

To All BCMC Exhibitors:

Thank you for exhibiting and taking part in this year's BCMC. The 25th anniversary of the show proved to be our best show ever. I hope you had a successful show, enjoyed the week's festivities, and got a chance to meet friends both old and new. From all the activity I saw on the show floor, it's clear that BCMC is the premiere venue for exhibitors to showcase their products and update component manufacturers on the latest industry advancements.

I was struck by the high level of technology on the show floor this year. This is a time in the building components industry when it's particularly important to keep raising the bar on automation and technology. As an exhibitor, you are the driving force in showing component manufacturers how they can optimize their use of technology to advance their operations and, in turn, the industry as a whole. As I look back over the almost two decades that I've worked in this industry, I see that advances in automation have elevated us from fledgling manufacturers to real players in the construction industry.

I invite and encourage you to continue participating in industry events throughout the year. WTCA's Open Quarterly Meetings provide the opportunity for you to get to know the industry better and develop relationships with component manufacturers. Getting involved in WTCA events also gives you the chance to offer input in areas of interest to you and help current and potential customers continue to raise the bar on excellence.

Again, thank you for being a part of BCMC. I look forward to seeing you next year!

Sincerely,

In From

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Doug Folker of Robbins Engineering, Inc. presents John VanRemortel (Richco Structures) and Randy Thurm (Engineered Building Design) with their Robbins Engineering jackets.



Kelly Sias of Simpson Strong-Tie Co. awards Bill Graber (Graber Post Building, Inc.) his new Simpson Gold Putter.



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Randy Fitzgerald of Maximizer Technologies, LLC (a Component of The Fitzgerald Group, LLC) awards a new golf shirt to one lucky BCMC Bowl winner.



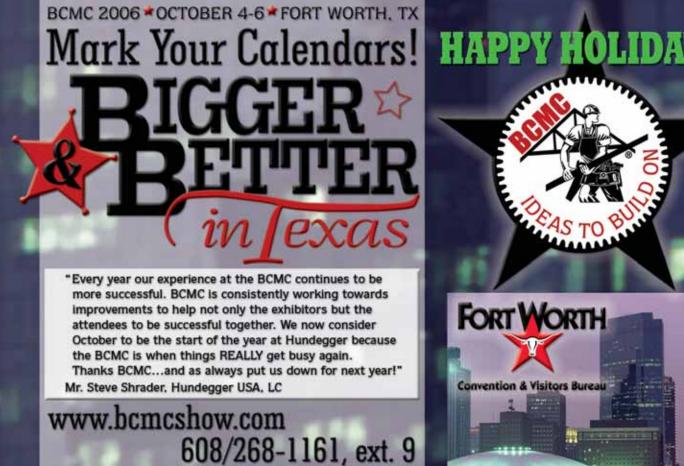
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Brian Borcherds of Alpine Engineered Products presents Mark Stavenjord (Spenard Builders Supply) with his new iPod.



Suzi Grundahl of BCMC staff presents a check for \$500 to Sylvan Schlabach (Engineered Building Design).

















A NEWCOMER'S PERSPECTIVE ON BCMC

By Emmy Thorson-Hanson

Horse shows. For a horse person, they are the reason we work so hard year round, day in and day out. When show season comes along, it's time to show what we've accomplished. Shows are anywhere from three to ten days, during which it is non-stop stress, intensity, pressure to perform and just pure excitement. However exhausting and grueling horse shows are, we live for them because we thrive in that type of environment. And somehow working 17 hours with minimal down time for days on end is something to be eagerly anticipated, not dreaded. I never thought I would find anything that could compare to a horse show...but I have. BCMC. Just as the excitement from a horse show lasts long after the last class, the thrill of BCMC has stayed with me. I'd like to share what it is about the show that compares to a horse show.



WOW. That is the word that comes to mind when I think of my first BCMC experience. I never could have imagined just how wonderful it is. Seeing the hard work and long hours that the BCMC Committee and staff put in months prior to the show, I was eager to see what warranted such colossal effort. I had no doubt it would be a conference like no other, but I could never have imagined just how spectacular it would be. But spectacular is what you get when there are dedicated people working around the clock to put on a world-class show. It was astonishing to see everyone work with such passion to make this show as perfect as possible. And now I understand why they are able to do that: because BCMC truly is a one-of-a-kind event. And every minute of work they put in was well worth it, because the end product was phenomenal.

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I had seen pictures of previous shows, and they all looked impressive, but it didn't come close to being there in real life. There is no way to explain the sheer, raw energy that was just floating in the air. Every person at the conference—be it BCMC staff, exhibitors or attendees—was excited to be there. For the staff and committee, the show was the culmination of a whole year of hard work, energy and time. For exhibitors, BCMC was an opportunity to showcase what they've got and present what they can offer. Their booth displays were elaborate and no effort was spared or detail forgotten in their exhibit. To have so many suppliers in one place was amazing. For attendees, BCMC was an intense few days with endless possibilities. It was an opportunity to compare notes with peers, to talk and receive feedback from colleagues, and to acquire bundles of new information (not to mention all the prizes and gifts!). Whoever you are, BCMC was an exhilarating experience!

