

MBCEA News

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*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

-Winston Churchill

**Dear Sasha,**

The quote above from Churchill reminds me of our dear friend Bob Ketenbrink. Bob was a true friend to our industry and this association. In addition to holding leadership roles and lending a guiding hand to many initiatives, such as the Quality and Craftsmanship DVD Series, he also mentored many young members. He will be sorely missed. Please read his full obituary below and follow the link to read the article in Metal Construction News when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Last year we added a Classified section to our website. This service is free for members, slight charge to non-members. Business seems to be opening up because we are seeing a big increase in postings. I urge you to check them out. Lots of companies are looking for crews, foremen, etc. It changes frequently so why not make [www.mbcea.org](http://www.mbcea.org) your home page?

The Center for Construction Research and Training is a non-profit organization researching and creating occupational safety and health materials under a grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. They have several Tool Box Talks that you may want to check out and they have graciously agreed to ship up to 50 pieces each for up to 5 different Hazard Alert Cards to our members. Contact Sasha for assistance or visit their website: [www.cpwr.com](http://www.cpwr.com)

I look forward to seeing many of you at METALCON (details below regarding free admission and an Opening Night Party hosted by the Colorado Coalition).

Sincerely,

## Welcome New Members

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**Gary T. Smith**  
President

## METALCON

The MBCEA will be at Booth #432 and our demo will be right across from us at #232.

All Non-Exhibiting Manufacturers and Suppliers are required to pay a \$495 Exhibit Hall Admission Fee, however our Industry members who want to attend but are not exhibiting are welcome to register as our guest at no cost! Click the picture on the right to register.



The Colorado Coalition, formed by New Tech Machinery and S-5!, welcomes our members to the beautiful foothills of Colorado's Rocky Mountains and invites you to attend an Opening Night Party, with live music, food, drinks, and the NFL Denver Broncos cheerleaders. Space is limited so you must [register](#).

Where: Colorado Convention Center  
Time: Wednesday evening, October 1, 2014, 6pm - ?

In addition to the Chapter kick-off meeting (See side bar), Gary Smith and Sandi McCracken will be presenting a workshop on how to gain Accreditation. This will be our first training session on this important new program that is sure to be game changer for our industry! [Register here](#) (It looks like there is a charge but no worries, it is free if you are registered as MBCEA's guest.)

The MBCEA exhibit at METALCON is sure to please. Our Booth Demo, titled Bolting & Aligning 101, will take place at 1 and 4:30 pm on October 1 and 2; and 11 am on October 3.

The MBCEA together with Gene Mitchell will demonstrate and explain the four approved bolt installation methods. Learn the science behind bolting; see what can go wrong; understand potential problems and opportunities. Bring your questions because we have the answers to everything you ever needed to know about bolt tightening.

In case you are unsure who Gene Mitchell is - he founded T C Bolts, and has worked as an independent consultant to the industry for many years. He has taught bolt producers in the U.S., Canada, Europe, South Africa and Asia how to make T C Bolts and assisted

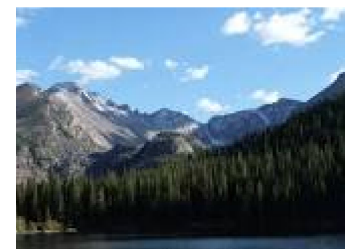
## TEXAS SOUTHEAST News



**Last call for  
the Training  
Extravaganza and  
Chapter Kick-off  
Meeting in Humble, TX  
on September 17!**

10 am - 3 pm  
Humble Civic Center  
8233 Will Clayton Parkway  
Humble, TX 77338.

Although there is no fee, you must RSVP to MBCEA Executive Director, Sasha Graver, at 484-239-3337 or [sgraver@mbcea.org](mailto:sgraver@mbcea.org).



## Rocky Mountain News

hundreds of fabricators, erectors and engineers with the installation and inspection of structural bolts.

## A LIFE WELL LIVED!

Robert Louis "Bob" Ketenbrink, 77, of Decatur, passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2014 in his home with his wife by his side.

Bob was born in Switzerland County, IN on October 20, 1936 the son of Louis Benjamin and Anna Elizabeth (Manford) Ketenbrink. He began his career in his first summer after graduating from Pontiac Township High School in 1954. He was raised on a farm in the Pontiac, IL, area and landed a job helping to erect grain storage buildings at local grain elevators. That work led to a full-time job with a metal building erector in Decatur, erecting buildings all over the country, beginning in 1957.



