



# Publisher's Message

## Components Industry Makes "Extreme" Impression; Quality Control Make Waves

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"The secret of joy in work is contained in one word—**excellence**. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it."

—Pearl Buck

**T**his issue's cover story is hot, scorching hot. Raised in northern Wisconsin, I can count the number of 90-degree days I've lived through on one hand. June 12, 2005 was the hottest day I've ever experienced. It also happened to be the day Capital Structures framed the entire *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* home for the Nick family of Alma, AR. But they did it, heat and all, with time to spare. Although the two-hour television episode that aired in mid-August showed a whopping three minutes of the entire framing process, let the record show that each and every member of Team Capital was a hero in this project. It's true what they say: once you've been on the site of one of these projects, you'll never look at it the same. The show's cast emerges from their trailers for an occasional staged and scripted filming, and is promptly mobbed by a sea of celebrity-hungry teens and parents. Meanwhile, hundreds of volunteers scurry about, desperate not to fall behind the production schedule. Somewhere between the famous cast, the star struck public, the ABC film crew, and an army of foot soldiers representing various trades, a house rises from the rubble and dust. It is suddenly impossible to forget why you've spent the last 14 hours on the jobsite: to help someone less fortunate than you. Hard hats off to the Capital Structures framing crew for beating the heat, finishing the job in record time and volunteering time and talent to benefit a local family.

The focus of this issue is quality control, a topic we shouldn't ever tire of. Whether it is quality control in general or specifically **In-Plant WTCA QC**, there is plenty to consider. For instance, how would you rate your knowledge of quality in manufacturing? In "Quality Control as a Data Management Tool" on page 42, Tony Piek explains how various reports available through **In-Plant WTCA QC** provide quick and easy benchmarking statistics to take you into the trenches of your plant's quality.

Another important quality control topic relates to third party inspections required to meet various building codes. It seems that recent confusion in the marketplace has led to questions as to what is required of component manufacturers' in-plant quality control programs in order to comply with the IBC. "Is Your Plant Complying with IBC & IRC QC Building Code Requirements?" (page 48) sets the record straight, addressing that confusion by taking you through the building code step by step.

Many of you have heard of Truss Technology Workshops, or TTWs. Perhaps you have viewed one at a local chapter meeting, taken them to recertify in Truss Technician Training, or completed them to obtain continuing education units. Whatever your purpose for taking TTWs, they are now available on a brand new web site. The courses have been updated and improved. New pricing is in effect. The site is easy to use and has a ton of new resources that you'll want to check out. See the article on page 58.

Finally, we welcome new WTCA President Don Groom of Stark Truss to the podium in the **Editor's Message**. Rumor has it he is primed to begin his term off on the right foot with a running start, thanks to a radiant new pair of tennis shoes (see August's **Parting Shots**). Run, Don, Run! **SBC**

### at a glance

- ❑ Our cover story features another WTCA member who volunteered on ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.
- ❑ This issue focuses on quality control and **In-Plant WTCA QC**.
- ❑ A new Truss Technology Workshop (TTW) web site has been rolled out, making continuing education and general knowledge about the building components industry easily accessible for professionals.
- ❑ This issue features new WTCA President Don Groom's first **Editor's Message**.

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