

discussed at the meeting. Given all that is going on within this chapter it is expected that there will begin to be greater attendance due to the passing on of chapter news by those in attendance to our fellow California component manufacturers. There is much work to do to advance our industry with the projects being worked on. The next CalESCA-South meeting will be held on November 17 in Riverside.

Central topics at the Northern Region (CalESCA-North) meeting the following day were the permitting and shipping issues in Northern California. Simon Evans and Allen Erickson did the leg work needed to lay a foundation for this work and came upon a group called the Caltrans Transportation Permits Advisory Council. Many of the topics this group is dealing with revolve around maximum length regulations, reducible load problems, and non-coordination between state and local agencies affecting and complicating the permit process as a whole. Our needs fit perfectly inside the work that this group is undertaking. The next step is to develop a chapter strategy to deploy. These efforts may lead to working with local governments or to a California legislative conference to help establish new regulations. The group also discussed the safety zone work of CalESCA-South and the plate crushing issues and will be providing comments on both. The next CalESCA-North meeting will be held on November 16 in Sacramento.

Inland Empire Truss Fabricators Association

The Inland Empire Chapter held its first meeting of the year on September 20 in Post Falls, ID. All in attendance agreed it had been too long since their last chapter meeting and there was much work that the chapter could accomplish. In addition to discussing future projects and goals, the members prepared for an educational program for Kootenai County building officials the following day. A resounding success, this educational program promised to be the beginning of an ongoing series in Kootenai and surrounding areas. In other news, the chapter is planning to schedule its 2006 meetings in conjunction with the Northwest Chapter meeting dates.

Mid South Component Manufacturers Association

The Mid South Chapter held its summer meeting at Dennerly's in Jackson, MS. Following a poll of members on potential meeting topics, the main item on the day's agenda was a presentation on **THE LOAD GUIDE (TLG): A Guide to Good Practice for Specifying & Applying Loads to Structural Building Components**. Other items that ranked high in the meeting topic poll and that will be included in upcoming meetings were **In-Plant WTCA QC**, Operation Safety, design responsibilities, building code issues and educational programs. Membership development is a priority for the chapter too. The chapter also confirmed its regular meeting schedule as the fourth Thursday of the quarter, so its 2006 dates are January 24, April 25, July 25 and October 24. Unfortunately, due to recent events, the October 2005 meeting was cancelled, but the chapter will resume its schedule in January and wishes all of its members a speedy recovery.

South Carolina Component Manufacturers Association

The South Carolina Chapter is on the rise again. A formative meeting was held in June and a full-scale chapter meeting followed in September. At this meeting on September 13 in Columbia, the attendees discussed why they need an active chapter. Several potential projects and directions for the chapter to take were discussed. In addition, it was agreed that the future meetings of the chapter would be scheduled the day before the North Carolina Chapter meetings, so the attendees accepted the following dates for 2006: March 14, June 20 and November 7. A joint North Carolina/South Carolina Chapter meeting is also planned for September

In Memoriam

J. Calvin Jureit



Cal Jureit, 87, inventor of the Gang-Nail connector plate, passed away unexpectedly Friday, September 9, after suffering head injuries in a fall.

Cal graduated from Miami High School and earned his Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech in 1949 after serving in the Navy Seabees during World War II. After a brief time at an engineering consulting firm in Toledo, OH, Cal returned to Miami and began work as the chief engineer for a commercial testing laboratory. He then became the chief engineer at a company that specialized in engineered timber products, glued-laminated beams and trusses.

In May 1955, Cal started his own consulting engineering firm and two months later the idea for the Gang-Nail Connector Plate came to Cal in church one Sunday morning. That afternoon the first nail-free, bolt-free, glue-free connector plate was born. In 1961, Gang-Nails, Inc. went public and changed its name to Automated Building Components, Inc. (ABC). After many years of hard work, Cal and the other stockholders sold ABC in 1979 which, through a number of historical twists, is now MiTek Industries, Inc.

Cal assisted in establishing TPI, won several prestigious awards throughout his lifetime, held more than 60 patents and had recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Gang-Nail invention with a large gathering at his riverfront home in Stuart, FL. He enjoyed music, traveling abroad, reading and spending time with his family and friends in Stuart and Elsie, IL.

Cal's wife, Dr. Marie Garritson Jureit, thanked **SBC** staff for publishing an article on Cal's life and invention in a recent issue of **SBC**. "I and the family of JC Jureit wish to express our sincere appreciation for the focus article on my dear husband Cal and the Golden Anniversary of the Gang-Nail connector plate," she wrote. "Please give my special thanks to Molly Butz for the wonderful time Cal and I had with her interviewing for the article in the September/October issue. That was a very joyous time for Cal!"

Cal's first wife, Mildred Hildebrand, passed away ten years ago. He is survived by Marie, his second wife, and their seven children: sons Glenn, Kenneth and Robert Jureit and Nile Garritson; and daughters Laura, Ashley and Lindsay Garritson.

For more information about Cal Jureit, see "Gang-Nail's Golden Anniversary" in the September/October issue of **Structural Building Components Magazine**. **SBC**

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20 at a location to be determined. The next South Carolina Chapter meeting will be held on November 8 in Columbia.

South Florida Truss & Component Manufacturers Association

The South Florida Chapter held its September meeting over dinner at Manero's Restaurant in Palm City. Distributed to the meeting attendees was the BOAF (Building Officials Association of Florida) and DCA (Department of Community Affairs) informal interpretation saying the 10 psf bottom chord live loads are non-concurrent. Bob Becht reviewed the ruling and congratulated Scott Remick on his getting this favorable ruling. Scott suggested that the chapter meet with the Port St Lucie building department and request that it implement the interpretation. The attendees agreed to move ahead and request a meeting. The pres-

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