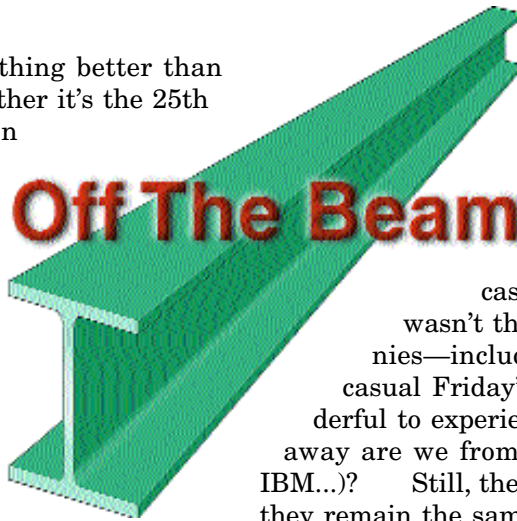


Being an American, I like nothing better than celebrating an anniversary. Whether it's the 25th year since Grease premiered on Broadway, the half century mark for Disneyland or the 182nd anniversary of the invention of the kaleidoscope, we love commemorations. So this weekend, I think I'll throw a little party of my own: This issue marks my 100th as editor. A lot has changed here at the office during the past nine years. The magazine has increased in size, frequency, and—I hope—quality. Of course, we've also made our share of mistakes—ranging from running a photo upside down to running an article extolling the virtues of a new steel seawall only to hear about its failure less than five years later. New technology has helped accelerate the process of change. In 1990, we were barely using computers in magazine production. Today, we've done away with film and print the magazine directly from our desktop files. The way we communicate also is changing rapidly, and in recognition, we're starting a Modern Steel Construction web site ([www.modernsteel.com](http://www.modernsteel.com)) as of October 1. In addition to the current issue and selected back issues (we'll add more each month), we've developed an electronic version of Steel Interchange. The new Steel Forum allows users to post questions and answers; we'll then publish selected answers in the magazine. Additionally, users can find all of the previous questions and answers that have appeared in Steel Interchange. (Of course, if you'd like a hard copy of Steel Interchange, it can be ordered for \$25 + s/h



from AISC Publications by calling 800/644-2400 and requesting Publication #G450.) Perhaps even more interesting is the way society has changed, becoming more casual each year. For example, it wasn't that long ago that many companies—including AISC—began instituting casual Friday's. And this year, it was wonderful to experience Casual Summer. How far away are we from Casual Year (if it works for IBM...)? Still, the more things change, the more they remain the same. In my first editorial (January 1990), I wrote: "If you're about to begin work on an interesting project, or have just completed a project, drop us a note describing it. Also, if you have any comments—either about something you've read in this or a previous issue, or about anything pertaining to the fabricated structural steel industry—write us a letter." Of course, today you can also fax or email us.

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