How to Avoid 3 Common Commercial Construction Scheduling Delays

By Chuck Taylor, Director of Operations, Englewood Construction

Compared with a few short years ago, commercial construction moves at an incredibly fast pace today. Due to a variety of factors – from smaller profit margins following the economic downturn, to the sense of immediacy that’s so pervasive in the modern business world – everyone from our clients down to our subcontractors are being squeezed for time and asked to deliver commercial construction projects on tighter schedules than ever before.

Any sort of construction delay can be disastrous in this time-pressed landscape, as there’s typically little wiggle room built into a construction schedule. That makes it critical to know where and why construction project delays typically happen and work to avoid them. It may be surprising, but some of the most common delays come up before any actual construction begins. Here are a few culprits to watch for in the early stages of any commercial construction project:

1. Unrealistic Expectations for Construction Permit Review

One of the first ways a project can get jammed up early on in the construction process is if the client is unrealistic about the length of the municipality’s permitting process. We’ve worked with clients who haven’t allowed enough time and then tried to fast-track permit review, but the local process is what it is – there are no special accommodations, whether you’re building in New York City or small town, U.S.A.

The takeaway is to plan sufficiently for municipality review so the overall project schedule won’t get squeezed if permitting takes longer than expected. It’s also important to remember that permitting processes vary from city to city. A national commercial contractor like Englewood can be a great resource going into unfamiliar markets because we’ve worked with building departments in many different jurisdictions – sometimes within the same metropolitan area – and can anticipate what they look for based on that experience.

2. Delays on Shop Drawings

As soon as we’re awarded the contract for a commercial construction project, we immediately award the job to our subcontractors and release them to start creating shop drawings. On a complex commercial construction project, this is an important step that can save everyone some heartache down the road, as shop drawings are basically a double-check to verify the subcontractor understands what the plans are calling for and there are no conflicts or errors. However, if the client, architect and engineer don’t sign off on the completed shop drawings in a timely manner, it can cause a cascade of construction delays. Without approved shop drawings, we can’t release the subcontractor for manufacture, which in turn delays delivery, which then puts us behind on installation dates – you get the idea.

A good general contractor knows how to play traffic cop in this process by ensuring subcontractors are submitting shop drawings on time and addressing any issues as they arise.
Dear Friends,

It is time to start making plans to attend the second ever Professional Construction Estimators Association Convention Cruise. I am very excited with the amount of response and feedback that we are already getting from members. Convention Chair Stephanie Kegley and her crew have lined up some excellent programs and promising some great events. With this group I am certain that there will be the some epic stories and fun times! I look forward to seeing each of you next April aboard the Carnival Sensation Cruise Ship.

I have had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting several Chapters and attending their Meetings. It is encouraging to see the excitement and many new faces in the meetings that I have been able to attend. Although I may not be able to visit every Chapter, I do look forward to visiting several more before the year ends.

I would like to thank my officers, board of directors and all of our committee members who give many hours of their time to serve and invest in their profession and community through the PCEA. My appreciation goes out to all the businesses that connect through the PCEA to promote and support each other. I challenge you to join your fellow professionals through networking events and educational programs and to invest in each other to strengthen our construction community.

On a personal note, I would like to thank every member that sent a text, an email, placed a post on social media, phone call, sent flowers or made a visit after the passing of my Grandfather. I just want you to know that your encouragement and prayers are very much appreciated! Thank You my Friends!

Sincerely,

Randall Williams
PCEA National President

Past National President Gail Chapman (Columbia Chapter) and her husband, Chris, graciously donated a parcel of land to the Ted G. Wilson Scholarship Foundation earlier this year.

The .51 acre, marsh view, wooded lot is located in the secluded Governors Point residential development on Daufuskie Island, SC. It is in close proximity to the Intracoastal Waterway, the Island County Dock, the Island’s favorite Marshside Mama’s, Bloody Point Resort and just a few minutes from Daufuskie Island’s quiet Sandy Beaches.