In 1972, Bob had tired of the cross country travel so he started Spacemark and through that company became much more involved with the Metal Building Dealers Association (MBDA), and helped found the Independent Erector Division (IED), which became the System Builders Association (SBA) and eventually morphed in to the Metal Building Contractors & Erectors Association (MBCEA). He was a past president of the IED and SBA. He was also involved with Associated Builders and Contractors nationally and as a member of many chapters, including as a founding member and past president of the local chapter. Bob was also a board member at different times of all of these organizations, and of the Metal Building Institute (MBI).

Bob was the first inductee into the [Metal Construction Hall of Fame](#). Bob's legacy is in training other metal building erectors. As a result, the MBCEA renamed its prestigious "Oil Can" award the "Bob and Bev Ketenbrink" award for a lifetime of service and influence on the metal construction industry.

Bob was a veteran of the Illinois Army National Guard, a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Aurora, IN, a member of the leadership council of NFIB, a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the State Chamber of Commerce. He married Beverly A. Stith on September 20, 1959 in Pontiac, IL.

The Rocky Mountain Region Chapter will hold its kick-off on October 2, 2014. The meeting has been planned to coincide with METALCON at the Colorado Convention Center, in Denver, CO.

Michael Cain, Big Johnson Construction in Fort Morgan, CO, Harvey Freeman, Pro Steel, Inc. in Black Forest, CO and Mike Reynolds, Systems Contractors, Inc. and Systems Builders, Inc. in Thornton, CO have organized the kick-off. Gary T. Smith and several other MBCEA Board members will be in attendance.

This meeting will start at 9 AM at the Convention Center in Room 210 and end in time for participants to enter METALCON. Smith will highlight the advantages of membership and demonstrate some of the training and certification he offers, such as Torch Cutting Safety.

If you are not a member of the MBCEA, this is a perfect opportunity to check it out. For more information about the MBCEA or to become a member, visit [www.mbcea.org](http://www.mbcea.org).

Although there is no fee, you must RSVP to MBCEA Executive Director, Sasha Graver, at 484-239-3337 or [sgraver@mbcea.org](mailto:sgraver@mbcea.org). Also register for METALCON through the link to the left for free admission to the Exhibit Hall.

### Mid-Atlantic News

Bring your questions and join us for what promises to be an informative and entertaining evening on October 7, 2014 at 4PM.



Surviving is his wife, Beverly of Decatur; sisters: Mary Ella (Floyd) Farrell of Auruoa, IN, and Irma Jean (Bill) Kinnel of Dillsboro, IN; step-sister Ima Jean (Dewey) Winstead of Columbus, IN; step-brothers: Dwight Snow and Bill Snow; five nieces, twelve nephews, fourteen grand nieces, eighteen grand nephews, many other relatives, friends, and very faithful dog Sandy.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Raymond and Donald, step-sister Dorothy Burger, step-brother John Snow, one nephew, one niece, and one step niece.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Homeward Bound Pet Shelter, 1720 E. Huston Dr., Decatur, IL 62526 or Metal Building Institute, P.O. Box 4308, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

## Accreditation Update

Work continues on this fantastic new program. Several members of the Technical Committee have agreed to serve as guinea pigs. Next month's newsletter will spotlight these pioneers. For now what this means is these five companies will trial run the accreditation application and inspection process. In doing so, the committee will learn what works, what needs fine-tuning and will also use these member company documents as a basis for generic templates that will be packaged and available at no charge in the members only area of the MBCEA website.



Tom Frahm and Mike Reynolds - just a few of our resident experts!

## Quote of the Day

*"The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done and self-restraint to not meddle with them while they do it!"*  
Theodore Roosevelt



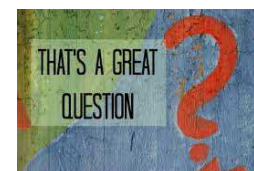
Josh Quinter of Kaplin

Stewart will share his experiences as a construction trial lawyer and use them to relay critical lessons which can be employed by every company in the construction business to avoid pitfalls and legal issues.

The program will take place at ATAS International, 6612 Snowdrift Road, Allentown PA 18106 and be followed by a presentation by the national president of MBCEA Gary Smith on the new accreditation program for the metal building construction industry.

[For more information and to register.](#)

Coming in November, Craig Shaffer will offer Rigging I and Signalperson at ATAS. This required training is scheduled for 11/6 at 8AM to 5PM and includes a plant tour of ATAS. For more information contact Sasha at [aae\\_sasha@msn.com](mailto:aae_sasha@msn.com).



Got something on your mind, we want to hear from you.

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