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BEAUTIFUL IMAGES

On the way to this year's National Steel Construction Conference in Phoenix, my wife and I decided to detour and visit the Grand Canyon. Arizona is an incredibly beautiful state and the drive between Phoenix and the Grand Canyon is filled with marvelous scenery. One of the photo opportunities we couldn't pass up was Oak Creek Canyon.

Of course, for most people, the colorful rock formations and the slowly flowing river at the bottom of the canyon are the main points of interest. For me, though (and much to my wife's chagrin), I was fascinated by the beautiful steel bridge arching across the canyon. So while the other faithful tourists were ogling the gorge, my camera was trained on the shining silvery members overhead.

Unfortunately, the bridge was much more than five years old. Otherwise, I would have been sorely tempted to enter the photos in the NSBA Photography Competition. The National Steel Bridge Alliance is devoted to increasing steel bridge market share through marketing, technology, education and political action supported by a strong regional and national organization. Chief among its activities is the National Steel Bridge Symposium, which will be held October 15-17 in Chicago (see page 31).

The NSBA Photography Competition is open to engineers, architects, contractors and others involved in the design or construction of bridges. To enter, simply submit photos (or slides/transparencies) to the NSBA at One East Wacker Dr., Suite 3100, Chicago, IL 60601-2001. All entries must include the name and location of the bridge, structural engineer/designer, owner, fabricator, detailer and a brief project description. The only caveats are that the bridge must be less than five years old and located in the United States. Photos can be of completed projects or of projects under construction.

Winners will be announced at the 1996 National Steel Bridge Symposium, where the first place winner will be awarded \$400; second place will receive \$175 and six runners-up will receive prizes of \$50 each. There's no entry fee, so if you have pictures of a beautiful bridge (and its of more recent vintage than the bridge over Oak Creek Canyon), send them in. **SM**