Daufuskie Island, located between Hilton Head Island, SC and Savannah, GA is the southernmost inhabited sea island in South Carolina. It is 5 miles long by almost 2.5 miles wide – approximate surface area of 8 square miles or 5,000 acres. With over 3 miles of beachfront, Daufuskie is surrounded by the waters of Calibogue Sound, the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean.

Accessible only by ferry or barge, and with a full-time population of just over 400, Daufuskie Island encompasses a rich cultural experience, with environmental preserves, private communities, resorts, Gullah houses, diverse art galleries and history. The island was named a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places due to its Gullah and Civil War history.

The Ted G. Wilson Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees and the PCEA National Board of Directors have discussed possibly offering the lot for sale exclusively to the PCEA Membership for a limited period of time, probably at a substantially discounted price, prior to offering it for sale at market price to the general public. The lot has been appraised within the last year for $25,000.

If you would be interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact Ted G. Wilson Scholarship Foundation Chair, Rob Bauer at rbauer@constructioncostservices.com or (321) 217-0096 or Kim Lybrand in the National Office at pcea@pcea.org or (877) 521-7232.
Have you ever felt the need to explain to others what construction is all about? Or simply to see first-hand how tough working on a construction site actually is? Well, now you can! Construction simulator games can be the perfect way to achieve it. You have the opportunity to experience a construction project from the beginning to its completion with no physical struggle.

With a quick search online, you can find a number of different games that allow you to get a good overview of the whole construction process. We made our research and we present to you some of the best construction simulator games. However, before we dive into our list it’s really interesting to focus a bit on how construction simulator games could have a positive impact on our industry.

How Construction Simulator Games Could Help the Industry
Construction is an industry that traditionally faces problems in attracting younger people. There’s a strong need for finding new ways in order to captivate the attention of the people who, in one way or another, could be the future of this industry. Simulator games can offer valuable help toward that direction.

It’s no secret that video games have achieved remarkable progress since their first appearance in the early 70’s. At the moment, they have established a strong presence in our everyday lives and especially in young people’s lives. Keeping that in mind, it becomes clear that simulator games could have the following benefits for construction:

Bring young people in the industry
Even today, construction is many times treated as an industry that is solely addressed to old-timers. Thanks to the latest technological progress, this has started to change. Simulator games can be one more reason for younger individuals to start shifting their attention to construction. So if you feel that you had problems with explaining to your child how things are on a construction site now you can easily do it. On top of that, the more the kids get familiar with construction from an early age the higher the probability that they will develop an interest in the industry on a later stage of their life.

Make construction part of the everyday popular culture
As a continuation of the previous point, construction simulator games could be the easiest way for the industry to communicate its struggles and excitement to a wider audience. This could again be tremendously helpful in the effort for enhancing the industry’s profile. Such a shift could eventually lead to the attraction of younger and more skillful workforce.

Help in finding solutions to real-world problems
Another benefit of construction simulator games could be connected with some real world problems that the industry is currently facing on a daily basis. More specifically, a more scientific approach to construction simulator games could allow in the future for the prediction of potential risks or the optimization of several construction project management processes.

Top Construction Simulator Games
By now, it’s evident that simulator games have a lot to offer if they are used smartly. Let’s take a look at some of the best construction simulator games that are available out there at the moment:

1. Construction Simulator Pro 2017
   Probably one of the best games out there in describing the construction process from the very beginning to the end. You get the chance to operate a number of different vehicles (eg. cranes, bulldozers, etc.). Furthermore, you have the opportunity to build a name for yourself in the industry, starting from a contractor and moving further up in the hierarchy. Have a look at the video below and start building your empire in the construction industry:

2. SimCity BuildIt
   Be the mayor of the famous SimCity and build step by step the dream city of tomorrow. As a mayor of the SimCity, you are responsible for countless tasks from building the first residencies to putting together a solid sewage and waste management system. Every single detail should be considered for your citizens to remain happy!

