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"SETMA Seminar a Success" by Suzi Grundahl

The Southeastern Truss Manufacturers Association held its 22nd Annual Seminar April 28-30 in historic Savannah, Georgia. The 1999 program featured several interesting and informative seminars. Thurs-day, April 29, kicked off with a WTCA update by Richard Brown and Kirk Grundahl. Following this, Dr. Jeff Stone of American Forest & Paper Association, and Bob McCormick, Executive Director of the Building Officials Association of Florida, gave a seminar on the Florida Building Code. A. C. Mendiones of Wood Structures addressed Y2K issues, and on Friday, April 30, Dr. Donald Ratajczak gave an economic update.

Mike Kunde, 1999 SETMA Chair-man, said, "The theme this year was 'Trusses in the Garden of Good and Evil.' All of us are aware of how fast good things can go bad. It typically depends on how well informed we are and how prepared we are as to how it affects us. We put together this year's program to provide manufacturers with the latest information and products at our disposal."

Kunde said he felt good about the attendance and saw a lot of new faces. There were 172 in attendance, and 30 truss manufacturing companies were represented. "There was a lot of good information that came from WTCA and what they are doing on our behalf. This was a great way to keep everyone informed so that people feel they are getting value for their membership. There is a good feeling by all who know that there is an organization working in the trenches on the issues that may not concern us now, but could concern us in the

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Southwest Florida Truss
Manufacturers Association

Tennessee Truss
Manufacturers Association

West Florida Truss Association

future.”

Lee Vulgaris, Past President of WTCA, earned the distinguished Dorothy Lynch Award. Said Vulgaris, “I feel more honored about this award than any award I have received in the past. I think this shows how far we have come since the early ‘90s, and am so thrilled that SETMA is working with WTCA to unite the industry as a whole.”

Preparations are already underway for the 23rd Annual Seminar to be held in Orlando.

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