To me the best thing about BCMC was the atmosphere. As a BCMC staff member, I talk to many people on the phone, but I don't see many faces. So I enjoyed meeting the people that I have gotten to know over the phone. Everyone I met treated me like family. To have that kind of familiarity with people you have not previously met face-to-face is a rare thing, and something to be appreciated.

My first BCMC experience was one I will never forget. I feel lucky to have been able to be a part of it, even in a small way. To be in the presence of such wonderful people is a blessing, and to work with them every day is a privilege. I am proud to be involved in such a wonderful industry. SBC



BCMC SHOW STATS AT A GLANCE

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Attendee Breakdown: Companies	343	398	494	537	502
Total Attendee Breakdown: Locations	424	511	633	727	676
Total Attendee Breakdown: Individuals	955	1175	1458	1670	1686
CM Attendee Breakdown: Companies	292	350	437	476	445
CM Attendee Breakdown: Locations	370	463	574	661	614
CM Attendee Breakdown: Individuals (not inc. spouses)	839	1046	1241	1482	1487
Exhibitor Breakdown: Companies	108	119	118	137	155
Exhibitor Breakdown: Locations	244	246	278	313	321
Exhibitor Breakdown: Individuals	620	683	783	1023	976
Total Individuals at BCMC	1575	1858	2241	2693	2662

















BCMC EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Attendees showed up in full force at this year's educational sessions. Each of the three tracks featured three speakers, who in turn covered a specialized sub-topic.

The first track concentrated on "Building Relationships for Business Growth." Mike Ruede (California Truss Company) spoke about the importance of training, communication and leadership, as well as how to manage conflict. Joe Hikel (Shelter Systems Limited) addressed the value of customer relationships and ways to

ensure good customer relations. Craig Plummer (Huskey Truss & Building Supply) gave insight on how to make change a positive and exciting experience for everyone involved.



"The sessions were great because the speakers based their presentations on real life experience."

—Jake Myers, Keystone Truss

Attendees learned "Ideas For Understanding Your Manufacturing Costs" in the second track. The importance of knowing your market, your process and plant equipment to help define your personal costing method was covered by Jim Finkenhoefer (Truss Systems). Kendall Hoyd (Idaho Truss & Component Co.) gave ideas on costing framework and discussed a variety of different costs including direct, driven, attributable and overhead costs. Scott Arquilla (Best Homes, Inc.) presented a summary of the Houlihan system, a costing method based on time and motion studies that his company has used since 1998.

In the third track, attendees got insight on "Quick Response Manufacturing (QRM)." The speaker was Frank Rath (Center for Quick Response Manufacturing, University of Wisconsin-Madison). Frank discussed the impact of using lead time reduction in all areas of an organization. Panelists in this track were Rick Parrino (Plum Building Systems) and Steve Stroder (Carter-Lee Building Components), who helped Rath relate the QRM concepts to component manufacturers' operations.



"The Quick Response Manufacturing track was helpful in defining our current manufacturing process, and determining what we could do to make it better in the future."

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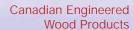


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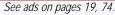
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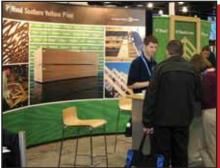
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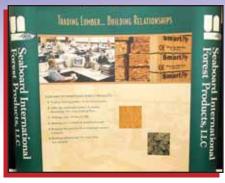
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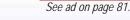
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"Our production manager is new to the industry, and he wore himself completely out visiting all the booths and gathering information on all the equipment and other products that were being demonstrated. The displays were incredible!"

-Kendall Hoyd, Idaho Truss

2005 Lakeside Trailer Giveaway

And the winner is...

Tony Harris A-1 Building Components LLC Fort Pierce, FL

Tony will receive the use of a 2006 J.D.H. Trussmaster 48' x 8'6" Heavy Duty Roll-Off Trailer for one year!

Photo: Lee Kinsman, owner of Lakeside Trailer Manufacturing, congratulates Tony Harris for winning this year's giveaway.



2005 WTCA Annual Meeting

PRESIDENTIAL GAVEL PASSES FROM HOYD TO GROOM

At the WTCA Annual Meeting held Thursday, October 13, current President Kendall Hoyd (Idaho Truss & Component Co., Meridian, ID) took the podium with a rock and roll introduction. After leading the group through the annual meeting presentation, he passed the gavel to incoming president Don Groom (Stark Truss Company, Inc., Canton, OH).

