



# ENGINEERED WOOD WEEK

NEWS NOTES FROM AITC. THE ORIGINAL TRADE ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERED WOOD

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## WE REMEMBER

On Monday, December 10, the QB Corporation plane crashed shortly after takeoff from the Salmon airport. QB Co-owner Mike Allen and the pilot John Gallogly were killed. QB Co-owner Mike Lane and Bob Butch survived.

**Steven Michael Allen** was born in Missoula, Montana, on July 1, 1959. Mike started school in Cobalt, Idaho, and graduated from high school in Salmon in 1978. During high school Mike played football and was a high school All-American during his senior year. He earned several college football scholarships and attended college in Klamath Falls, Oregon, but soon decided that is not what he wanted to do. He worked for the Forest Service in the summer of 1979 and then joined the Army and served as an MP.

Following his military service, Mike went to work for a mining company. During that time he started taking correspondence courses in business. When the mine shut down, Mike started to work in the glue room at QB. He continued to educate himself and through hard work and determination, he eventually became a co-owner of QB. Mike was a self-made man and worked hard for every success he enjoyed.

Mike's wife of 25 years, Linda, and daughter Megan were the loves of his life. Megan has many friends and Mike was like a second father to them. He often brought Megan's friends to the AITC Annual Meetings. When Mike was 9 he had to take a paper route to help support the family. He made a promise then to help support his mother, Jean, and during his life he fulfilled that promise.

He enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing with family and friends. He coached his daughter's soccer team. He also gave much back to the community by coaching little league football, and helping at the Salmon Valley Speedway. He had bleachers built at the race track and at a hockey rink, where he also had a warming shed for skaters. He loved to race and formed L.A. (Larson and Allen) Racing, and was an avid NASCAR fan. His other passion was restoring old classic cars.

Mike loved to fly, and could usually be found in the co-pilot's seat beside pilot John Gallogly when the

company plane was on the go. He always said, "if John says we don't fly, then we don't fly."

**John Gallogly**, QB's pilot, was celebrating his 61<sup>st</sup> birthday on December 10. John had been with QB for several years. He was a well known backcountry pilot in Boise, McCall and Salmon. John was known by a number of the AITC Board Members because he would attend some of the functions held in conjunction with the Board meetings. John is survived by his wife Karen. A celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at the QB hangar at Salmon Airport.

We are saddened to learn that **Steve Tillett**, owner of SRT Electronics, Inc., passed away on December 11, 2007, following a brief illness with an aggressive form of cancer. Steve and his wife, Anne, were well known and attended AITC Annual Meetings. Steve served on the Market Support Advisory Committee and attended many Technical Advisory Committee meetings. SRT Electronics is a Supplier Member of AITC, supplying RF equipment, finger-joint tunnels, and adhesive mixing equipment. Steve had been working with radio-frequency electronics for over 40 years, beginning his career at Mann-Russell before establishing SRT. He was passionate about his work and never wanted to retire.

Steve started his career at Boeing where he developed a passion for planes. He loved to travel, especially to Hawaii, and was an avid reader and Ham Radio operator. Besides his wife Anne, Steve is survived by son John who works at SRT. A celebration of Steve's life will be held later. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

## AITC OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The AITC offices will be closed during the holiday season as follows:

December 24-25 (Christmas)

December 31 – January 1 (New Years)

The AITC staff wishes each of you a safe and joyous holiday season!