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Central PA Chapter August Board Meeting / Planning Meeting

August 12th, 2008 at 5:00 PM

Appalachian Brewing Company
50 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA

Free parking in the rear of the brewery.

This circa 1915 building / brewery makes a great setting for our CSI meetings and events. Come Join the CSI Chapter for a board and planning meeting for the 2008-09 year with President John Cannon.

Be a part of CSI, join a committee and bring your ideas to this meeting.

Topics for the planning meeting are Programs, Membership, Meeting sites, and Awards.

Calendar of Events

September 9, 2008

CSI Central Pa. Chapter Dinner Meeting & Program

September 25 - 28, 2008

CSI Allentown 2008 Middle Atlantic Region Conference
Macungie, PA

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October 14, 2008

CSI Central Pa. Chapter Dinner Meeting & Program

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter meets
the second Tuesday monthly
except NO meetings are held in July or August.

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Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership.

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President's Message

The summer is going fast and I hope everyone has had an opportunity to vacation, relax, and be with friends and family. We all are experiencing anxieties due to gas prices, housing, inflation, credit availability, and the volatile stock market. It is time for the kids to get ready to head back to school and perhaps heading back to a learning environment would make sense for us as well.

Now is the time to improve your professional development and networking opportunities. CSI monthly meetings offer exceptional CEU programs,

opportunities for industry knowledge and potential project information for our local area. CSI is dedicated to People, Process and Performance.

The construction industry is constantly changing. New mandates, new codes, and new technologies – the demands on your skills grow more complex. The CSI Certificate and Certification Programs have benefited many in gaining industry knowledge, credentials, and professionalism. I would like to aspire that everyone reviews the importance of knowledge and strives for the next level of achievement with CSI Certification.

We had an exceptional turn out for the educational tour of the A.G. Mauro Company facility and thank them again for their hospitality. August is a planning month but we will have a grand series of programs lined up fall. If you have anyone in your company that would like to hear more about the Certificate and Certification Programs, please have them contact Paul Brunski – Certification Chairman or myself. We would be glad to help with this achievement.

*John Cannon, CSI, CDT
President*

The Auto Show Room Door

How to Select the Correct Application for your Retail Project.

The Storefront Aluminum Auto Show Room Door is a vital part of the Automotive Retail Business, and has been used successfully for over 45 years.

In this document, I am going to explain the different types of Show Room doors, their limitations, and how to specify them.

The Auto show room door is designed to provide an opening for autos, and light trucks or any large vehicle; to move from a showroom to outside, and from the parking lot to the show room. Show room doors can be used in furniture stores, ATV, boat sales, and shopping malls. It can also be installed as a door between a service department and the showroom.

There are two primary types of auto showroom doors. There is the "Traditional" large inactive door, and the thirty six inch active door. (Big Door-Little Door). There is also the Bi-fold Door, with two inactive "bifolding leaves" and one active leaf.

The Traditional auto showroom door, with its large inactive door, is most common. The large door can be placed on either side of the opening, left or right. This door, usually 60 inches in width, is the inactive leaf. This door can be bulky to handle and you may elect to use a door latch to affix the door in an open position while

vehicles are moved through in order not to damage them. The smaller door is usually a "man" door, is 36 inches wide, and it would be the active leaf. This door is used as an entrance to the showroom most of the time. The "man" door can also be latched or the use of a "hold open" closer can be used.

The Bifold auto showroom door is designed to "fold away", with three or four doors, each thirty six inches wide, be easier to handle, and open and close. This door can have up to a 144 inch clear opening when the doors are open, allowing wider vehicles to enter the showroom. The bifolding portion of the door is actually two 36 inch door leaves, joined together, to fold off of the jamb, and be the inactive leaf. The opposite door can be a bifolding door also. This door can also be a 36 inch active leaf, the "man" door, and designed to be used as an entrance to the showroom.

There are commonalities for both of these applications. The upgrade of a three and one half inch medium stile or five inch wide stile door is common, and will provide a heavy duty application for the entrance. The use of a panic exit device for the man door is easily accommodated for either type of door. Special widths and heights are allowed for retrofit applications, and transom frames can be implemented for either door

type. The addition of midrails can also add strength, and beauty to complement the showroom.

The use of insulated glass is not recommended for either door type due to the unsupported weight that the glass would add to the door. The heights of auto showroom doors are limited to 96 inches, and additional width of the door leaves should be reviewed by YKK technical personnel.

Special sizes and configurations such as a double bi folding door, as well as special and nonstandard hardware can be priced and ordered through the YKK-AP Sales Office Estimating department. If there are particular concerns regarding the application of an Auto Showroom Door, you may contact your local representative for additional information.

Anodized finishes are available for auto showroom doors, as well as custom and nonstandard Kynar paint applications. Architectural painted finishes are available in manufacturers standard color selection, or custom colors, and the delivery times are the same as a conventional painted custom door.

The Auto Showroom door is a versatile product, with many direct and unique applications, and can be designed with durability and beauty for many years of service.

Jeff Turcick