

editor's note



IF YOU'RE A FAN OF NCIS, YOU KNOW ABOUT GIBBS' RULES. There's rule #7: "Always be specific when you lie." Or #39: "There is no such thing as a coincidence." Or rule #51, which served as the title of an episode: "Sometimes you're wrong."

Over the years I've made my own list. While my favorite is #18 (Use common sense) and my wife complains that I don't always follow rule #9 (Saying "please" and "thank you" are very inexpensive but greatly appreciated gifts), my kids most often cite rule #5: "You can never have pizza too often."

If you too are a firm believer in rule #5, then you should be mighty excited on September 25. As he has on most SteelDays past, this year Charlie Carter, AISC vice president and chief structural engineer, will be delivering a free lecture. But this year's lecture, "Steel and the Phantasmagoria," comes with a twist. He'll be delivering the lecture via webinar multiple times throughout the day, so whether you're in New York or Seattle you can hear the lecture at your noon hour. And for the first 1,000 structural engineering firms who register, AISC will send your office free Domino's pizza to enjoy during the lunch-and-learn.

While eating your pizza, you'll explore the recent advances that are improving the material and methods we use to design and construct steel buildings. Charlie will take you on a journey through some of the ingenious solutions that have resulted in great steel buildings. You're invited to

travel with him to gain insight into the wealth of information available to help you tame the phantasmagoria!

If you're thinking about slapping someone on the back of the head like Gibbs would after reading that description, hold on. The lecture focuses on advancements in steel design and construction and showcases the various sources of information that can help you optimize your design. Charlie's a fabulous speaker and I promise you'll have an enjoyable hour listening to him—and you'll learn something too! (And you can view his webinar from last year at www.aisc.org/freewebinar.)

To register for this year's webinar (and sign up for pizza), simply visit www.steelday.org/webinar.

(By the way; Charlie's favorite of my rules is #17: Use adverbs correctly. If you want to see more Gibbs' Rules, visit www.ncisfanwiki.com and click on Gibbs' Rules. And for Scott's Rules, visit www.modernsteel.com/scottsrules.)

Happy SteelDay!


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