Dear Editor:

I read your editorial on the World Trade Center in October’s Modern Steel Construction. I can relate to your feelings since I grew up in the New York area and went to college across the river in Hoboken, NJ. For four years, 1968 to 1972, I watched the WTC being built. We took a class trip across the Hudson to view the construction.

I recently attended a seminar presented by Professor Hyman Brown at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Professor Brown was a young project engineer on the WTC project for six years. He presented his thoughts and ideas as to why the towers collapsed as well as his opinions as to rebuilding. It was an interesting presentation. The reason he held it was that the media was constantly calling him. Because he was a young man during the construction, he is only one of two WTC project managers still alive. The other one is apparently quite aged. I look forward to future articles in MSC on this topic.

Kenneth R. Friedland, P.E.
Via e-mail

New Jersey, or even to New York City, will definitely be an empty one (visually, physically and emotionally).

P.S. Along with you, I fully support the re-building of a new tower or towers.

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Dear Editor:

While we were pleased to be mentioned in your fine magazine as a part of the team awarded a prize for Moveable Span Structures (NSBA 2001 Prize Bridge Award, Modern Steel Construction, October, 2001), our pleasure was somewhat diminished by the oversight of the mention of our joint venture detailing partner and fellow NISD member, Steelcon Inc., of Cordova, TN.

Steelcon is a detailing firm of some renown and has been often recognized in your past feature articles on structural projects.

Keep up the good work.

Jack Metcalfe
John Metcalfe Company
Murrysville, PA

Dear Editor:

I just received the October issue of Modern Steel Construction and just finished reading your “Notes from the Editor.” Excellent job! Having grown up in Queens and now living my adult life on Long Island, I must say that I have shared the same experiences that you’ve described. My next trip to New Jersey, or even to New York City, will definitely be an empty one (visually, physically and emotionally).

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