



SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

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Masonry Design Update

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

This presentation will focus on masonry design per the 2006 IBC and 2005 MSJC codes. Code changes will be identified and reviewed along with northwest state amendments. Masonry field construction issues and recent research will also be addressed.

OUR SPEAKERS

Ray Miller, P.E. is the founder and president of Miller Consulting Engineers, Portland, Oregon. He has over 40 years of structural engineering experience, has taught masonry design at Portland State, and serves on the Oregon Structural code advisory board. Mr. Miller is the current president of The Masonry Society.

Thomas Young is the Executive Director of the Northwest Concrete Masonry Association. He has

over 35 years experience working in the masonry industry. He serves on numerous industry technical committees.

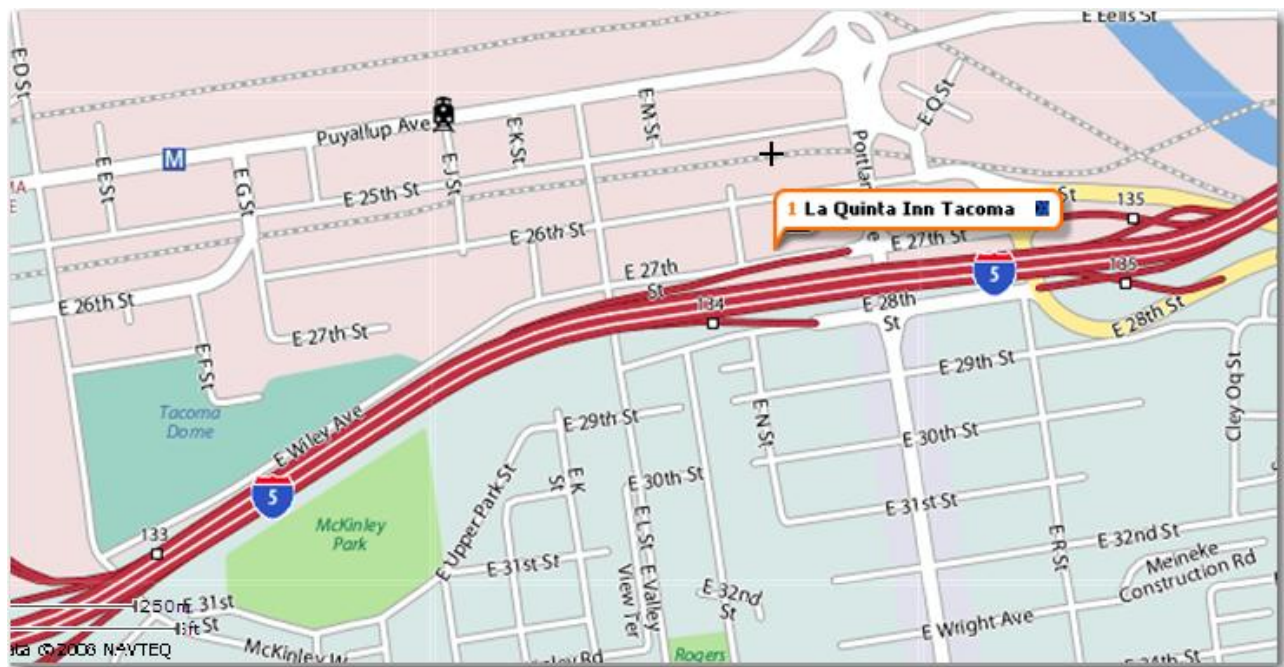
Steve Borman is the president of Keystone Masonry of Yelm. Keystone is the largest masonry contracting firm in the northwest.

MARCH LUNCH MEETING

Date:	March 19, 2008
Time:	12:00 noon
Location:	La Quinta Inn & Suites 1425 E. 27 th St. Tacoma, WA 98421-2200
Menu:	Chicken Fettuccini
Cost:	\$20.00 with reservation

Reservations required:

Deadline is noon on Wednesday, March 12th.
E-mail reservations to seawschapter@comcast.net or call (253) 382-2936.



From the President

By Drew McEachern

After talking with the tradeshow chairman and our treasurer, it looks like this year's tradeshow was a success. I would like to thank the vendors for their participation (they are the ones that essentially put on the tradeshow), as well as anyone who attended the show (you are the reason the vendors come every year). Putting on the tradeshow is a huge effort (thanks again to James Sivley and Justin Lyons), which takes around 6 months of planning. Hopefully you grabbed enough engineering literature to last a while, because we will be taking a break from the tradeshow next year. We have decided to push the tradeshow timing to every 18 months in order to coincide with the upcoming 2009 SEA Northwest Conference (which the SW Chapter will be hosting).

I hope that, like me, you were able to watch some of the webcast of the ICC Code Development Hearings last week. Based on what I saw, SEAW was well represented at the hearings, and I appreciated being able to watch the code development process. Given the size of the code, and the number of proposed amendments, it is not surprising that the code development hearings don't have much time to spend on each

amendment (it appears that the hearings really only have time for quick commentary, followed by an up or down vote). Most of the work-shaping changes to the code take place long before the Code Development Hearings in smaller committees comprised of representatives from various organizations (including SEAW). I bring this up because SEAW is always looking for engineers who are interested in participating on one of the various SEAW committees, and these committees are where you can make the biggest difference.

Speaking of webcasts, NCSEA is offering several webcasts this spring and summer on topics ranging from structural design (either wind or seismic) to running a structural engineering Q/A program. I have heard good things about webcasts offered by NCSEA, so you might want to check these out at the NCSEA website.

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Upcoming Events

SW Chapter

APRIL 16, 2008

Nucor Plant Tour

Joint Meeting with Seattle Chapter (SW Chapter hosts)

MAY 21, 2008

Joint Meeting with AIA Southwest Chapter

(SEAW SW Chapter Hosts)

JUNE 19–21, 2008

Engineers Gone Wild!! 2008 Northwest Conference

Sun Valley, Idaho

Structural Masonry Design Seminar

Northwest Concrete Masonry Association

The Northwest Concrete Masonry Association will be conducting a one-day seminar focusing on the design of reinforced concrete masonry construction. Both working stress and strength design methods of the 2006 IBC and 2005 MSJC codes will be covered.

The seminar will be held throughout the northwest as scheduled below:

APRIL 16SPOKANE
 MAY 7.....SEATTLE
 MAY 29.....PORTLAND
 JUNE 4.....SEATTLE
 JUNE 12.....PASCO
 JULY 17.....BOISE



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The Seminar will cover design examples of masonry building elements by manual and automated methods. It is aimed at practicing engineers who want to learn how to design masonry in a practical and efficient manner.

Additional information can be obtained from the Northwest Concrete Masonry Association at 425.697.5298 or www.nwcmma.org.

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