



Arkansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association

# ARMCA NEWS



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## **ARMCA Mid-Year Meeting** **September 14-15, 2007** **Grand Casino Terrace Hotel - Tunica, MS**

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This years Mid-Year Meeting will be held on September 14 and 15, 2007 at the Grand Casino Terrace Hotel in Tunica, MS. The meeting will begin on Friday morning with seminars. The first presentation will be on the Silicosis Liability Issue the speakers will be Butch Case with Vulcan Materials and Rob Hileman with the AGC. Our second presenter is Robert Sullivan with NRMCA he will be speaking about the Political Action Committee and Advocacy. The final presenter will be Zig Vitols with Martin Marietta Materials, he will giving a presentation on the ARMCA Strategic Plan. The meeting will adjourn at 11:30 a.m..

Afternoon activities include Golf at the River Bend Course located just past the Hollywood Casino. The Sporting Clay Grand Champion Competition will be at Willows Sporting Clay Range. The Hospitality Party and Exhibit Show will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night followed by the buffet dinner.

The seminars will resume on Saturday morning, the first presenter is Mike Brittain, with the NACM Mid-America, he will give training on the Business Credit Services. MCSI Jay Thompson, Special Services, Arkansas Highway Police will then present "Changes affecting Weight & License Laws" with extra time for questions. If you would like to sign up for the Mid-Year meeting please give the ARMCA office a call. Hope to see you there!!!!

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### Today's Competitive Concrete Parking Lots Seminar

Ron Oliver, Chairman of the Concrete Parking Lot Committee welcomes attendees in Fayetteville on August 28th. This the second of our parking lot seminars was attended by 11 architects, engineers and industry personnel.

Tim Cost, Holcim presented design and construction of plain unreinforced concrete parking lots. Vance Pool, NRMCA presented on pervious pavements for parking lots. The final presenter was Joey DeRoe, Razorback Concrete reviewed local projects and cost saving techniques that will assist in promoting and converting projects to concrete. The next seminar in this series is scheduled for October 2nd in Jonesboro.

Registration brochure available on website: [www.concretearkansas.org](http://www.concretearkansas.org)



Ron Oliver, Vance Pool, Joey DeRoe, Tim Cost

### AR/OK ACPA Paving Conference in Little Rock

The annual conference was held on August 30th at the Embassy Suites and as the photo demonstrates attendance was excellent. Harold Beaver gave the opening remarks. Frank Vozel, Deputy Director & Chief Engineer, AHTD spoke followed by Sandra Otto, FHWA. Jerry Voigt, President & CEO ACPA National gave a National Industry Perspective.



### Innovations in Concrete Presentation Southeast Homebuilders

Innovations such as pervious pavements for patio, pool decks, driveways and sidewalks were presented to the Southeast Arkansas Homebuilders in Pine Bluff on August 23rd. The 25 attendees were also introduced to flexible concrete, translucent concrete and concrete counter tops for outdoor barbeque cabinets. If you would like to schedule a presentation for your Home Builders Association call the ARMCA Office.

### Notes from Rita...

Promotion and product education is even more important when construction slows. I have been traveling the state and visiting with our producer members recently. If I haven't see you yet I will in the next few months. The association is continually striving to provide promotion, education and services to assist our members.

Recently we became members of NACM Mid-America and through that membership our members have the opportunity to use their business credit services such as running credit reports and reporting credit experience on their own customers in a safe legal manner.

I continue to receive inquires on pervious pavement from the design industry and see an opportunity for concrete to increase our market especially in parking lots. There are several projects under design now and more coming. Don't wait until you receive the call asking for pervious concrete before you begin looking at a mix design. Our next **Pervious Certification class is scheduled for October 4th in Fayetteville.**

Last week I received a call from Rick Yelton with Concrete Producer Magazine and they are going to feature an article in the January issue on ARMCA's Pervious Certification Program. He requested that we select one ready mix producer to be photographed for the cover of the magazine that will be issued at the World of Concrete. The photo will also be used in their posters and banners there. To choose the company a drawing was held from the companies that have employees on the Pervious Certification Committee. The five companies were Arkhola Sand & Gravel, C. J. Horner Company, Martin Marietta Materials, Razorback Concrete and Smith's Ready Mix. Martin Marietta Materials won the drawing and will be the company representing ARMCA on the Concrete Producer Magazine in January, 2008.

**The Legislative Committee** is scheduled to meet at 1:00 pm on October 3rd at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. All members are invited to attend and or join the committee. Mike Tyler, Executive Director, ORMCA will be our guest at the meeting to give us ideas and suggestions on activities that we can do now to prepare for the next legislative session.



### REMINDER—Please Fax Promotion Yardage Survey Reports

This is an ongoing survey that will assist in benchmarking our promotional efforts. The reports are completely confidential and should be faxed to Burris & Company, P.A., attention Ann McClure at fax number (501) 954-9301. Blank forms may be obtained from the ARMCA website,

# Industry News

## **Bridge Collapse Provides Infrastructure Wake-Up Calls**

Dramatic headlines in recent weeks have highlighted the escalating problem of our nations aging and crumbling infrastructure. An 83 year old steam pipe burst in Midtown Manhattan, releasing asbestos laden particles and causing widespread damage. The Centers of Disease Control in Atlanta is investigating whether contaminated drinking water near the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina may have exposed families to high levels of dangerous chemicals over a 30-year span. Most recently the tragic collapse of the 40-year old I-35W bridge in Minneapolis claimed the lives of at least seven people, with more people believed still missing.

