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## Presidents Message

BY GREG BOYD II

Da Dunt Da  
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Dunt ....Ladies  
and Gentleman  
the President  
of the SREA. Ok  
maybe that's a  
little much; I just took the position for  
the Free Beer and the Cool Hat. Still  
waiting for both!



Seriously I see it as a great privilege/responsibility to be the President of the SREA. The Seed of this organization goes back over 30 years as affiliates to first the A.I.T.C then the APA, and as the SREA for the past 13 years. The Giants of the Industry (here and gone) have all been members of one or all of the mentioned associations, the reason being, it works. Whether dealing with common issues such as building code problems, material issues, or safety concerns, as a group we have a much bigger voice.

My father Larry Boyd Sr. (Founder of L.E Boyd Roof Structures and La'au Structures) was always a proponent of the Affiliate membership with the A.I.T.C and the APA, and I know he was excited about this new organization (SREA) that Neal Vandenberg and Mike Murray helped form; at least as excited as a several year retired, avid golfer, Palm Spring resident can be. Like my father, I see the great importance of the SREA to our industry,

and the continued need to insure the organizations health. As those who see the benefits of this organization, we need to spread the word. Let's get out there and see if we can't recruit some more members and get a return of those who have left the fold. This is key to the SREA's health; take a look at your material suppliers, tool suppliers and equipment rental companies. Starting with next Spring's Meeting we are looking at having vendor displays. This could be an enticing motivator to get some of these vendors into our membership. Do what you can!

One of the fond memories of my Dad was of him and Don Norell going Martini to Martini at one of the few meetings in the nineties that he attended, they sat there talking about other members "Old Guard" of the group, and you know "the good old days." Well by that time in my father's life, having 1 maybe 2 Martini's was a rare occasion, and never more than 2. But this was different, this was something special! I can't recall very much of the conversation as I tried to keep pace, (unsuccessfully; actually took a laydown in my room for an hour) but you could tell the importance of the occasion. Now, whether we will look back at these being the "Good Old Days" I'm not sure, with the economy as it is. But, I know I have always enjoyed this great group over the years and with new SREA

action items, such as our partnership with Woodworks, the Panelized Video in production, the work on a revamped website on going and with a little help from the economy these can be "good days." Hopefully just around the corner.

Lastly during the awards dinner at the Las Vegas meeting, in an effort to draw laughs, I believe I was remiss in thanking Mike Nelson for his service as our past president. He really did a great job, just outstanding. You might remember my comment about him refusing to drink after 8:00 pm on the night before the meeting. Well as a way to show your appreciation, the next time you see Mike buy him a drink, if it's before lunch buy him a Beer.

I will endeavor to keep up the good work of our previous presidents. Feel free to give me advice; I can use all the help I can get.

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## Las Vegas Spring Meeting Recap

### Las Vegas, NV. April 19-20, 2012 • Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa.

**BY RICHARD HOLMGREN**

The SREA trip to Las Vegas had us meeting at the Red Rock Casino a 20 minute town car trip from the Las Vegas McCarran Airport. (35 minutes if you

take the scenic route of the cab on the return trip.) Although not located on the strip and seemingly in the middle of nowhere; the resort provides its own atmosphere and plenty of nightlife for those that choose to partake.

I was fortunate enough to sneak in a practice round of golf prior to the official beginning of this trip (it didn't help though). Of course, the official meeting began with the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday night, April 18th. The board rooms are phenomenal in this place. They are stocked very well with sodas, water and ice. The meeting was starting out excellent! After the board confirmed the plan for the meetings the following days, we discussed ideas trying to come up with new ways to entice some new memberships. And then we concentrated our efforts on potential Fall Meeting locations.

I know Brad Holmgren and I enjoyed a better than expected dinner at T-Bone's steak house that night and I heard that a few others had sampled the food there as well. All reviews were very positive from what I heard. I later learned that there were some late night festivities that I was not part of this time. With places like the Yard House and their HUGE selection of beer on site it is not hard to find a good time. It sounded like everyone was having a good time and the trip started off very strong. Not surprising with a great group of people in this industry and a place designed for a good time.

Thursday morning's education session was a 7:30 start, which seems

like sleeping in for our industry. First presenters were from Woodworks. We were fortunate to have Lisa Podesto start the session out with a discussion on the direction of Woodworks and some of their current projects. We learned about some new products and some innovative ideas that are in the market currently such as cross-laminated timber. We also learned of a new video project that they were trying to get funding for. I believe at this time most people are very aware of this video and all the work it is taking to bring it together. (Thank You to everyone involved.)

