



Arkansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association

# ARMCA NEWS



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**Hotel Registration Deadline August 21, 2007**

**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 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., after the meeting there will be Golf at the River Bend located by the Hollywood Casino. The Sporting Clay shoot out will be at Willows Sporting Clay Range. The Hospitality Party and Exhibit will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night. The seminars will resume on Saturday morning, the presenter is Mike Brittain, with the NACM Mid America, he will be doing a training on Business Credit Services. The departing remarks will be given by Keith Wetsell. If you would like to sign up for the Mid Year meeting please give the ARMCA office a call. The hotel deadline will be on August 21, 2007. Hope to see you there!!

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ARMCA held a Pervious Concrete Certification class on July 17 at the ARMCA Office. There were 6 attendees present. Mike Scott with the City of Hot Springs was the instructor. If you have any questions about the Pervious Concrete Certification please call the ARMCA Office at 501-663-8335. The next certification class will be at the U of A Engineering Research center in Fayetteville on October 4, 2007.



On July 30, 2007 ARMCA held a Flatwork Finisher Certification at the ARMCA Office. There were 9 attendees present. There was 7 students from the Cass Job Corps, 1 industry personel and Brandy Still. Joey DeRoe with Razorback Concrete was the instructor. The next Flatwork Finisher Certification will be on September 21, 2007 at the ARMCA Office. If you would like to register please call Brandy at 501-663-8335.

ARMCA's Strategic Planning Committee met on June 20, 2007 at Mount Magazine Lodge. ARMCA would like to thank Zig Vitols with Martin Marietta Materials for all his hard work for organizing this meeting. We would also like to thank Clay McGeorge with Jeffrey Sand & Gravel, Robert Richmond with Buzzi Unicem, Jerry Word with Select Concrete Company and Michael Dugan with Arkhola Sand & Gravel for their valuable time and participation. Zig will be giving a presentation on the new Strategic Plan at the Mid—Year Meeting.



### **REMINDER—Please Fax Promotion Yardage Survey Reports**

***Thank you to the members that have submitted surveys!***

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



# Industry News

## ***House, Senate Appropriate Highway Spending Increase***

The House and Senate appropriations committees last week approved their respective FY 2008 spending bills for transportation, housing and urban development. Included within this measure is a \$1.1 billion increase for the Federal-aid Highway program. The funding is in line with the authorized levels in the SAFE, accountable, flexible, efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Under both bills, highways are funded at \$40.216 billion, including \$631 million in revenue aligned budgeted authority (RABA).

Regarding funding for aviation programs, the House version provides \$3.6 billion for the Airport Improvement Program, while the Senate bill freezes the program at the FY 2007 level of \$3.516 billion. Transit Capital Investment Grants are funded at \$1.7 billion under the House bill. The Senate version provides \$1.566 billion, the FY 2007 level. Several members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees commented and expressed concern about latest estimated cash balance shortfall of the Highway Trust Fund by FY 2009.

The House Transportation—HUD appropriations bill is expected to be considered on the House Floor during the week of July 23. The Senate schedule is unclear.

## ***Regional Bank Expresses interest in Pervious Concrete***

NRMCA South Central field promoter Vance Pool reports that a large regional bank has expressed initial interest on a project using pervious concrete as a solution to stormwater runoff and local code requirements for detention ponds. This National Account had already begun allowing concrete alternates on previously specified asphalt only parking areas.

Having been discussed in meetings many months ago, this serves to illustrate the potential long decision cycle involved in national accounts moving toward new solutions involving concrete, Pool notes. Traditional decision cycles in specification - related decisions often range from 24 to 36 months or more and then can face multiple vetoes as the decision to implement the specification change occurs.

## ***Early Success Realized for Parking Lot Design Assistance Program***

NRMCA's Parking Lot Design Assistance Program, offered in support of the industry's parking lot strategic plan initiative, helps specifications overcome the inertia of familiarity with asphalt parking lot design. The program is in a pilot phase that invites state associations to submit projects in support of specifiers for detailed design recommendations. NRMCA is covering all costs during the pilot, including the creation of CAD drawings provided to the specifiers.

The program, conducted in collaboration with Ohio Ready Mixed Concrete Association, has had seven projects submitted, with five design packages completed. Of those five, three are being reviewed by specifiers. The other two projects have both gone concrete.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 1, 2007

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel  
North Little Rock, AR

August 28, 2007

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

Fayetteville, AR

August 30, 2007

**OK/AR ACPA Conference**

Embassy Suites  
Little Rock, AR

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**

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel  
North Little Rock, AR

October 4, 2007

**Pervious Concrete Certification**

U of A Engineering Research Center  
Fayetteville, AR

October 24 & 25, 2007

**CCFTT Certification**

AHTD Materials Building  
Little Rock, AR

November 1 & 2, 2007

**CCFTT Certification**

Jonesboro, AR

November 6 & 7, 2007

**CCFTT Certification**

U of A Engineering Research Center  
Fayetteville, AR

December 5, 2007

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel  
North Little Rock, AR

December 10, 2007

**ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification**

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