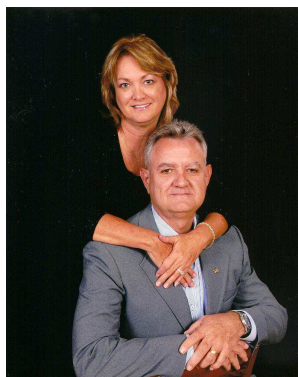


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## Member Spot-light: Wade Hobbs of Uni-Bilt Systems and Universal Erectors

Wade Hobbs is one of those genuine articles; a true gentleman and master of his craft. An Army veteran (Chief Warrant Officer/Helicopter Pilot) and commercial instrument rated pilot who still flies today. He was recently awarded The Robert and Beverly Ketenbrink Service Award (aka the Oil Can) which is given annually to an individual(s) who has truly made a difference to the industry and is known to go above and beyond the call of duty with regards to promoting the metal building industry and mentoring fellow members. Wade and his lovely wife Barbara lead Uni-Bilt Systems and Universal Erectors.



Hobbs has been a long-serving member of the MBCEA Board of Trustees and past President of the South East Chapter. He is a strong champion of the MBCEA; his web-site states "Even absolute precision in fabrication is meaningless in the hands of an unqualified erector. One of the best sources to find pre-qualified erectors is the Metal Building Contractors & Erectors Association (MBCEA). Universal Erectors is a certified erector through

## Chapter Development

One of the first things Gary Smith did when he was appointed President of the MBCEA was issue a call for more chapters. Chapters are the perfect forum for Metal Building Contractor and Erectors to come together for professional development. Current chapters in the Mid-Atlantic, Carolinas and New England frequently offer subsidized training classes, industry speakers and networking/social events. For example, the Carolinas will be kicking off a three day event on June 20th which includes education and information sessions, legal and business advice, a round-table on the economic effects of the New Insulation Code as well as a golf outing and awards ceremony.

Smith's call was obviously heard loud and clear.

MBCEA Director, Steve Olson of Rigid Global Buildings didn't have to twist Tony Fuentes' arm to lead a new TX Chapter. "This is a great opportunity for Texas contractors and erectors to network and share in the cost of training" Fuentes (pictured here) of Premier Steel Building said.



MBCEA Director, Kelly Burk of Burk Erectors, Kansas City, MO organized a planning meeting for the soon to be new and improved Mid-West Chapter. Involved in this process are: Andy Huber of A L Huber Construction Inc., of Overland Park, KS, Sandy Fowler, of G F General Contractors, Inc. of Union, MO and Fadel Alsoudi of

the MBCEA, which follows a strict set of guidelines established by the MBCEA Certified Erector program."

Universal Erectors welcomes competition that is fair and will not compromise the image of the metal building industry or the client's best interests. In business for more than 40 years; they have developed the Uni-Bilt system. Simply put, it is a precision engineered construction method that uses the strength and support of steel, the maintenance-free durability of metal alloys and flexibility for future expansion.

Uni-Bilt Systems and Universal Erectors are constantly finding new ways to improve both the quality of their metal buildings and the process they employ to produce them. Through active participation in several industry organizations, such as the MBCEA, Hobbs not only contributes to the improvement of the metal building industry, but is continuously learning, as well. As a result Uni-Bilt and Universal are able to constantly refine their procedures and methods. This ongoing refinement means that when you invest in a Uni-Bilt Metal Building you are investing in more than just a building; you are investing in one of the most modern, up-to-date, safe and cost effective metal buildings in the industry!

Evans Building Company, Wichita, KS. They hope to cover a big territory, rotate meetings and trainings around so the benefits are accessible to all. They are full of enthusiasm and good ideas.

Washington and Oregon are certainly not far behind. Ben Ferguson of Pacific Insulation Panel and Chuck Grouws of C H G Building Systems are working to get a North West Chapter started. Ferguson's last update said "We are making progress and have folks committed to serving on the Board."

There is a wave of enthusiasm that is contagious. The existing core chapters of the SouthEast, Carolinas, Mid-Atlantic and New England are excited to share and aid these start-ups.

**Don't be left behind! Hit reply to this newsletter and tell Sasha what market you are in and that you are ready to get involved.**





Wade Hobbs, Bob Ketenbrink, Gary Smith

## About the MBCEA

The Metal Building Contractors & Erectors Association (MBCEA) is a trade association organized in 1968 to provide programs and services to the contractor and erector segments of the metal building industry. The association proudly boasts membership from virtually every aspect of the industry. The MBCEA is a membership-driven association, promoting the professionalism of its contractor and erector members. The association relies on the input and feedback of its members to create and deliver programs of real value.

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**Quote of the Day**

*"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."*

*~Babe Ruth~*

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