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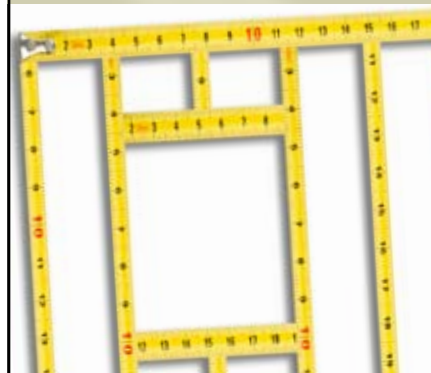
The members of the SBCA's Texas Chapter, the Truss Manufacturers Association of Texas (TMAT), work hard every year to make sure they bring home the #1 Chapter trophy in the SBCA Annual Membership Drive. Showing off their TMAT pride, attendees of their September golf outing and dinner meeting gathered 'round for this photo with the marble trophy.

Coming as no surprise, the chapter pulled off an eleventh-hour victory in the 2010 Membership Drive too—after this meeting, the trophy was headed back to the engraver to have the chapter's name etched onto the column for the eighth time! **SBC**



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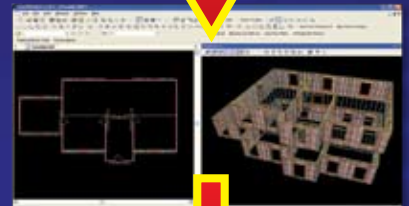
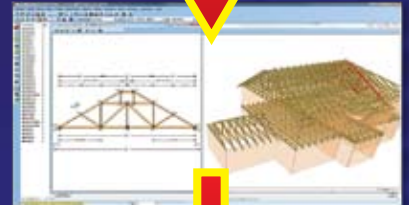
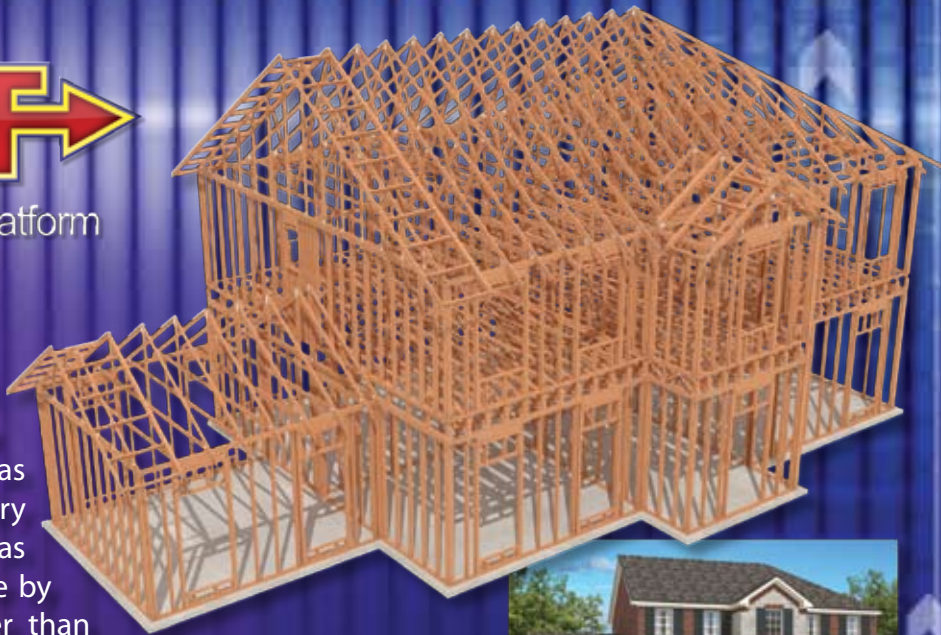
It has been estimated that a typical structure is completely redrawn by construction professionals as many as seven times before it is ever built! Industry experts agree that designers could save as much as 30 to 60 percent of design time by building on work already done - rather than restarting each step from a blank page. Clearly, bringing the industry together would speed the overall process and help create more end-user value. So what is the solution? Instead of offering a one-size-fits-all program that does everything for everyone - it makes more sense to build tools that allow professionals to work together and keep the programs they need to do their specialized jobs. By collecting the output of all design work into one three-dimensional file we could cut design time substantially and all but eliminate field surprises. The resulting 3D file would be a virtual proof of the finished building!

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