members reviewed the success of the Truss Technology Workshop and plant tours for building officials in both the Monticello and Rockford areas earlier that month. Members planned to continue offering these seminars throughout the spring. The next chapter meeting was scheduled for June 7 at a location to be determined.

WTCA-Kentucky

The Kentucky Chapter held its first official meeting of the year on February 18 in Lexington. Several familiar faces gathered to restart the chapter and determine a regular meeting schedule. The first issue discussed was lumber quality, including problems with mold and wane. Members were glad to note that the mold issue had subsided, but were distressed with the wane found especially in the middle of lumber packages. Members were also confronting a new issue with sealed placement diagrams. Architects and engineers have been requesting sealed diagrams, and some members have walked away from jobs rather than accept the increased responsibility without compensation. The chapter will start educating code officials so that they see where the responsibility truly lies. Similarly, the chapter will develop a plan to use the Carbeck Fire Performance CD and plant tours to educate local fire officials. Rounding out the meeting, everyone present was encouraged to consider becoming a chapter officer and recruit more members to attend the meetings. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Friday, May 20 in Lexington. **SBC**

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In Memoriam

Robert Ennis

On March 22, the Western Florida Truss Association lost a very active member of the truss industry with the passing of Robert Ennis.

Bob started his career with WD truss in March 1980. As a table crew member his talents were recognized and he soon became a table leader. In 1983, he was moved into the engineering department and within a few short years became the Engineering Manager. Bob assisted in making a small company grow from 2.5 million in sales to the largest for its time to 6.5 million annual sales. In 1998, the operations were moved to North Tampa as Engineered Structural Systems with the Engineering and Sales located in Ybor City. Bob moved into full time sales and quickly excelled as a result of his engineering and manufacturing background.

After health reasons had him semi retire, he later became able to again work and was hired in August 2002 by 41 Truss to be Special Engineering Manager. He performed excellently up until the week he passed.

He was Past President of Pasco Builders Association as well as Past President of the West Florida Truss Association, and was a true advocate of the truss industry. He is survived by his wife, 2 sons and 1 daughter. He was 55.

Daniel C. McCarthy

Col. Daniel C. McCarthy, 61, of Calhoun, GA, and formerly of Terre Haute died Tuesday, March 22, 2005, after an extended illness. He was a member of numerous historical and genealogical societies, and was the publishing editor of Self Family Newsletter since December 1982. He was born Feb. 28, 1944, in Vigo County to Daniel W. McCarthy and Nita Rose Payne. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Cheryl Elizabeth McCarthy; two sons, David Michael Conway and his wife Yohanna Kelly and their daughters, Chloe Marie and Anne Elise Michaela Conway, and Daniel Patrick McCarthy and his wife Sharen Stephens and their sons, Andrew Justin Harper and Daniel Garrett McCarthy; one daughter, Maureen Elizabeth McCarthy and her son, Sean Devon Patterson; three brothers, Michael Paul McCarthy of Reno, NV, John R. McCarthy of Cumming, GA, and Patrick Brian McCarthy of Hayward, CA; and one sister, Marilyn Pennington of Buford, GA. He was preceded in death by his parents. He graduated from Otter Creek High School in 1962 and later attended Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1963-1965 on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt, CV-42. He was a member of First Christian Church of Adairsville, GA.

Glenn Traylor, District Sales Manager of Alpine Engineered Products, knew Dan well from his work in the structural building components industry:

Dan was an instrumental employee of North Georgia Truss in Cartersville, GA. Dan served as a designer and salesman for North Georgia Truss. He was Secretary/Treasurer for the Georgia Component Manufacturers Association (GCMA). Dan was strong supporter and a very active member of the chapter, rarely missing a meeting. Dan was instrumental in growing our membership by keeping track of meeting plans and getting the word out via phone calls and email.

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