3. Megapolis
   A similar game to SimCity BuildIt is Megapolis. It allows you to create the city of your dreams and offers you the ability to design and build a vast number of magnificent infrastructures, such as airports and atomic power plants! A great game for anyone who wants to get a first-hand experience on the challenges of building a modern and fully functional city.

4. Bridge Construction Simulator
   Next on our list, a game with a quite self-explanatory title. Make good use of your engineering skills and try to build strong and safe bridges. There are no time restrictions in this

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CATAWBA VALLEY CHAPTER
Greetings from the Catawba Valley Chapter,
On July 22, we held our annual Family Outing event at the Riverbend Clubhouse. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served while members enjoyed the amenities. A good time was had by all.
Our August gathering was scheduled to be a “Night at the Ballpark” event at Crawdads stadium. We had the picnic area reserved. However, due to August being such a busy month, we were unable to meet the minimum of 15 attendees in order to keep the reservation.

September is the most popular time around the Catawba Valley Chapter as it means our annual golf tournament is soon to come. The funds raised from this tournament are used to fund our scholarship program.

Our regular chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, at Market on Main in Hickory, NC. Come join us when you get the chance.

Respectfully Submitted,
William S. Clayton

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER
Charlotte Chapter is off to a great new year with Peter Martinez at the helm. We have had our first tailgate social at one of the Carolina Panthers pre-season games. It was a good event and best of all it was fully sponsored by Sunbelt Rentals. Just for the record, we used the awesome PCEA cornhole boards Alva auctioned off at the national convention. As of today’s date, I am undefeated on those boards.

We had a chip, drive and putt social as well. This event was a test run for future events and no, I did not win in any category.

Peter has our entire year planned out and a new PCEA brochure to hand out at our meetings and socials. New things we are trying is a focus on a few good field trips to interesting plants or job sites.

Come see us when you’re in town.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Edwards
National Director

COLUMBIA CHAPTER
Greetings from the Columbia Chapter,
Our July meeting was held at Longhorn’s Steak House in downtown Columbia. Our speaker was Wayne Fields from the Oliver Gospel Mission located in downtown Columbia. Wayne has been with the mission for 16 years helping homeless men get their lives turned around. Giving them food, clothes and a place to stay is not enough – they need help dealing with their life issues. The mission also gets them involved in helping the community such as flood relief, etc. Several years ago they took a look at the population that had the most need and that was homeless women and children. They were able to get land donated and zoned as well as raise the $10 million dollars needed to build the facility - named Toby’s Place. This facility is dedicated to helping homeless women and children with their life skills.

Our August meeting was held at McCrory Construction Company’s office where we had a number of folks in the Construction industry come and listen to a presentation from the American College of Building Arts. The American College of the Building Arts’ mission is to educate and train artisans in the traditional building arts. It is a private four-year liberal arts and sciences college located in Charleston, South Carolina. It is licensed by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to grant a Bachelor of

Columbia Chapter President Bill Barton (l) traveled to the Upstate Chapter meeting to present past Columbia Chapter President, Matt Solomon (right) with his plaque. Matt is now a member of the Upstate Chapter Applied Science and an Associate of Applied Science in six craft specializations in the building arts. The college’s model is unique in the United States, with its focus on total integration of a liberal arts education and the traditional building arts skills. Students choose from among six craft specializations: timber framing, architectural carpentry, plaster, masonry, blacksmithing and architectural stone carving.

As a side note, Columbia was in the path of totality for the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse. It

Al Gaskin, Jr. traveled from Augusta to Hickory to participate in the Catawba Valley Chapter Golf Tournament, where he landed himself on the winning team. Pictured from left to right are Tony Eckard, Al Gaskin, Jr., and Randall Williams

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was magnificent! A once in a lifetime event! If you are around when the next one occurs in 2045, it is worth going to see it.

