

# INLAND EMPIRE TRUSS FABRICATORS ASSOCIATION IETFA NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

By Phil Adams

**THE KEY TO SUCCESS:** Surround yourself with great people. You can't do it all by yourself, although sometimes we think it might be easier.

We need your help. We need your energy, your ideas and most importantly your ATTENDANCE at our next meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Meet the people in your industry that fight the same battles as you on a daily basis. Spend the time to help make a DIFFERENCE!

Thanks & we'll see you in June!! PHIL

## ABOUT IETFA

The Inland Empire Truss Fabricators Association is one of the 32 chapters of the WTCA. IETFA membership is open to manufacturers of metal plate connected wood trusses, wall panels, cold-formed steel trusses, and those who distribute engineered wood products in the Spokane, WA/Coeur d'Alene, ID area as well as other parts of WA, ID and MT. The Inland Empire Chapter plays an important role in the future of the wood truss and component industry. IETFA shares ideas at the local level, brings these ideas together at the national level, and serves as the catalyst for a strong, unified, prosperous industry.



## IETFA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 3:00 pm  
Red Lion Templins in Post Falls, ID

## WTCA Chapters at Work



Many WTCA chapters have found that hosting events such as truss plant tours have been an effective way to forge new partnerships in education and code development efforts.

## WTCA – REPRESENTING THE STRUCTURAL BUILDING COMPONENTS INDUSTRY

WTCA is the national trade association for structural building component manufacturers. The goal of WTCA is to educate & expand the market for structural building components. When you become a member of WTCA you receive tangible benefits in the form of substantial discounts on products and members-only services which improve your bottom line. More importantly, you strengthen the united voice of the component industry.

## What Has IETFA Done for You Lately?

The Inland Empire Truss Fabricators Association reformed in September 2005 with a desire to improve the local industry through advocacy, education and support. Since then, IETFA has been fulfilling that mission by developing relationships with building inspection departments and others involved in the construction industry.

**Bracing and Inspection Seminar in Post Falls:** In September 2005, IETFA was asked by the Northern Idaho Code Enforcers (NICE) group to provide a seminar on permanent bracing. This meeting was attended by more than 20 inspectors from several building departments in the area. IETFA—with the help of WTCA technical staff—gave a presentation on bracing, wood truss inspections and donated copies of the BCSI bracing summary sheets to all attendees.

**“Now I feel very comfortable when I call any of the truss manufacturers to ask a question about a particular truss package or even to get a little truss education.”**

**Bob Ankersmit, Plan Examiner  
Kootenai County, ID**

### **Truss Inspection Seminar at IDABO Conference:**

The NICE code group was so pleased with the bracing seminar, they invited IETFA and WTCA to be part of the Idaho Association of Building Officials (IDABO) statewide conference in Nampa in February 2006. IETFA and WTCA accepted, and presented to about 40 people regarding both bracing and the wood truss inspection checklist. Attendants' reactions were again very positive. “It was an excellent display of co-operation between the truss industry and the code community” said Bob Ankersmit, Plan Examiner for Kootenai County, ID and member of the IDABO Education Committee, “We were all very impressed.”



WTCA Truss Technology Workshops are short seminars developed to educate professionals in code enforcement, architecture, engineering, the fire service and construction. See more at the TTW web site: [ttw.sbcindustry.com](http://ttw.sbcindustry.com).

### **IETFA Regular Members**

- Coeur D'Alene Builders Supply
- Evergreen Truss & Supply
- Lumbermen's Building Centers
- Northwest Truss
- Northwest Building Components
- Stock Components - Coeur D'Alene
- Structural Components, Inc.
- TrussTek, Inc.

Regular membership in IETFA is open to WTCA Regular Members in ID, MT and WA.

### **IETFA Associate Members**

- Alpine Engineered Products
- Boise Building Solutions
- CompuTrus, Inc.
- L & M Truck Sales
- MiTek Industries, Inc.
- Robbins Engineering
- Simpson Strong-Tie Co.
- Truswal Systems Corporation
- USP Structural Connectors

Suppliers and affiliated industries are eligible for Associate Membership.

## Members take on Mission Possible: Education

The members of Inland Empire Truss Fabricators Association met on February 9<sup>th</sup> to lay the groundwork for the newly reformed chapter. They approved the chapter by-laws, held elections, agreed upon a dues structure and reaffirmed their commitment to IETFA activities and goals. The number one goal is education.

Their successful seminar for Northern Idaho Code Enforcers has proven the chapter's ability to reach out to the code enforcement community and provide the information it needs. These educational venues allow members to develop relationships with code officials that will help them in the long term.



