NCMH is a North Carolina 501C3 nonprofit educational archive for the documentation, preservation, and promotion of Modernist houses. Visit NCMH at www.ncmodernist.org.
LA Alert: the owners of the Norm's Coffee shop has applied for a demolition permit for the famous Googie-style building on La Cienega. Learn more about Googie-style. You can help save Norm's from demolition or severe structural changes by supporting the building becoming an LA Historic-Cultural Monument. Ask City Council member Paul Koretz to support a landmarking nomination. LA has already lost so too many iconic Googie structures by master architects like John Lautner, Armet and Davis, and Wayne McAllister. More on the story. Hat tip to Andrea Minton.

Back in 2010, to celebrate today's Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, we debuted a special research report on Pioneering Black Architects in North Carolina. Reprise.

Contemporary Southern Homes is a new book featuring three Modernist houses designed by Frank Harmon: the Low Country House in Mount Pleasant SC; the Strickland-Ferris house in Raleigh NC; and Harmon's own home in Raleigh.

The City of Muskegon MI hits a home run with their latest preservation project. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.
This week a 1955 Paul Hayden Kirk-designed Modernist house in the Lake Heights neighborhood in Bellevue WA goes up for auction. This architectural gem is significant to Bellevue's development and history and is an excellent example of mid-century modern residential design in the Northwest. Preservation efforts are underway by a grassroots neighborhood preservation group called the Friends of the Kirk House, which currently has over 100 charter members who are committed to saving the house from demolition. They have galvanized around this preservation effort due to the concern that the highest bidder at auction may demolish the house and subdivide the one acre parcel. Contact Robin Bentley at birdnest425@comcast.net to bid - or just get involved with advocacy efforts. Auction: 10am January 23, Fourth Avenue entrance, King County Administration Building, 500 Fourth Avenue, Seattle. Auction info. More info. Hat tip to Catherine Westergaard Cramer.

NCMH's Modern Icons Tour is sold out! Details.

Thirst4Architecture has a new logo. Hat tip to Alva Horton.

Susan Kluttz, NC Department of Cultural Resources Secretary, is leading a coalition of local elected officials, small businesses, developers, preservationists, downtown advocates, bankers, architects, realtors and others in a grassroots effort to ask the legislators to bring back the Historic Preservation Tax Credits program. Please add your name to the petition. Historic tax credits, proven for
decades to bring jobs and economic development to small towns and large cities, were phased out last year by the NC Legislature.

Hey architects: Donate old copies of GA (Global Architecture) Houses, AIA Journal, Architectural Forum, or Progressive Architecture magazines. We'll pick them up or provide for shipping.

NCMH's online archive of AIA North Carolina magazines is almost complete, missing just three issues: Fall 2003, Jan-Feb 1983, and Mar-Apr 1983.

Uber is an innovative and usually less-expensive taxi service alternative that's in most major cities around the world (including Raleigh and Charlotte NC). If you sign up and use code ip4te, NCMH gets referral credits that we use for architecture tours. There's no cost to sign up. Thanks!

Dead Mod Walking 2015: The old gal's still standing, but we don't know for how long. Please help NCMH monitor for when Milton Small's masterful 3515 Glenwood building, top photo, receives the demolition permit online here. The site is approved for a three-story 72,963 square foot replacement, second photo.

UPCOMING
Movie: The Vision of Paolo Soleri, Wednesday, February 4, 7:30pm, Full Frame Theatre, American Tobacco Complex, Durham. A documentary on the architect Paolo Soleri's unprecedented artistic quest. Soleri came to America in 1946 to mentor under Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin West, Arizona, and left to embark on a blazing original course of his own. The NCMH ModTriangle Architecture Movie Series is brought to you by Sarah Sonke of ModTriangle, specializing in Modernist real estate sales and auctions. Tonight’s event sponsor is Kim Weiss of Blue Plate PR. $10 per person, Mod Squad members are free, subject to capacity, so get there early! Details.
NCMH connects hundreds of people within the Modernist-architecture-loving public through networking events called Thirst4Architecture (T4A). These exciting, informal happy hours are free and open to the public. We welcome Modernist homeowners, architects, artists, designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, materials and furniture dealers – or anyone with a huge crush on great architecture. The T4A series is powered by Emilie Huin / 501 Realty, specializing in Modernist houses in the Triangle.
Thursday, February 19, 6-8pm, **The Ambiente Collection**, 10700 World Trade Boulevard, Raleigh. Visit Andre, Walter, and their huge showroom of Modernist furniture. [Directions](#). [Details](#).

Thursday, March 5, 6-8pm, **Eidolon Designs**, 414 Dupont Circle, Raleigh. Warm up with Mike and Ann and Sean and Ned for their annual sumptuous oyster roast. Other foods will also be available. [Details](#).