We hope that you can join us some time on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Chapman
National Director

ASU STUDENT CHAPTER
Hello from ASU,
We hope you all have had a great summer and we are super excited for the fall season that are fast approaching. With school just beginning, the recruitment process for new members began and we were able to bring a few new members to the community of Lake Nona. Two current projects underway as well as upcoming projects in the 17-square mile master planned community of Lake Nona. Two of the larger projects are a 3.8 million square foot town center at an estimated cost of $780 million & KPMG’s new Learning Development & Innovation Center with an estimated cost of $400 million. The month of July was a little slower as we only had the monthly membership meeting and learned about the Central Florida Expressway Authority and their 20 year plan. It didn’t take long for things to heat back up as August rolled around we hosted an end of the summer social at Crooked Can Brewery with a great turnout of approximately 60 members and had Florida Citrus Sports at our monthly membership meeting. Believe it or not the fun is just beginning in September we are hosting our Annual Steak on the Lake event where members and non-members are invited to come learn about PCEA and enjoy a great dinner on us. Historically, we have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth! We are invited to come learn about PCEA and enjoy a great dinner on us. Historically, we have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth. We have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth.

Sincerely, PCEA ASU Officers

ORLANDO CHAPTER
Greetings from Sunny Orlando,
We have been very busy in Orlando since the June National Board Meeting. During the month of June we hosted a successful but very hot and humid summer fun golf tournament at Rosen Shingle Creek. Where I am proud to say my 4some took first place at 13 under par (I promise we didn’t cheat). Also, during the month of June we had the privilege of hosting Scott Peek of the Tavistock Development Company. He spoke about current projects underway as well as upcoming projects in the 17-square mile master planned community of Lake Nona. Two of the larger projects are a 3.8 million square foot town center at an estimated cost of $780 million & KPMG’s new Learning Development & Innovation Center with an estimated cost of $400 million. The month of July was a little slower as we only had the monthly membership meeting and learned about the Central Florida Expressway Authority and their 20 year plan. It didn’t take long for things to heat back up as August rolled around we hosted an end of the summer social at Crooked Can Brewery with a great turnout of approximately 60 members and had Florida Citrus Sports at our monthly membership meeting. Believe it or not the fun is just beginning in September we are hosting our Annual Steak on the Lake event where members and non-members are invited to come learn about PCEA and enjoy a great dinner on us. Historically, we have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth. We have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth. We have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth. We have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth. We have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth. We have around 150-175 people attend and usually get a few new members that night. We would love to have you attend if at all possible. Lee can confirm its worth.

Sincerely,
Trevor Hamilton, National Director, Orlando Chapter 22

UPSTATE CHAPTER
Good Morning from the Upstate! School is back in session and Fall for Greenville is quickly approaching. I am often reminded how September makes swarms of purple and orange come out from the depths of the sea. While I enjoy the state of South Carolina, just know that this September (and every other month of the year), I will gladly be sporting my orange, in support of good ole Rocky Top. The past few meetings have been very fun and educational.

Several Chapters were represented at the Upstate Chapter meeting in July. From left to right: Randall Williams ( Catawba Valley), Bill Barton (Columbia), Lee Edwards & his daughter, Allie (Charlotte), Matt Solomon (Upstate), Duff Regan (Charlotte), and Kristen Clarke (Upstate)

In July, we hosted Mr. Dwayne Sloan of Underwriters Laboratories. I had previously heard him at a Charleston chapter meeting while I was a student. I loved the presentation so much, I insisted he come to Greenville. Turns out, he was a hit with us too! This month, we hosted Mr. Doug Dent of the Greenville Revitalization Corporation. This organization partners with the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority to bring economic and housing stability back to the impoverished...
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5. Heavy Excavator Simulator
See how it feels to drive a heavy excavator around a construction site. The fact that real crane physics are incorporated in the game makes the whole experience much more realistic. Surely an excellent choice for those who find heavy vehicles fascinating.

6. City Builder 17 Federal Prison
Build and manage a federal prison. You are the one that has to carry it through! Starting with some simple excavating tasks and moving on to more complicated assignments, you reach step by step to your ultimate goal of creating the safest federal prison. You are responsible for different aspects of the construction process. Some of them are delivering the materials and driving heavy vehicles around the construction site.

