

Comments on MSC at 50

Here are several notes from longtime readers of *Modern Steel Construction* in response to the retrospective article published in the January 2011 issue. To read the article online, go to www.modernsteel.com/backissues.



Modern Steel Construction is a valuable tool to the industry and AISC members. Its articles on technical information as well as other subjects affecting steel construction are very valuable and worth the effort and expense to continue to promote its existence. I wish I was 50 again.

—Robert P. Stupp
Stupp Brothers, Inc.,
St. Louis



As a 40-year veteran of the fabricated structural steel industry, it has been a pleasure to watch the evolution of *Modern Steel Construction* from a very basic publication to a monthly magazine of which the industry can be truly proud. The arrival of Scott Melnick on the editorial staff and the adoption of full color were just two of the highlights. In addition to being informative, Scott's editorials have provided an easy way to keep up with the activities of his children. Interesting project articles and steel industry updates are two of the things I enjoy each month.

—Stephen E. Egger
Chairman, Egger Steel
Company, Sioux Falls, S.D.



I have been a fan of *MSC* since 1968, the year I arrived for graduate study at Lehigh University. One of my first assignments was an evaluation of the very heavy box columns of the famous World Trade Center, which was one of the featured structures. Since then *MSC* has expanded greatly, in coverage and depth of discussions and most of all in practical usefulness for all areas of steel design, fabrication and construction. Practicing engineers really pay attention to *MSC*. It is now a serious journal that is used and relied upon by thousands of professionals. Congratulations on the 50th!

—Reidar Bjorhovde, Ph.D.
President, The Bjorhovde
Group, Tucson, Ariz.



Looking back through the highlights of steel construction over the past 50 years brings back memories of the variety of projects that have been trendsetters in steel construction. Certainly structural engineers and those in the construction industry have actively pushed the envelope over the last half-century. *Modern Steel Construction* has been an important part of this progress, keeping engineers and fabricators aware of these key developments.

—Roger Brockenbrough, P.E.
Pittsburgh



Wow! Fifty years of *Modern Steel Construction* magazine, and from the very first issue each issue continues to present the latest in steel construction. I have been reading *MSC* since the mid-1960s. I have always found something in each issue, not only from the articles but also from the advertisements, that assisted me professionally. In recent years (I don't know when it started) my colleagues and I would race to read the Steel Quiz first, and then quiz other members of the firm to see if we could stump them with the questions. I look forward to enjoying many more years of reading *MSC*.

—James M. Fisher, Ph.D.
Computerized Structural Design, S.C., Milwaukee



Publications generated by AISC over the years have focused on the versatility of structural steel, the innovation within the design and construction communities and the advancements within academia. *MSC* was focused on the presentation of structural steel as the material of choice and therefore provided an enlightened approach to the structural steel industry. *MSC*, although steel construction oriented, has been, and still is, structured to appeal to a variety of readers; architects, engineers, contractors and construction managers, as well as owners and developers.

MSC has successfully conveyed the message of steel, its strength, its beauty and its versatility for 50 years. We, the structural designers of today, owe *MSC* and AISC a very large thank you for your contribution to the design and construction communities.

—David I. Ruby, S.E., P.E.
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Congratulations on a great article on the history of *Modern Steel Construction* in the January 2011 issue.

When I joined AISC as regional engineer in Pittsburgh in 1959, *MSC*'s predecessor was called *Steel Construction Digest*. The only articles were reprints from magazines such as *Engineering News-Record*. There was no advertising and the magazine was quite thin.

I was promoted to AISC headquarters in New York City in 1961 and to chief of the regional staff of 32 licensed engineers in 1963. Although I had no direct connection with the magazine, I was a fan and in a position to help when it changed to *Modern Steel Construction* with original articles. The editor, Dan Farb was a good friend and I helped with engineering aspects and encouraged the regional engineers to solicit and write articles.

Under Scott Melnick's leadership, *MSC* has become one of the best construction magazines in the country.

—Robert O. Disque, P.E.
Milford, Conn.



Modern Steel Construction has been a valuable asset in my teaching and research career. Its articles on the design and construction of interesting and innovative steel buildings and bridges have been very helpful in my teaching, and they were always an inspiration to my students, in the past half Century. Of especial use are the many drawings of framing and connection details. These sketches greatly help students to visualize how steel structures fit together.

—Theodore V. Galambos
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