

# WESTERN COMPONENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION WCMA NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

By Lee Howe

It has been a crazy and challenging year for the component industry and a busy one for the WCMA. I am encouraged and pleasantly surprised at the number of inquiries I have received. Building inspectors, architects, engineers, fire fighting organizations, colleges, physical rehabilitation placement groups and builders have all shown an interest in what it is we do.

The goal we set for ourselves to develop relationships especially with building officials is well underway. This is an ongoing process that is very rewarding, and requires intentionally dedicated time. These

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## ABOUT WCMA

The Western Component Manufacturers Association is one of the 32 chapters of the WTCA. WCMA 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 Oregon and southern Washington area. The WCMA chapter plays an important role in the future of the wood truss and component industry. WCMA 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.

## 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 of its members. 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.

## WCMA Regular Members

- BMC West Corporation
- Fields Truss
- Lumbermen's Building Centers
- Oregon Truss
- Pacific Lumber & Truss
- Precision Roof Trusses, Inc.
- Trus-Way, Inc.

Regular membership in WCMA is open to WTCA Regular Members in OR and WA.

## WCMA Associate Members

- MiTek Industries, Inc.
- Marine Lumber Company
- Robbins Engineering
- Truswal Systems Corporation

Suppliers and affiliated industries are eligible for Associate Membership.



## WCMA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:00 PM

The Century Hotel in Tualatin, OR

## WCMA at Work



Fire Service personnel from around the country tour a truss plant led by WCMA member Steve Wethern of BMC West in February 2006. The event sponsored by WTCA and WCMA gave the industry a chance to address longstanding misconceptions and forge new partnerships in education and code development efforts.

## What Has WCMA Done for You Lately?

The Western Component Manufacturers Association formed in October 2004 with a desire to improve the local industry through advocacy, education and support. Since then, WCMA has been fulfilling that mission by developing relationships with building inspection departments, the fire service and others involved in the construction industry.

**Permanent Bracing Seminar in Hillsboro:** In November 2005, WCMA was asked by the city of Hillsboro, OR Building Department to provide a seminar on permanent bracing. This meeting grew through word-of-mouth into an event attended by more than 50 inspectors from several building departments in the area. WCMA—with the help of WTCA technical staff—gave a presentation on bracing and donated copies of the BCSI 1-03 bracing guide to all attendees.

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*– Dennis Carney, Chief Building Inspector, Hillsboro, OR*

**Truss Inspection Seminar at OBOA Conference:** Hillsboro Chief Building Inspector Dennis Carney was so pleased with the bracing seminar, he invited WCMA and WTCA to be part of the Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA) statewide conference in March 2006. WCMA and WTCA accepted, and presented to about 40 people regarding both bracing and the wood truss inspection checklist. Attendants' reactions were again very positive. "I really appreciate what the chapter is doing to educate us," said Carney. He said he plans to invite WCMA back to their November conference in McMinnville, OR and he hopes that more component manufacturers participate in the future.



Fire Service personnel get a hands-on look at the strength of metal connector plates at the WCMA plant tour in February 2006.

**Truss Plant Tour for the Fire Service:** WCMA is helping dispel the myths that some in the fire service have regarding the fire performance of our products. With WTCA staff, WCMA gave a tour of BMC West Truss Plant on Feb. 28, 2006. WCMA did this at the request of the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) as part of its Fire Service Awareness Tour. The goal of the tour was to further educate the fire service about structural building components and to hear their concerns.

### City of Portland and Manufacturing Quality

**Criteria:** WCMA and WTCA were invited to attend a meeting to help develop a city policy to ensure that component manufacturers' products meet a minimum level of quality for projects in the city. IBC Chapter 17, *Structural Tests and Special Inspections*, was the central focus of these discussions. The meeting reaffirmed the fact that WTCA and its chapters must provide a concise evaluation of how truss manufacturers meet the general IBC QC and Chap. 17 requirements, keeping in mind that truss manufacturers have complied successfully with the code for the last fifty years. Read more about the outcome in *Structural Building Components* Magazine Nov. 2005 issue at [www.sbcmag.info/index.php](http://www.sbcmag.info/index.php).