7. Village City – Island Sim Farm
Village City is an excellent match for anyone who would like to experiment with putting together a city almost from scratch. In this game, you have the opportunity to build better houses for your citizens and create new infrastructures. On top of that, the way you will choose to design your city will also affect the wellbeing of your people (eg. more job-openings).

8. Skyscraper Construction Sim 3D
If you are a fan of skyscrapers, this game is for you! The wide variety of vehicles which you can drive during the construction process in combination with the 3D graphics makes the whole experience even more enjoyable.

9. Space City Construction Sim 3D
This game can offer you an out of earth experience. You are operating on the moon and your objective is to build a lunar base where the astronauts will be hosted. You can handle robot builders and step by step explore a unique manufacturing process in combination with the 3D graphics are truly adding up to the game very realistic.

Conclusion
Construction simulator games can be extremely fun and they can pave a new path for our industry if used smartly.

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3. Planning for Long-Lead Items
On most construction projects, there are any number of construction materials that simply have a long lead time for order and delivery. And many of those lead times are fixed, meaning there’s no opportunity to get the item sooner by paying for accelerated manufacturing. An elevator, for example, always takes 16 to 18 weeks from the time it is ordered. Similarly, HVAC units take longer because most manufacturers don’t keep anything in stock; every unit is built to spec. Other custom items like specialty glass or unique materials and finishes shipped from overseas take extra time.

Besides ordering these items in a timely manner, it’s also critical to make sure these extended lead times fit into the overall construction schedule. For instance, if the specialty flooring a client chooses takes nine weeks to arrive for a 10-week project, that probably won’t work because it delays other items that can’t be installed until flooring is in. The client will either have to amend the construction schedule, find an alternative product or deal with delays.

Early in my career I had a mentor who told me that in commercial real estate, days are weeks; if you lose a day, you’ve potentially lost a week. His advice, which holds true now more than ever, was to do all you can to protect each day on a construction project. And with careful planning starting at day one, it’s possible to do just that and get your next construction project to the finish line on or ahead of schedule.

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Thank You Letter Received from TGW Scholarship Recipient

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August 14, 2017

National PCEA Ted G. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
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Dear Ted G. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Foundation and National PCEA Scholarship Committee:

I would like to thank you for the great opportunity to receive the Ted G. Wilson Memorial Scholarship from the Professional Construction Estimators Association.

I have finished my Freshmen year and will now begin my journey of my Sophomore year in the coming months. This past spring semester I pledged Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Through the fraternity, I was involved with a couple of service projects such as cleaning up the wetlands in Raleigh and putting together a bake sale run by my pledge class to raise money for Relay for Life. The wetlands cleaning project was at least once a month, and the whole fraternity would come out and we would all get trash bags and fill a trash bag with all of the miscellaneous trash in the wetland area. It is a fun activity to do to help the community also getting to know all of the different brothers within the fraternity. For the bake sale, we raised more than any other pledge class raised before us.

This summer, I have had the opportunity to work for Monteith Construction as a summer intern. Monteith Construction is a vertical construction company who are general contractors for buildings when they are being built. They are hired and then brought in to coordinate the scheduling and make sure that everything runs smoothly as the building goes up. When something goes wrong, Monteith’s employees are the ones who must assess the problem and figure out a solution. I am learning how different problems are solved by observing how the project manager for Monteith assesses and attacks the problem at hand. Also, I will learn about Pull Planning meetings, OAC meetings, the financial side of construction management, what is Procore and how it is used, estimating/scheduling department, and the process of change orders and what they do. I follow the Project Engineer path where I will learn all of those things throughout my internship. I keep a journal of what I do and what I have learned every day so that I can send in a weekly report which is usually sent out to the CEO, COO, and CFO of the company. I have been assigned projects to work on for the CFO which consisted of putting together a cost benefit analysis of gas cards that the company employees use and compare the benefits to what other cards might offer in case something is better for the same price or less.

