The SPEXpert

The Newsletter by and for the Members of the Housatonic Chapter of The Construction Specifications Institute

Falling into place

The Housatonic Chapter was incorporated in 1969. The chapter has an active membership which meets the third Tuesday of the month September through June.

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Articles are welcome for The *SPEXpert*. Send submissions to the email address above.

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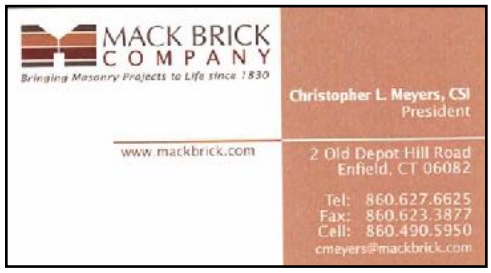
Summer Road Trip!

Chapter members Jay Strother, George Rosamond, Debbie Costantini, Rip McEldowney and Bill Selski gathered in Greenwich, CT to experience a 20,000 sf residence under construction. The reason? The walls, from foundation up, are constructed with insulating concrete forms (ICF).

The residence left wing is the owners suite on the second floor. The first floor is the kitchen and services. The steel framed center portion includes the two story spaces for living, dining and entry. The right wing is for children and guests.
Oh! And the building to the right is the pool house and guest rooms. The clay tennis court is sunken to allow for flooding to groom the surface and double as a hockey rink in the winter.

Welcome to our new **sp**ecification **expert**s.

Thank you to our continuing **sp**ecification **expert**s.



Put a Lid On It

… and so we did at our September meeting.

"Yes you can. Design for Sustainability, Energy Efficiency AND Carbon Footprint Reduction with Metal Roof and Wall Systems."

Lori Reynolds Morrow of Sheffield Metals presented our kick-off program at Café Amici in Hamden.

Lori explained how metal supplied for metal panel systems is painted with a resin-based coating which includes solar reflective pigments that reduce the heat gain/energy load on a building, which reduces cooling costs, thereby increasing the building's energy efficiency.

The metal might be either aluminum or steel. Panels can be prefabricated and transported to the site or the profile can be rolled on site. The advantage of forming on site, is the reduction in the amount of trips to bring the material to the site. It much more efficient to bring the rolls of metal on one truck than to have the preformed panels brought to the site in 3 or 4 truck loads.

Another advantage to rolled on site is length. Lengths of 200 feet may be formed on site whereas preformed panels are restricted to road legal lengths. Fastening was also discussed. Some panels are either fastened at the top and hung, or fastened at the bottom to carry the load from below. Intermediate fasteners may also be needed.

Aluminum is a sustainable material. Aluminum may be recycled again and again. Steel has limitations on the recycling of the material. The question of recycling the material is 'how long the metal panels are going to last on the building'. If the building is recycled one hundred years from now, who knows what building materials might be like!

Coming this October

The program is to be determined. Look for announcements in the coming weeks.
The location is known. We will once again be convening at
Café Amici
1640 Whitney Avenue
Hamden, CT

Time is the usual;
5:00 PM Board meeting, members may attend,
6:00 PM arrivals,
6:15 PM dinner choices made, and
Presentation to follow.