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relationships will be valuable to us all as we continue to address some complex matters such as permanent bracing, deferred submittals, sealed placement plans, third party quality control, engineering duplication, uplift connections, to name a few. The WCMA will continue to enhance and extend these relationships and represent your interests appropriately.

The shortage of an adequately prepared workforce, scope creep, whole house design, builder quality programs, transportation costs, restrictions and designer shortages are but a few of the issues we would also like to address as a group. Our resources, especially in committed time, are scarce.



With your help as participating members the industry in our markets will be influenced towards a desirable destiny.

Business is like growing a garden; it takes constant care and dedicated attention. This is the business that puts bread on all of our tables and income in our pockets. We must take care of it so it continues to produce. It has been my pleasure to serve you and look forward to seeing you at the next general meeting.

Lee Howe



Membership to WTCA provides tangible benefits that you can see on your bottom line. Refer to the WTCA/WCMA 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 a WCMA/WTCA Membership Application at: [www.sbcindustry.com/chapters](http://www.sbcindustry.com/chapters)*

### WCMA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

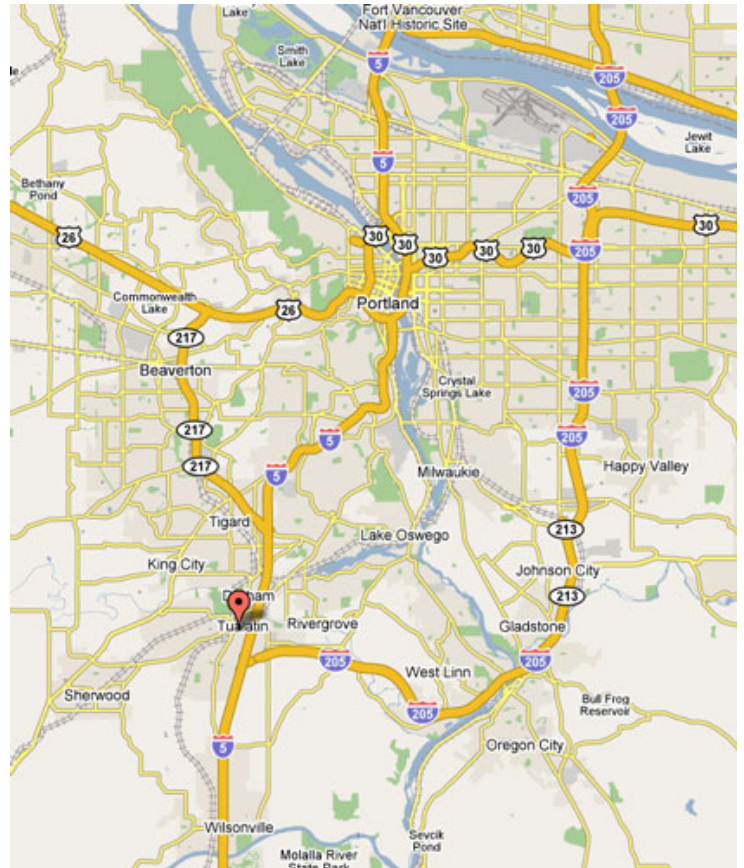
Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:00 pm  
The Century Hotel in the Century Room  
8185 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd  
Tualatin, OR 97062

*Join WCMA and Dinner's on Us!*

Please RSVP by May 9, 2006  
Contact David Hughes at 503/581-8787  
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**Driving Directions:**

- From I-5, take exit 289 towards TUALATIN/SHERWOOD.
- Turn WEST onto SW NYBERG ST for 0.12 miles.
- Stay straight to go onto SW TUALATIN SHERWOOD RD. for 0.29 miles.
- Century Hotel is on the right.



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