In May, I received official acceptance into the Mechanical Engineering program. It is a competitive program and one that has difficult courses, but will prepare me for my future career. This upcoming semester, I will have a full schedule taking Statics, Calculus 242, Golf as my PE requirement, and Matlab class for engineering programming, and Physics 208 and 209. With one year of college under my belt, I have learned better study habits which will help me with those long nights leading up to a test. This past year I ended up with a 3.422 GPA, and I intend for that to only go up from there. College is much more difficult than High School, and with the right study habits and keeping up with all of my work through time management, I feel confident in myself that I can improve upon my GPA. I am very grateful for your generosity in helping fund my college education which will allow me to continue to pursue my dream of becoming a Mechanical Engineer and graduate from NC State University.

Sincerely,

Tyler Brown

[Signature]
Welcome New Members
Charlotte Chapter
Alex Boyer  RC Specialties
Will Locklear  Romanoff Electric
Jordan Thompson  Assa Abloy Entrance Systems
Jessica Tipple  Graycor Construction
Ricky Urbach  Charlotte Glass
Mike Workman  Burlington Misc. Metals

Orlando Chapter
Robert Banyas  Mid State Metals
Adis Farrington  CCK Services
Simon Farrington  CCK Services
Danny Fournier  DPR Construction
Jason Grafton  CCK Services
Kevin Gross  Argos USA

Orlando Chapter (Continued)
Caitlin Koetter  Seretta Construction
John Kurtz  Hoar Construction
Carl Leneis  Odyssey Global
Lisaandra Lopez  JCB Construction, Inc.
Raymond Montalvo  Seretta Construction
Butch Neff  Mechanical Services of Central FL
Dawn Rampino  GB Painting
James Tschannen  Environmental Painting Alternatives
John Welsh  Environmental Painting Alternatives
Tom York  Sutter Roofing
Jacklyn Nixon  Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Triangle Chapter
Ryan Plankenhorn  Resolute Building Company

Editors Notes
Past National President, Ray Currin (Triad Chapter) retired on September 4th. He had been with the pre-construction department of Weaver-Cooke for nearly 10 years.

Co-worker, Lori Best, states “Ray has been an intricate part of the company and his time and dedication to Weaver Cooke over the years is greatly appreciated. Ray took some time in early 2016 to travel around the United States, and during his travels he shared with us his adventures. We viewed through Ray’s camera lens places like The Alamo, Big Bend in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Death Valley, Lake Tahoe, San Antonio, Tucson, Yosemite just to name a few, and we also enjoyed meeting his travel crew”. (See Photo)

Although Ray is officially retiring from Weaver Cooke, he will continue to support them on a part-time contract basis.

HEALTH & HAPPINESS
Charlotte Chapter member, Jessica Pyles, and her husband Danny are proud parents of their new addition, Isaac Price Pyles aka “Ike”. He was born on April 4, 2017 at 12:57am weighing in at 9lbs 6oz and 21.5” long. He is now 5-months old, 27.5” long and roughly 17lbs. He is a happy baby, always smiling and “talking” and loves being outside! Congratulations to the Pyles Family!

CONDOLENCES
Robert (Bobby) Williams, grandfather of National President, Randall Williams, passed away Thursday September 14, 2017. Please keep Randall and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to send condolences, Randall’s contact information is: Randall Williams 1169 Timberlane Drive Lincolnton, NC 28092 randallldwilliams@charter.net

Charlotte Chapter student member Grant Edwards was the recipient of the S.T. Wooten Scholarship and the SPC Mechanical Scholarship at East Carolina University. Congratulations Grant! Well deserved!

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Grant Edwards (l) pictured with VP of Human Resources at ST Wooten, Amzie Hoffner

National at Large member, Don Howard from the Coastal Plains area is recovering from the removal of a polyp from the base of his tongue. The pathology report should be back around October 10th. Please keep Don and his wife Joann in your thoughts and prayers.
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areas in Greenville, specifically on the west side of town. This area is home to the textile mills that once put Greenville on the map.

