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Lou does Building Code presentations for Building Officials, Home Inspectors, Engineers, Architects, and Builders throughout New England and New York. He has previous experience with truss design as a WTCA Certified Truss Tech. Lou also has hands-on construction experience as a Builder/Remodeler.

“Lou puts on one of the most informative, passionate, professional and knowledgeable AIA presentations I have witnessed. As a speaker, he has the ability to command the attention of his audience with warmth, humor and respect.”

~ Don Carfi, 7-D Wholesale

“Lou Daviau has been a valuable resource to contractors, design professionals and code officials, not simply in promoting his company's products, but also teaching seminars and explaining structural code requirements and how they can be addressed by both his products and other methods. He has earned a level of credibility and respect in our industry that Simpson Strong-Tie should be very proud of.”

~ Milton Gregory “Greg” Grew,  
Architect, Building Official,  
Codes Consultant

## Have you tried to obtain a building permit lately?

Have you had problems getting a permit? If you haven't yet, you likely will soon. The 2012 IRC requires detailed wall bracing information *on the plans*. This is now being enforced throughout Connecticut.

## Plan now to attend this FREE contractor training

We know you're busy, but this is important information you need. There will be discussions and training about Wall Bracing and Deck Installations that will be usable immediately.

Pizza & beverages will be served.

Where:

**American Legion Hall**  
43 Oxford St  
Oxford, CT 06478  
203-888-2988

Please RSVP by 4/21

Sign up at the store,  
or 203-888-9200 x1811  
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# Wall Bracing by the Book

Wednesday

**April 27**  
**4-7 PM**

**Simpson Strong-Tie**  
**FREE Contractor Training**  
**Presented by Lou Daviau**

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## Here is what you'll learn:

We will start by discussing the minimum code requirements and finish by determining the bracing on several home plans in Connecticut.

After this seminar you will be familiar with what is required on the plans in order to obtain a building permit.

You should be able to do a plan review to locate the problem areas and find a solution that satisfies the new code requirements including:

- Identify braced wall lines.
- Determine the minimum bracing length required.
- Determine what constitutes a braced wall panel.
- Determine where the braced wall panels go within the braced wall lines.

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# Wall Bracing by the Book

## Program Description:

We will discuss the **new Building Code requirements** for wall bracing, looking at their differences from, and similarities to the previous code. We will focus on the sections of code that pertain to how we build in New England.

We will also talk about **common problem areas** such as:

- Framing either side of the garage door opening
- Walls with a lot of windows
- Two-story tall walls

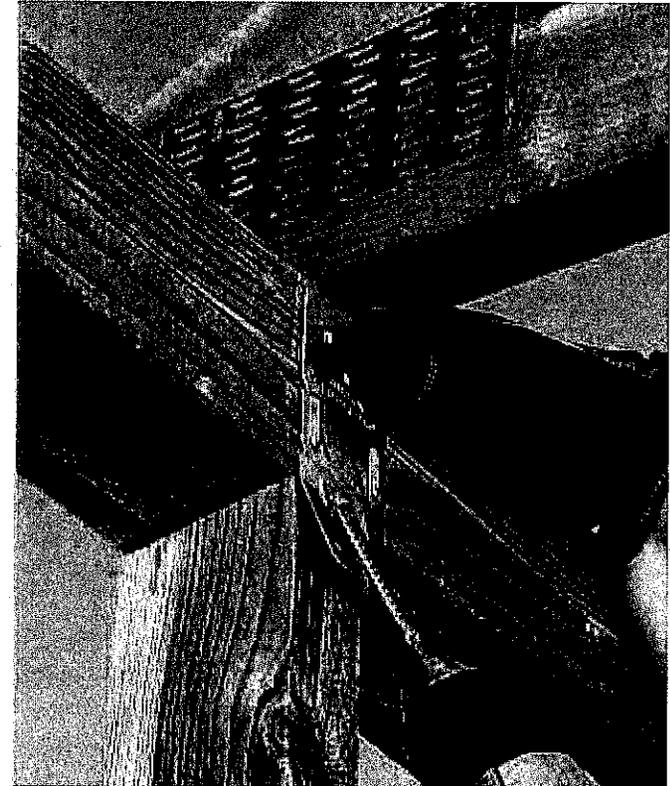
We'll look at **"engineered solutions"** or what to do when your plan falls outside of the prescriptive code.

The focus will be on finding the **most economical solutions.**

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We will also look at the **"continuous load path"** provisions of the code that are directly related to the wall bracing section.

We will demonstrate **free software** that helps determine the minimum wall bracing requirements.