The members of IETFA recognize that we must all work to put a human face on the structural building components industry. In so doing, we become a well-known presence that helps our members on a day-to-day basis in the field and, what's more, the real rewards come when the chapter is consulted on code and regulatory developments which affect our businesses. By working together through the chapter, we *can* make a difference.



Membership in WTCA provides tangible benefits that you can see on your bottom line. Refer to the WTCA/IETFA membership application for fees.

### WTCA Members-Only Programs

**In-Plant WTCA QC™ program** – helps you comply with the ANSI/TPI 1 quality standard.

**Work Force Development** – designed to connect component manufacturers with jobseekers.

**Operation Safety** – the tools for a component manufacturing plant safety program.

**Annual Surveys** – Wage & Benefit and Financial Performance Surveys offer valuable business info.

**Web Directory** – the online membership directory gets over 200 hits each week.

**Seminar Support** – let us help you choose a topic, provide a presentation and handouts.

### WTCA Member Discounts:

**Publications** – bracing guides, truss tags, technical and marketing brochures and more.

## Membership with Benefits!

**BCMC Show** – *the* source for the industry's latest equipment, services and products.

**Truss Knowledge Online** – the technical training, evaluation and certification programs for hundreds of companies.

**Truss Technology Workshops** – short presentations on single topics, suitable for professionals

**Risk Management Seminars** – control or limit liability in the design, manufacturing, sales and delivery processes.

### Component Manufacturers can Join and Save!

Submit a WTCA Membership Application and receive one FREE individual access to a WTCA Online Program, including Truss Technician Training Levels I, II or III, Truss Manufacturing Orientation (TMO), or ORisk

Download an IETFA/WTCA Membership Application at: [www.sbcindustry.com/chapters](http://www.sbcindustry.com/chapters)

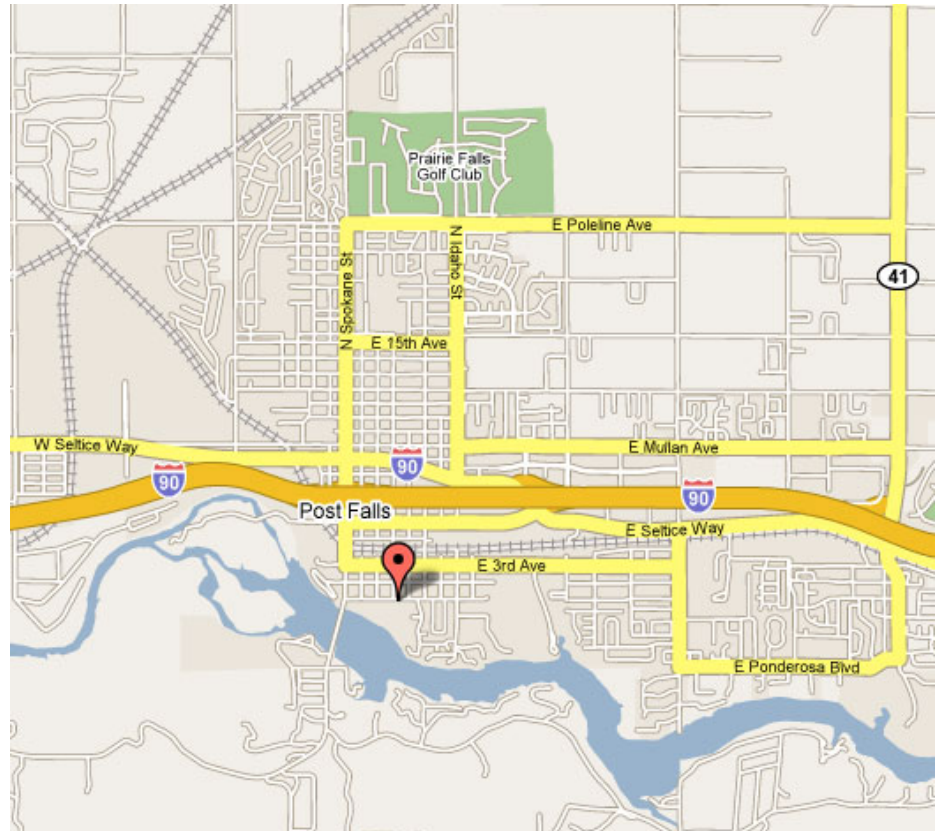
**IETFA  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thurs., June 1, 2006 at 3:00 pm  
Red Lion Templin's Resort  
414 E 1st Ave  
Post Falls, ID 83854

Please RSVP by May 24, 2006  
Call Dani Bothun at 608/310-6735

Driving Directions:

- Take Exit 5 - Spokane St.
- Head south on Spokane St.
- Turn left on 1st Ave and follow for 2 blocks, hotel is on the right.



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