



Chapter Corner

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Chapter Spotlight

Put on Your Chapter Hat at BCMC

by Anna L. Stamm

Do you need one *more* reason to attend BCMC this year? Well, here are three reasons to put on your chapter hat at BCMC in October.

- 1. Come Meet the Colorado Chapter:** Members of our Colorado Chapter, CTMA, are proud to be hosting BCMC on their home turf of Denver this year and they'll be meeting and greeting attendees at the WTCA booth on the show floor. Come swap chapter stories with your colleagues from the mountain time zone.
- 2. Free Meeting Space for Chapter Meetings:** Every year, we're pleased to be able to offer free meeting space for chapters at BCMC, and we can have your lunch catered in, too. The Iowa Chapter always holds its fall meeting at the show—why not try one for your chapter?
- 3. The BCMC Chapter Contest:** The chapter with the most attendees at the show wins bragging rights as this year's contest winner. All attendees from the winning chapter receive a commemorative pin. The Indiana Chapter won the first contest in 2007, but it's still anyone's game to win in 2008!

We don't really have to tell you ALL of the great reasons to attend BCMC this year, do we? We'll run out of space! Remember BCMC is all about planning, evaluating and adjusting your business lifeline, and in many ways your chapter is, too. **SBC**

Chapter Highlights

Minnesota Truss Manufacturers Association

The Minnesota Chapter held its spring meeting on May 15 in Eagan, MN. Tom Nomeland delivered the President's Report, noting that Steve Schaeffel and Jim Scheible resigned their positions on the Board of Directors. Mark Laiti of Manion Truss and Components was approved to complete Steve's term. A discussion on a replacement for Jim, and the chapter's seat on the WTCA Board of Directors which he held, was tabled until the next meeting.

The Code Committee report was delivered by Bill Theobald. Bill gave an update on the State Energy Code and its effect on increasing the cost of building due to radon protection requirements. As for the ICC code hearings to be held in the Twin Cities in the fall, Bill noted that this would be a great opportunity for members to attend and see how the process works. A discussion ensued on the next Minnesota Building Code cycle and what participation the chapter would have in it.

The Marketing/Education Committee update was given by Chris Torgerson. The North Dakota Building Officials have requested the chapter set up a booth up at its seminar in October. Bob Mochinski will contact United Structural Components and Woody Miller will contact Fargo Truss Systems to get their thoughts on attending this forum. Steve Kloss gave a report on the ICC seminar for which the chapter sponsored a training session in April. He felt it went very well, though less time could have been spent on hand framing since there is little of that in the market. The chapter has been asked to sponsor another seminar in February 2009, but discussion of that was tabled until the chapter's next meeting on August 21 in St. Cloud, MN.

Missouri Truss Fabricators Association

The Missouri Chapter, MTFA, held its first chapter meeting online using **SBC Connection** in June. Attending through a teleconference line and internet connection, members from across the state were able to call from their desks to discuss hot topics and make plans for chapter activities.

High on the agenda was the chapter's educational successes in Johnson County. The chapter has been hard at work reaching out to educate the market and it is paying off in a big way. A meeting was held on April 15 with the Johnson County Building Officials (JOCOBO) and MTFA where the JOCOBO committee unanimously recommended that a partnership be formed to conduct a series of training classes. This meeting was a huge success, and JOCOBO is preparing a formal letter for MTFA to use in promoting educational programs in the marketplace.

BCMC 2008 was also central to the chapter's June meeting agenda. The attendees discussed the benefits of attending BCMC including strategic/corporate planning, talking to vendors, researching purchasing decisions, attending educational sessions, and networking with industry peers. All agreed they would try to get together in Denver this October.

South Carolina Component Manufacturers Association & Wood Truss Council of North Carolina

In 2008, the North Carolina and South Carolina Chapters continued their process of holding joint meetings. In March, the guest speaker was Danielle Wigley, PE., of MiTek Industries. Promising to help members understand building code changes, her presentation highlighted the changes affecting structural building components and what manufacturers need to know for their businesses. All in attendance agreed it was an afternoon well spent.

Discussed at both the March and June meetings was the South Carolina bill to label buildings with truss construction. The South Carolina Chapter was hard at work for several months educating legislators and the fire service in response to H4432. By May, all indications were that the bill would not move forward in the legislature, but the chapter's outreach efforts continued. In addition to materials distributed in

Charleston, an aggressive series of truss plant tours was lined up for the Columbia Fire Department.