Mark Dalton, who has been involved since the very beginning with the hybrid roof system, has recently joined Woodworks and gave us a presentation on the different interaction of our roofs within the roofing industry. This presentation covered insulation, TPO, densedek, etc. This informative presentation was very helpful in explaining how the different products work together to achieve the R values and ratings that are required for current codes.

After a break, we had Brian Murphy, Hefferhan Insurance Brokers, speak to us about all the "glorious" things happening in the insurance world with regards to construction. I could sum it all up in very few words. EVERYTHING will cost more next year. In longer terms, we learned the unpleasant truth that workers comp is up 10-50%, general liability is up 3-5%, auto liability could be up as much as 5%, excess liability is up 5-10%, property insurance is up 5-25%; and the list went on. The nice thing was that we learned a lot about why these things all happen. The domestic catastrophes this year drove most of these changes. International issues, such as the earthquake and nuclear disaster in Japan along with the flooding in Thailand, all played a part in these insurance adjustments.

California is going to be on the high side of the increases for worker's comp rates. We also learned that the construction unemployment is really high. It has been very hard to get the employees back to work. Permanent

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## FALL MEETING 2012

### September 12-13 • Hilton Ontario Airport • Ontario, California

**BY GREG BOYD II**

The Fall meeting is coming up- Make your plans now to attend!

We're going to have a condensed meeting again that will be packed with a bunch of great education.

If you're attending for the education only, it will begin on Thursday morning, September 12th at 9:00 am at the Hilton Ontario Airport. The sessions will run until 4:00 pm and will have a few coffee breaks and a lunch break.

Education at the conference will

include: presentations by Hitachi, APA, Redbuilt and Woodworks. We will also have a presentation about CARB Standards (California Air Resources Board) and Insurance Updates. We will end the day with Safety Issues - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, a continued discussion of safety issues.

Of course, you can't forget about GOLF!! Golfers we will again be playing at Greg Severson's Red Hill Country Club in Rancho Cucamonga, CA on

September 12th. This is our 3rd straight Fall Meeting in Ontario, and we have got it down pat. Greg's club is outstanding; the last two years have been a complete blast. If you can, make it to this event, I still have a smile on face thinking about the last two events there and how I came in like 15th out of 16 golfers. Great course, great 19th hole; heck we had so much fun, I think it may have a 20th hole.

DO NOT MISS THE FUN !!!!!

*\*Program subject to change*

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disability increased 30%. Narcotics accounted for 34% of the prescription drug spending while accounting for only 3% in group health insurance. We were reminded to talk to our clinic providers about their handling of narcotics.

We had Rick Gough and Rebecca Mendelson from Hilti come and showcase some of their products. They described some of their products that we all use. This included pins for fastening metal deck and wood. It also included some mechanical and chemical anchors. They set up a demo table in the back for those that were interested enough to shoot the pins inside of a very LOUD room. I know Darrell Marchell tried it out. I didn't stay around to see who else tried shooting a few pins as it was time to prepare for the golf tournament.

Sienna Golf Club was the chosen location for golf at this meeting. The course was in pretty fair condition. I am always truly impressed that they can get that much grass to grow in those desert conditions. I do not recall who won, but I do remember that we played another new format. It was a shamble. This format seemed to provide a very fair tournament and allowed everyone to play together. I didn't hear any complaints and I think

everyone had a great time.

Dinner was in the same meeting room we had been in all morning, but it had been transformed into a very nice dining experience. After a nice meal and some dessert that I did not need, the fun began. Mike Nelson thought we should do a 50/50 raffle this year. There were plenty of prizes put in to the prize pool. We had some gift cards, discounts on next meeting, RSI hats, and some gorgeous high-viz yellow structure works shirts. I was one of the very fortunate participants to win a Structure Works T-shirt. I proudly displayed the shirt all night on the casino floor. A few laps on the casino floor for some socializing and donating to the local economy was enough to call it a night.

Friday began with another continental breakfast and the always informative Steve Zylkowski from APA. The APA update was more positive than the previous few meetings, however, not extraordinarily favorable in our commercial division of work. There were more positive trends in housing starts and wood being shipped, but as we have all seen and felt we were lagging behind the rest of the economy. Hopefully Steve will have even more positive news at our next meeting.

