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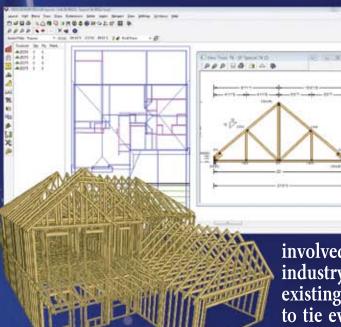


When SBCA's West Florida Chapter says they have an annual tradition, they really mean it. For the past 24 years, the chapter has put on an educational event for building officials. Each fall, building officials and inspectors, plans examiners, and local architects and engineers join the chapter in a fantastic lunch and learn session. The free event includes educational seminar with CEU credit. truss testing demonstration and lunch. This year's class was the Component Technology Workshop (CTW) on Inspection of Installed Wood Trusses. However, the "fun" part was testing a truss to the limit, when the guests are asked to guess when the truss will fail.

Throughout the years, the chapter has shown what it takes to break field-repaired trusses, trusses with and without bracing, and additional demonstrations that show the strength of structural building components. The feedback from West Florida is undeniable—great job, guys! SBC



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These days, the construction industry has never been more ready for new ways to save time and money. Seems everyone is looking for any advantage to help win more bids and insure a profit. While it is true that optimizing current systems and software will help in smaller ways, for a bigger impact we will have to expand our industry's reach. What's needed is a fresh perspective, from a company progressive enough to be

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