The guest speaker at the chapters' June meeting was Jonathan Whitehead of Cox Industries on the advantages of fire retardant lumber and plywood in component manufacturing. Jonathan covered information to help component manufacturers effectively design with southern yellow pine and provided tips on how to dramatically reduce the cost of commercial and residential building. The members thanked him for his insight on effectively reducing mold during the framing process, too.

A merger of the North Carolina and South Carolina Chapters also gained momentum this spring. Following a favorable discussion at the March meeting and an electronic survey that showed a majority of the chapters' memberships in support of it, a subcommittee to work out details was formed at the June meeting consisting of South Carolina Chapter President Mike Redmon, North Carolina Chapter President Chris Lambert, Mike McIntosh and Glenn Traylor. The committee will recommend a new name, rules for the merger, monies, etc., and seek a vote at the next joint meeting to be held on September 17.

Southern Nevada Component Manufacturers Association

At the April meeting, the Southern Nevada Chapter's Code Committee had several updates for the membership. Committee Co-Chair Rich Menge, PE. reported that, per Clark County TG12-06 amendments, one set of wet seals is being accepted for revisions on original submittals and the previous request for two has been abandoned. Committee Co-Chair Bill Bolduc, PE. reported that the City of North Las Vegas interim senior building official is subject to change every 30 days between offi-

icals within the department as the search to fill the position continues. In addition, the City of Las Vegas Building Department further reduced its staff leaving Lillian Beltrans as the sole and senior plans checker; however, the express plan check (project engineer responsibility/no truss calc review) remains in effect for single family structures under 5000 sq. ft., greatly expediting the submittal process. Earl Russell remains the interim senior building official for Las Vegas until his scheduled retirement in August.

The members discussed some marketplace confusion on one hour fire walls and how many various methods are being specified by different architects and engineers. It was noted that IRC 2006 wall detail documents are the governing guides, so following these details assures approval by plans examiners.

A very positive report was given on the turn out and results of the EduCode seminar in February. The chapter's all-day session on understanding trusses from the ground up was well received at this conference held for building officials by the Southern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Committee (SNCCIC).

Truss Manufacturers Association of Texas

The Texas Chapter welcomed not one but two guest speakers to its June membership meeting in San Antonio. Ben Hershey, president of Alliance TruTrus, LLC and the current WTCA Secretary/Treasurer, gave a presentation entitled, "FSC, SFI – The Quick ABC's to Using Green Certified Lumber." Members were encouraged to be ahead of the curve and take advantage of this great opportunity to learn more about a topic that is becoming more popular every day. Kent Pagel of Pagel, Davis &

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August

- **20-22:** WTCA Open Quarterly Meeting, Chicago, IL. Call staff for details, 608/274-4849.
- **21:** Minnesota Truss Manufacturers Association (MTMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **26:** California Engineered Structural Components Association (CalESCA) Chapter Meeting.

September

- **9:** Colorado Truss Manufacturers Association (CTMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **9:** WTCA-Illinois Chapter Meeting.
- **16:** Central Florida Component Manufacturers Association (CFCMA) Chapter Meeting.
- **17:** North Carolina/South Carolina Joint Chapter Meeting.
- **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.bcmcshow.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. **SBC**

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Hill, PC. then gave a presentation on the new Texas Contingent Payment Clause Statute and how it applies to every component manufacturer that sells commercial projects. The members appreciated this evening packed with good food and good information.

WTCA-Illinois

Illinois Chapter members welcomed Don Simon of Nordic Engineered Wood as the guest speaker for their June meeting. With a presentation on engineered wood, sustainability and green building practices, Don focused on several issues that would allow members to: consider practical applications for making sure their engineered wood products are meeting today's green building guidelines; learn how to use their resources more efficiently by using specific building design parameters, better material utilization, panelization and use of certified wood; become more energy efficient by learning advanced framing/optimum value engineering techniques; and discover their global impact and learn about life cycle assessment and the use of environmental management systems at the manufacturing level. The attendees agreed that this was an outstanding presentation that covered very pertinent information, and they wished more members had been able to attend that day. Since this meeting was held in northern Illinois, the chapter is considering having Don return for an upcoming meeting at a location downstate.

At the June meeting, members also discussed the letters that were prepared in response to the regulation in Elmhurst, IL that requires gusset plates to be glued and reinforced with screws over all metal connector

plates for all housing construction. The chapter is distributing Carbeck CDs, brochures, and letters to the mayor, building officials and fire chief to educate them on structural building components.

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