Stephen Miller gave us a lesson

in economics in which he explained a lot of information learned in my previous economics classes that had since been forgotten. Within those lessons, he brought up concerns that had not been considered. With the high unemployment numbers, it is difficult to bring back the work force. They have lost a year of on the job training and their skills have decreased. The positives were that the "great recession" is over. However, the recovery is very weak. The recession was deep and extended. Number for number, the current financial crisis was not atypical. He didn't rule out any future financial crisis. Stephen said that it would not be a problem for the global economy if Greece, Ireland, or Portugal collapses. Our real concern should be with the strength of Italy.

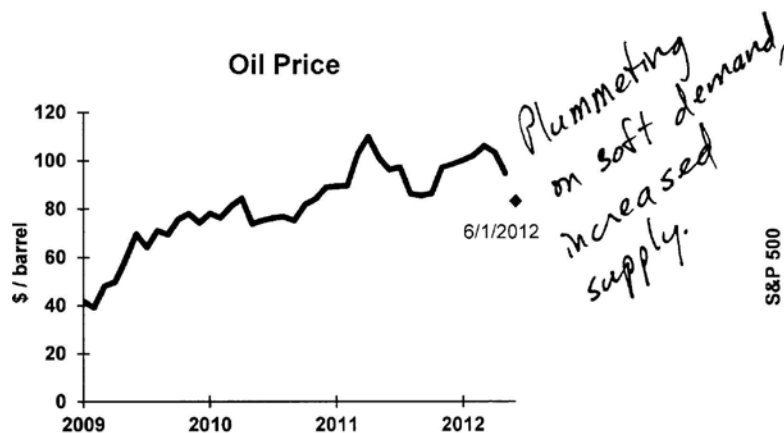
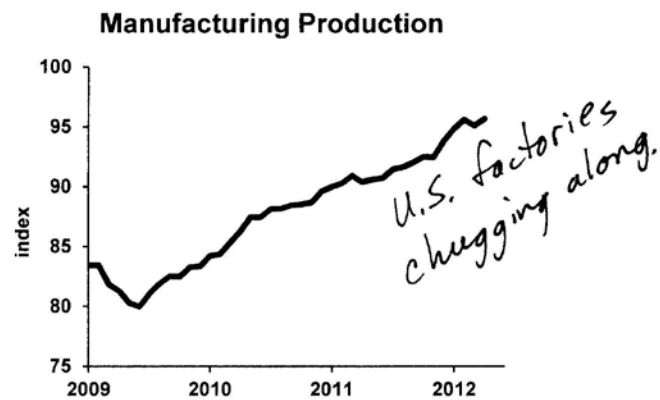
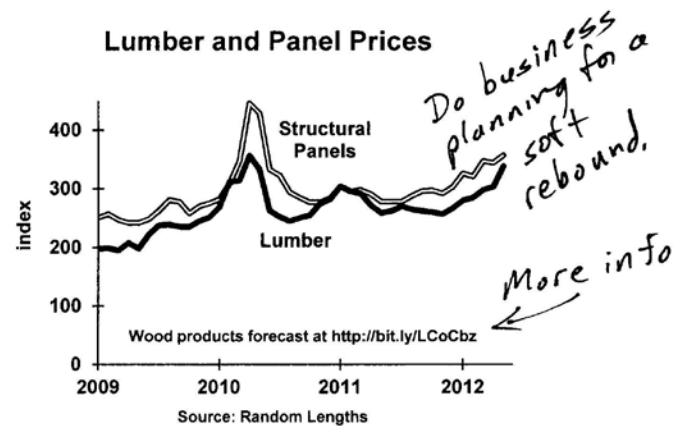
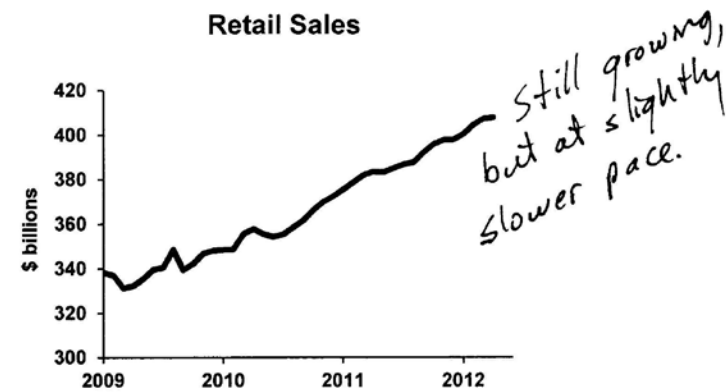
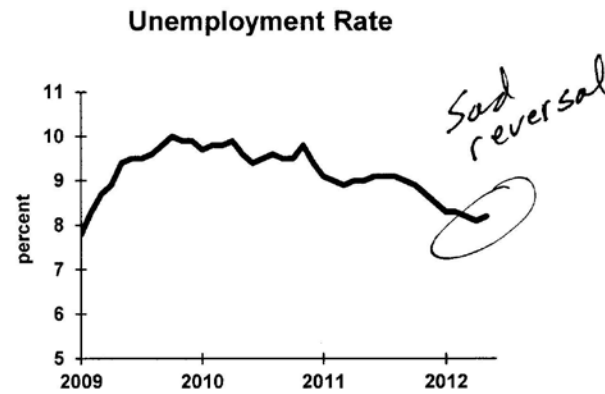
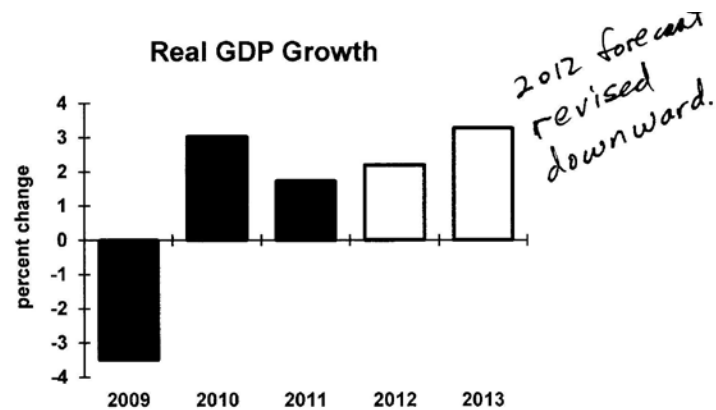
Butch from California Nail led us in a discussion on the future of nail gun safety and the new laws that we need to be concerned with. A change in sequential firing nail guns could have a detrimental impact on our industry. Productivity would be down. And not to mention carpal tunnel from squeezing the trigger so many times. This is something for us all to keep an eye on

