



Publisher's Message

From Raw Materials to Delivery: Manufacturing Issues in Our Midst

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“Winners make a habit of manufacturing their own positive expectations in advance of the event.”

—Brian Tracy, U.S. author & motivational speaker



In this issue of *SBC Magazine*, we officially put BCMC 2005 to bed with a recap of Riding on Tradition & Innovation. It's about time, since many of us have already moved on to BCMC 2006. In fact, I overheard an exhibitor on Friday afternoon of the show: “What a great show this year. Time to start planning the 2006 show next Monday!” A series of groans was heard, followed by nervous laughter. There truly is no rest for the wicked.

Beyond our gripping account of BCMC contained in this issue, we also bring you content focused on manufacturing issues. Sawdust regulation, crane and hoisting instructions, the compatibility of wood and steel component manufacturing, and a report on timber species. Let's take a closer look at the articles you don't want to miss.

In our cover story, we went to the heart of the deep south, where one component manufacturer does it all. Wood and steel, that is. It turns out that the two complement each other, giving the Bama sales department more options to offer its customer base. But make no mistake, according to Bama's sales manager Joe Odgers, “Wood and steel [component] manufacturing are two very different animals.”

In “Lumber Design Values for U.S. & Canadian Species Group Combinations—Applications to Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses,” Kevin Cheung of the Western Wood Products Association (WWPA) talks about the development of lumber design values for combined species groups. Component manufacturers should take note of some considerations explained in the article that relate to how their software selects design properties for lumber.

Chances are you've witnessed improper crane hoisting or rigging of trusses at a jobsite at one point or another. Now there's an educational resource for you to pass along to foremen and crane operators on the jobsite to minimize the damage that these incorrect techniques can do to components. “Truss Technology in Building: Crane Equipment & Proper Truss Handling” introduces the content of WTCA's newest TTB publication, available soon.

There's good news for all you TTT certified truss technicians out there. Gone are the days of arduous and confusing recertification procedures. The WTCA Marketing Committee is set to roll out a brand new, fully automated process designed to make recertification more accessible to you. We'll walk you through a new email notification system, a list of activities that now qualify for credit toward earning your recertification, and the one-year transition timeline.

First reported on in the December 2004 issue, state-imposed sawdust regulation has been all the rage among manufacturers this fall. Sean Shields, approached by component manufacturers during BCMC and at chapter meetings in October, reports on this fast-growing epidemic in this month's **Adventures in Advocacy**. Encouraging saw suppliers to become engaged in the research and testing of sawdust output is one of the only long-term viable solutions, he says.

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at a glance

- ❑ This issue of *SBC Magazine* covers manufacturing issues and houses the BCMC 2005 Recap, complete with exhibitor photos, a summary of the educational sessions and other highlights.
- ❑ This issue's cover story features Bama Truss & Components, a wood and steel component manufacturer in Shelby, AL that services the multi-family and commercial building industry.
- ❑ Other feature articles highlight combined U.S. and Canadian lumber species groups, proper crane hoisting and rigging guidelines, and a new Truss Technician Training recertification process.

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