In March 2005 the American Society of Civil Engineers in its report card for America's Infrastructure gave America's infrastructure an overall grade D based on the increasing age and poor condition of thousands of infrastructure systems nationwide. Poor road conditions cost U.S. motorists \$54 billion annually in repairs and operating costs - about \$275 per motorist. American's spend 3.5 billion hours a year stuck in traffic, at a cost of \$63.2 billion a year to the economy.

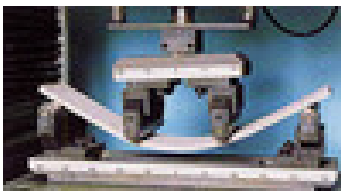
Aging wastewater plants discharge billions of gallons of untreated sewage into U.S. surface waters each year. The EPA estimates that the nation must invest \$390 billion over the next 30 years to replace existing systems and build new ones to meet increasing demands.

Since 1998, the number of unsafe dams has risen by 33 percent to more than 3,500 nationwide. While federally owned dams are in good condition, the number of dams identified as unsafe is increasing at a faster rate than those being repaired. It is estimated that \$10 billion is needed over the next 12 years to address all critical nonfederal dams - dams which pose a direct risk to human life should they fail.

America's infrastructure is ailing and NRMCA calls on Congress to make the investments to fix our systems to provide a safer and more secure future for all Americans.

## **Translucent Concrete**

The Associated Press has an interesting article about the translucent concrete developed by Hungarian architect Aron Losoncz. During the mixing process, glass fibers are added to the traditional stone, cement, and water. This enables light to shine through the material. Several variations of the new material are on display as part of a National Building Museum exhibit called Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete. Judging from the Web site, it looks to be a stunning exhibit. [Link \(to AP article\)](#) [Link \(to Liquid Stone\)](#)



**Flexible Concrete** - Perhaps it just comes from urban living but among a certain crowd there is a fascination with concrete. That fascination and all the possibilities that come with it may be set to expand exponentially. University of Michigan researchers have announced a new development in the form of flexible concrete.

It is claimed to be 500 times more flexible and 40 times lighter than regular concrete. With the rigidity of typical concrete it might seem that any new development could make it 500 times more flexible but the video is more than impressive. It has been in development for about a decade and similar concrete has been used in a few places (Japan, Korea, Switzerland, and Australia). The university is pleased at the recent advances as it promises take things to a new level. The flexibility is achieved by adding specially coated fibers to make up about 2% of the concrete mixture. This new formula is claimed stronger and more flexible than in the past.

## Welcome New Associate Member

Buckeye Ultra Fiber 500

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 14 & 15, 2007

**ARMCA Mid-Year Meeting**

Grand Hotel, Tunica, MS

September 20, 2007

**ACI Ark. Chapter / ARMCA Fall Conf.**

AHTD Materials Building

Little Rock, AR

September 21, 2007

**ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification**

ARMCA Office

Little Rock, AR

October 2, 2007

**Today's Competitive Concrete Parking Lot Seminar**

Jonesboro, AR

October 3, 2007

**Board of Directors Meeting - 10 am**

**Legislative Committee Meeting - 1 pm**

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

North Little Rock, AR

October 4, 2007

**Pervious Concrete Certification**

U of A Engineering Research Center

Fayetteville, AR

October 18, 2007

**SCCPA Funding Meeting**

Tulsa, OK

October 18, 2007

**NRMCA Regional Work Plan Meeting**

Tulsa, OK

October 24 & 25, 2007

**Concrete Field Testing Certification**

AHTD Materials Building

Little Rock, AR

November 1 & 2, 2007

**Concrete Field Testing Certification**

Jonesboro, AR

November 6 & 7, 2007

**Concrete Field Testing Certification**

Fayetteville, AR

November 13, 2007

**CSI Meeting - Table Exhibit**

Little Rock, AR

December 5, 2007

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

North Little Rock, AR

December 10, 2007

**ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification**

ARMCA Office

Little Rock, AR

February 6, 2008

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel

North Little Rock, AR

March 7 & 8, 2008

**ARMCA Convention 2008**

Embassy Suites

Hot Springs, AR

March 26 & 27, 2008

**CCFTT Certification**

AHTD Materials Building

Little Rock, AR

April 8 & 9, 2008

**CCFTT Certification**

U of A Engineering Research Center

Fayetteville, AR

# Support Your Associate Members

Contact information located on ARMCA Website: [www.concretearkansas.org](http://www.concretearkansas.org)