All in all, it was a GREAT conference and a great venue that I hope to return to.



## Economic Forecast Update

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## Website Directory

This column in the SREA newsletter is to help you gain access to an incredible volume of information available through Internet websites. If you have any sites that you feel would be of interest to fellow members, please e-mail [info@srea.org](mailto:info@srea.org) and we will add them to the following list.

<http://www.srea.org>

[www.irs.gov/smallbiz/construction](http://www.irs.gov/smallbiz/construction) – Internal Revenue Service

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/sub4.html> – Construction Safety Orders

[www.osha.gov/cgi-bin/est/est1](http://www.osha.gov/cgi-bin/est/est1) – OSHA Establishment Records

[www.apawood.org](http://www.apawood.org) – American Plywood Association

[www.southernpine.com/consumerinfo.html](http://www.southernpine.com/consumerinfo.html) – Consumer Information on Pressure-Treated Lumber

[www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/1file.htm](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/1file.htm) – Environmental Protection Agency FAQ on CCA

[www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu) – National Pesticide Information Center

[www.southernpine.com/library.htm](http://www.southernpine.com/library.htm) – Answers to Often-Asked Questions About Treated Wood — Order Complimentary Copy or Download PDF

[www.awpa.com](http://www.awpa.com) – American Wood Preservers Assn.

[www.wolmanizedwood.com](http://www.wolmanizedwood.com) – Arch Chemical Incorporated

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[www.treatedwood.com](http://www.treatedwood.com) – Chemical Specialties Incorporated

[www.osmose.com](http://www.osmose.com) – Osmose Wood Preserving

[www.southernpine.com/ptl.htm](http://www.southernpine.com/ptl.htm) – Pressure-Treated Southern Pine Standards - Specification – Applications

## SREA Office Closures

The SREA office will be closed on the following dates in 2012.

Please make a note of these dates on your calendar.

**July 4**  
**September 3**  
**November 22 & 23**  
**December 24 & 25**  
**December 31**



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