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During his career as a forensic consultant and expert witness, John Meeks, PE., has become known for building small scale models of the structure and trusses in question to use as examples (see photo above). This was often his method for making the rather sophisticated topic of truss bracing and collapse a little easier to understand. "John is able to relate to the lay person," remarked Steve Cabler, PE., Senior Vice President of Engineering and Technology Services for MiTek, Inc. "He is proficient at making complex engineering theories understandable to anyone." Here Cabler greets Meeks in front of Cal Jureit's first Gang-Nail plate at BCMC 2005 in Milwaukee, WI, where the 50th anniversary of Jureit's invention was celebrated. (For more about Meeks' contributions to the industry, see page 44 of this issue.) **SBC**



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