During his first address as the association's 22nd president, Groom outlined his priorities for the coming year. "As an organization, WTCA needs to be on the cutting edge of helping members explore and embrace any technologies that will take us into the next 25 years," he stated. Groom also encouraged WTCA members to become more involved in their association through a variety of means such as attending Open Quarterly Meetings and BCMC.

An industry veteran with more than 20 years of experience, Groom began his career in the structural building components industry right out of high school. He joined Stark Truss Company, Inc. in 1986 working in the shop and has held a number of positions with the company including production manager, plant manager, general manager of operations and his current position, vice president of operations. Groom first became involved with WTCA when he attended an Open Quarterly Meeting in 1998. That same year, he also assisted in the establishment of the WTCA Ohio Chapter Association (WTCAOCA).

"This industry has been built by many small and family-owned businesses," said Groom. "I have a passion to do everything in my power to protect all of our futures."

GRUNDAHL INDUCTED INTO WTCA HALL OF FAME

Suzi Grundahl, Vice President of Qualtim, Inc. and Managing Director of WTCA, was inducted into the WTCA Hall of Fame during the association's annual meeting. WTCA Past President and Hall of Fame member Rip Rogers of Trussway, Ltd. introduced Grundahl during the induction ceremony, keeping her identity a mystery until moments before he announced her name. "The amount of time, energy and care this person devotes to work with WTCA is amazing," Rogers stated. "We all try a little harder on everything we do because this person has shown us how our work does matter and is important to everyone."

Rogers also explained the role that Grundahl has played in the growth of WTCA over the years. "She has been very instrumental in developing the staff and the structure that has supported WTCA's growth and evolution into the organization that it is today," he stated. "WTCA would not be where it is today without the key roles she has played."

A stunned Grundahl accepted the award with humility and gratitude. "Working with WTCA has always felt like being part of a big family," she explained. "I am so appreciative of all the support and encouragement that I've received over the years from so many wonderful people in this organization."

Grundahl, who became a part of the WTCA family when she married the Executive Director in 1992, became a full time staff person in 1995. She was promoted to the position of Managing Director in 2000.

BUGBEE RECEIVES BOWMAN INDUSTRY ENTHUSIAST AWARD

The Dick Bowman Industry Enthusiast award was created this year in honor of the late Dick Bowman, long-time *SBC Magazine* salesman, who was the epitome of enthusiastic support for the structural building components industry. This award honors an individual from a WTCA supplier member company who over the years has supported BCMC and the structural building components industry as a whole with enthusiasm and integrity in an unselfish and positive manner and has brought an all around good attitude and joy to the show.

Robert Ward of Southern Components, Inc. welcomed Bowman's wife, Marilyn, and their son, Tom Bowman, to help him present the inaugural award to Mike Bugbee, Vice President of Sales for Simpson Strong-Tie Company in Dublin, CA. Mrs. Bowman eloquently defined the moment as she presented the award to Bugbee. "They say the greatest tribute to a person's life is to recognize and celebrate the special qualities that person emulated. That's what this moment is all about," she stated. "This industry has recognized in the person of Mike Bugbee the same wonderful qualities Dick personified in his work and life: enthusiasm, integrity, a positive attitude and an all around joy for the BCMC show and WTCA. And so, Dick's spirit lives on."

Due to a prior commitment, Bugbee was unable to attend this year's annual meeting. He accepted the award via video. "It is a great honor to receive recognition as an Industry Enthusiast. There is no doubt in my mind that we are still in the early days of seeing great things from this industry," he stated. "Actually, it is me who owes gratitude to the truss industry, not the other way around. My association with the truss industry has had a very positive influence on my career with Simpson Strong-Tie. It's arguable that my work with this industry **made** my career and for that I am extremely grateful. So in that light, I can only accept this award on behalf of everyone at Simpson Strong-Tie who delivered the value, for which I now receive credit."

Bugbee has been with Simpson Strong-Tie for 23 years. Prior to becoming VP of Sales and Home-Office, he had a variety of positions including Territory Sales Rep; Regional Sales Manager; Branch Sales Manager; Industry/Product Manager, CWP and Plated Truss; Technical Marketing Director, European Operations; and VP, Marketing. Prior to joining Simpson Strong-Tie, Bugbee worked as a framer, construction superintendent, and a sales rep for two contractor distributors. SBC





Don Groom (2006 WTCA President) presented outgoing president Kendall Hoyd with a plaque acknowledging Hoyd's contributions to the association over the past year.



Suzi Grundahl of Qualtim, Inc. received the 2005 WTCA Hall of Fame Award at the annual meeting in Milwaukee. Rip Rogers presented Grundahl with her award.



Robert Ward of Southern Components and Marilyn Bowman presented the Dick Bowman Industry Enthusiast Award to Mike Bugbee of Simpson Strong-Tie Co. Bugbee was unable to attend the event, but accepted the award via video.

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