editor’s note

FOR MOST PEOPLE, THE DIMINUTIVE OF THEIR NAME IS SHORTER (JOSHUA BECOMES JOSH) AND SOMETIMES INCLUDES A FRIENDLY "Y" AT THE END (JUDITH BECOMES JUDY). But what happens when a name is monosyllabic, like “Scott”? For the past decade-and-a-half, Jim Fisher has solved that problem by greeting me with “Hey Scooter!” (a remarkable coincidence, since growing up my family often called me “Scooter Pie”—a tradition only my eldest brother continues). It’s very typical of Jim, a man known for his practical and folksy ways. And this month, AISC is presenting him with its highest honor: The J. Lloyd Kimbrough Award. The award honors engineers and architects who are universally recognized as the pre-eminent steel designers of their era and is presented to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the structural steel industry through their design work. It’s only been given eight times previously since the award was originated in 1941—most recently to Leslie Robertson in 2001 and William LeMessurier in 1999.

While Les and Bill are more along the lines of what people typically think of when discussing pre-eminent designers (that is, engineers who have made their reputations on projects that every one recognizes, such as CitiCorp Center and the Bank of China), Jim made his reputation as the pre-eminent designer of industrial buildings. He’s the one who teaches other how to do it right, and the one that people go to when they have problems. Jim is also well known for his many papers, publications (including several AISC design guides), and numerous presentations (including this year’s Wednesday keynote address at the Steel Conference). And, of course, he’s very popular for holding late-night court in hotel lobbies to a willing and receptive group of younger designers.

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