Upstate Chapter President, Rich Bartels (right) presents Past National President, Bill Barton, with an honorary Upstate Chapter membership for all of his help in chartering the Chapter.

Our chapter is growing, much slower than I anticipated, but at our last meeting last Thursday, we had 5 new guests. To help gain membership even more, we are hosting a Beer and Beef Jerky night at The Beer Joint right next to our regular meeting place. It will be held on Thursday, October 12th, the Thursday just before our next meeting. The event will cover the cost of one flight of beer and beef jerky. Please invite anyone who may be interested.

In the madness of the world right now, let us not forget who we are, and what we have been called to do – be a light and build some awesome buildings, structures and relationships. And if all else fails, feel free to go to any Starbucks and load up on all things pumpkin spice. I hear it is the bee’s knees.

Until Next Time, Kristen Clarke, National Director, Upstate Chapter #23.

CSRA CHAPTER
Greetings from the CSRA. That most wonderful season of the year is almost upon us. College football begins next week and I couldn’t be more ready! The heat of the summer will start to dissipate and all will be good. By the way, Maine is much more comfortable the first two weeks of August than either Georgia or South Carolina.

In July, the CSRA chapter welcomed Rich Borden of Borden Pest Control as our speaker. Mr. Borden spoke of the history of his company as well as the industry and gave us an overview of business standards and services his company provides. Our president also presented Mark Davis with his new member kit.

We have our golf tournament applications ready and raffle tickets are being sold. If dad is too pushy selling his come see me. That golf tournament is scheduled for October 18, 2017 at Jones Creek Golf Club in Evans, GA at 10:30 a.m.

In August, we welcomed Geoffrey Ashe and Nat Newsome from Maner Builders Supply. They enlightened those in attendance with information about the glass division at Maner and the services they provide to contractors. We also welcomed another new member to the group. I apologize for not having his details but I was 1200 miles away helping my sister build a wrap around deck on her house and get the wood trim started so she wouldn’t have to worry about mice this winter.

As a chapter, the CSRA is looking forward to the next few months being very productive with the addition of some new members and a successful scholarship golf tournament.

We welcome guests and construction professionals to our membership meetings, still held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:45 AM, at The Augusta Country Club on Milledge Road, in Augusta, Georgia.

Look for mom, dad, and me on TV on Saturdays. We’ll be the ones in orange. Respectfully submitted,

Al D. Gaskin, III., National Director

TRIANGLE CHAPTER
Greetings from the Triangle Chapter. We are currently holding steady with our membership. Some members did not renew their memberships but we have also added 2 new members. We will be holding several socials this year in order to increase our membership. Our first social was a bowling outing this past month.

Next month, we will hold our membership meeting at a new location near approximately 6 general contractor’s offices who do not have a member in PCEA. We are hoping to generate some interest by having it close to these GC offices.

In July, our speaker for our membership meeting was former member Perry Safran of Safran Law Firm. The topic of his presentation was the large apartment building fire in downtown Raleigh. He discussed what some of the liabilities of the owner and general contractor are for the apartment building as well as the collateral damage caused to adjacent buildings due to this fire. Last week we had a bowling social for our membership.

We will be holding a sporting clays fundraiser on October 20 at Drake Landing in Fuquay-Varina, NC. Registration is available on our website. We are looking for shooters and sponsors for this event. The event will start at 2:00 PM and a steak dinner will be served afterward. Registration fees will cover ammo, clays, snacks, and dinner.

Our September membership meeting will be held at SO-CA Cocina Latina at 2130 Clark Avenue in the Cameron Village Shopping Center in Raleigh, NC. We will return to Casa Carbone at 6019 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC in October. Social starts at 6:30 PM.

We welcome members from other chapters to attend if you are in town. Our monthly meetings are held every third Thursday of the month.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Sherron, National Director

If you think education is expensive, try estimating the cost of ignorance.

-Howard Gardner
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