3KC Concrete  
 Alessi Keys Construction Co.  
 Allen Engineering Corporation  
 Anderson Engineering Consultants, Inc.  
 Arkansas Building Authority  
 Arkansas Environmental Federation  
 Arkansas Home Builders Association  
 Arrow-Magnolia International LP  
 Ash Grove Cement Company  
 Baldwin & Shell Construction  
 Barnes Industrial Group, Inc.  
 Bartholomew Investments  
 Bemberg Iron Works, Inc.  
 BFK Technologies, Inc.  
 Big River Industries Inc. - Arkalite Division  
 Buckeye Ultra Fiber 500  
 Buzzi Unicem USA  
 C & W Manufacturing and Sales  
 Cashion Company  
 Clark Machinery Company  
 City of Jonesboro  
 Command Alkon, Inc.  
 Concrete Construction, Inc.  
 Construction Materials Testing Services, Inc.  
 Continental Manufacturing Company  
 Crow-Burlingame Company  
 Darragh Company  
 Data Testing Inc.  
 Degussa Admixtures Inc./Master Builders  
 Durafiber, Inc.  
 ENCO Materials  
 E TTL Engineers and Consultants  
 Evans Concrete  
 Firestone Tire & Service  
 First Arkansas Insurance  
 Flynco, Inc.  
 G. W. Van Keppel Company  
 Glover's Truck Parts & Equipment  
 Grace Performance Chemicals  
 Granite Mountain Quarries  
 Grubbs, Hoskyn, Barton & Wyatt  
 H & E Equipment Services  
 Hanson Aggregates  
 Hartlazenby Construction, Inc.  
 Headwaters Resources  
 Holcim (US) Inc.  
 Hugg & Hall Equipment  
 Hydco, Inc.  
 Insurance Center, Inc.  
 J. A. Riggs Tractor Company  
 Jeffrey Sand Company  
 Kay Construction Supply, Inc.  
 Kenworth (MHC) - Little Rock  
 Knox Nelson Oil Company  
 Lafarge North America  
 Martin Marietta Aggregates  
 Mineral Resource Technologies  
 McClelland Consulting Engineers  
 McConnell & Son Inc.  
 McNeilus Truck & Manufacture, Inc.  
 NPC - Bidco Fiber, Inc.  
 Nabholz Construction Company  
 Noacon, Inc.  
 Peterbilt of Memphis  
 Peterson Concrete Tank Company  
 Precision Packaging, Inc.  
 Propex Concrete Systems  
 Purcell Tire & Rubber Company  
 Ramsons, Inc.  
 Razorback Screen Services, Inc.  
 Rebsamen Insurance  
 Robert M. Stone Construction  
 Rogers Group, Inc.  
 Saint-Gobain Vetrotex  
 Scott Construction Equipment Company  
 Scotwood Industries, Inc.  
 Scurlock Industries  
 Sicalco Ltd.  
 Sika Corporation  
 Silica Transport, Inc.  
 SMART Structures Distributing  
 Smith and Company  
 Sooner Construction Equipment  
 Souther Equipment Sales  
 Superior Spring Clutch & Gear  
 Standard Gravel Company  
 Systech, Inc.  
 Terracon  
 Trans-American Tire  
 Trimble Mobile Solutions  
 Tri-State Truck Center, Inc.  
 United Engines, LLC  
 United Insurance Agency, Inc.  
 Vulcan Materials Company  
 W. Supply Company  
 Warrior of Arkansas Inc.  
 Webco Mining, Inc.

# Support Your Producer Members

Contact information located on ARMCA Website: [www.concretearkansas.org](http://www.concretearkansas.org)

Apex Redi-Mixed Concrete, El Dorado  
Arkansas Concrete Co. Forrest City  
Arkholia Sand & Gravel Co., Fort Smith  
Austin Ready Mix, Jacksonville  
Beaver Lake Concrete, Springdale  
Block USA, Memphis, TN  
C. J. Horner Company, Inc, Hot Springs  
Carter Building Supply, Inc., DeWitt  
Chrisman Ready-Mix, Inc, Ozark, AR  
Coreslab Structures of Ark., Conway  
Crete Cast Products, Nashville  
DeQueen Sand & Gravel, DeQueen  
Gill's Backhoe Service, Ash Flat  
Greenbrier Ready Mix, Greenbrier  
Hedger Brothers Inc., Jonesboro  
Hope Concrete Products, Hope  
King Ready Mix, Inc., Mountain Home

Levy Concrete Co., North Little Rock  
Mallard Ready Mix, LLC, Conway  
Martin Marietta Materials, Hot Springs  
Mid Continent Concrete  
Mobley Construction Co., Morrilton  
Mountain Home Conc., Mtn. Home  
Mountain View Ready Mix, Mtn. View  
Pierce and Company, Inc., Stuttgart  
Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel, Pine Bluff  
R & R Ready Mix, Inc., Hardy  
Ravenden Redi-Mix, Hardy  
Razorback Concrete, West. Memphis  
S & B Ready Mix, Inc., Charleston  
Select Concrete Company, Monticello  
Smith's Ready Mix, Inc., Nashville  
Transit Mix Concrete, Texarkana  
White River Materials, Batesville  
Zebcon Ready Mix, Inc.