



Arkansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association

ARMCA NEWS



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NRMCA Stormwater Solution - Pervious Pavement Seminar held in North Little Rock May 14th, 2008



The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) & ARMCA co-hosted a the seminar on May 14, 2008 at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. There were 22 attendees present for the seminar. Dr. Heather Brown, Ph D., MTSU, Erin Ashley, NRMCA and Rita Madison, ARMCA were the presenters. The attendees were taken to the Martin Marietta Materials plant in Maumelle for the live demonstration. Randy Hartsfield, Bass Commercial Concrete and his crew installed the pervious concrete for the demonstration.

Analyzing Concrete Test Data Seminar in Fayetteville Great Success.



Mr. Luke Snell, P. E., Professor from Arizona State University conducted his nationally recognized seminar Analyzing Concrete Test Data on May 29th in Fayetteville. The 43 attendees included architects, engineers, contractors, U of A Engineering students and ready mix industry personnel. The seminar was co-sponsored by CTPP, AR Chapter ACI & ARMCA. AR Chapter, ACI President, Frances Griffith presented Luke with a thank-you basket of Razorback Coffee Mugs & Christmas Ornaments.

We plan to bring Luke back to Arkansas later this year for another seminar in the central AR area.

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ARMCA Activites

On May 21 there was a Pervious Concrete Certification that was held at the ARMCA Office. There were 8 attendees present. The class consisted of contractors and industry personnel. Rita Madison was the instructor for the certification class and J. C. Ray, P.E. Arkhola Sand & Gravel was the examiner. If you are interested in having a Pervious Concrete Certification Class please contact Brandy Still at (501) 663-8335.



On May 22 ARMCA held a Flatwork Finisher Certification that was held at the ARMCA Office. There were two contractors that were present and Rita Madison with ARMCA was the instructor with assistance from Bill Thomas, Mobley Construction for the certification.



On May 15 Rita Madison served as examiner for the Flatwork Finisher Certification at the Job Corps in Cass, AR. There were 8 students taking the exam. Travis Johnson, instructor for the Concrete and Masonry program at the Cass Job Corps provided training for the students. The students are very interested in the future benefits of the ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification.

2008 ARMCA Mid - Year Meeting September 12 & 13, 2008 Gold Strike Casino and Hotel

Mark your calendars!! ARMCA will be having their 9th Annual Mid - Year Meeting at the Gold Strike Casino and Hotel in Tunica, MS on September 12 & 13, 2008. The meeting will begin on Friday morning with some great presentations, Friday afternoon we will have two very fun activities in store for you at the Willows Sporting Clay Range and the Riverbend Golf Course behind Hollywood Casino. Friday night will be the exhibit show and buffet dinner. Saturday morning will begin with more educational seminars and the meeting will adjourn around 12:00 p.m. We hope that you all can make it and we welcome all new members to attend. The packets will be mailed out very soon, be looking for them.

Hotel Rates will be:

Thursday \$62.00

Friday \$119.00



ARMCA Members Working Together

CONCRETE PARKING STRUCTURE

Recently ARMCA Members teamed up to build a parking garage for the Arkansas Heart Hospital in Little Rock. Nabholz Construction was the General Contractor. Precast concrete for the elevated structural concrete and elevated concrete exterior was provided by Coreslab Structures (ARK) Inc. The elevated topping slab and structural concrete on grade was provided by Martin Marietta. Wittenberg Deloney and Davidson was the architect on the project. Engineering Consultants, Inc. was the Structural Engineer.





Industry News

World's Largest Brewer Shows Interest in Green Concrete

The Anheuser-Bush engineering division recently hosted NRMCA Midwest National Resource Director Jon Hansen at a luncheon meeting held at its new LEED Silver-certified building on the corporate campus in St. Louis. The topic of the meeting was green building practices using both plain and pervious concrete for parking and road areas. Also attending were representatives of outside consulting companies, all from NRMCA national account design firms, that work with Anheuser-Bush on various projects across the U.S.

Anheuser-Bush operates seven individual business units representing 78 brands around the world. The St. Louis based company's subsidiaries include one of the largest U.S. manufacturers of aluminum beverage containers and one of the world's largest recyclers of aluminum beverage cans. Anheuser-Bush also has interests in malt production, rice milling, real estate development, turf farming, metalized and paper label printing, bottle production, transportation services and entertainment.

Deadline Nears for Annual Mixer Driver Championship Contest

Plans are nearing completion for NRMCA's 3rd Annual National Mixer Driver Championship to be held Sunday October 19, at the Concrete Works conference in Nashville, TN. The call for entries for participants in this increasingly popular program is ongoing, with the submittal deadline set for Thursday July 31, 2008.

All mixer drivers who have won state driver competitions are eligible to participate, provided they work for NRMCA member companies. Runners-up in state competitions and winners of intra-company programs will be considered for at-large berths in the national championship by a task group formed from the Operations, Environmental and Safety Committee. This year, the field is expected to include up to 60 competitors.

Industry Braces for Severe Downturn

The U.S. economy is suffering from a severe economic weakness and its impact on cement consumption and the construction industry will not be mild, according to the latest Portland Cement Association forecast of cement, concrete and construction. In 2008, Portland cement consumption is expected to drop 11%, followed by an additional 5.5% in 2009. PCA predicts total cement consumption in this year to be 101.7 million metric tons.

"We are currently in the third year of a four-year industry contraction that began in 2006," Edward Sullivan, PCA chief economist said. "High fuel prices, slow job creation and tight lending standards will all adversely impact the entire spectrum of construction activity."



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 4, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
North Little Rock, AR

June 6, 2008

Women in Construction - Golf Tournament

Longhills Golf Course
Benton, AR

June 12, 2008

Homebuilders Association Presentation

Eureka Springs, AR

June 17, 2008

Ark. Chapter ACI Fish Fry

Weaver Farm
El Paso, AR

July 17, 2008

ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification

Talon Plaza
Springdale, AR

July 18, 2008

NRMCA Pervious Contractor Certification

Talon Plaza
Springdale, AR

August 6, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
North Little Rock, AR

August 14, 2008

Ark. ACI Chapter/ARMCA Conference

Jonesboro, AR

September 12 & 13, 2008

ARMCA Mid Year Meeting

Gold Strike Casino & Hotel
Tunica, MS

October 1, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
North Little Rock, AR

December 3, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
North Little Rock, AR

February 4, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
North Little Rock, AR

March 5, 6, & 7, 2009

ARMCA Annual Convention

Hot Springs Convention Center
Embassy Suites
Hot Springs, AR

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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
 BASF Admixtures
 Baldwin & Shell Construction
 Barnes Industrial Group, Inc.
 Bartholomew Investments
 Basic Software Systems
 Bass Commercial Concrete
 Bemberg Iron Works, Inc.
 BFK Technologies, Inc.
 Big River Industries Inc. - Arkalite Division
 Buzzzi Unicem USA
 C & W Manufacturing and Sales
 Cashion Company
 ChemStation of the Ozarks
 Clark Machinery Company
 Command Alkon, Inc.
 Concrete Construction, Inc.
 Construction Materials Testing Services, Inc.
 Continental Manufacturing Company
 Crow-Burlingame Company
 Darragh Company
 Data Testing Inc.
 Durafiber, Inc.
 ENCO Materials
 E TTL Engineers and Consultants
 Evans Concrete
 Fibermesh - Propex Concrete Systems
 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.
 Innovative Equipment Solutions
 Insurance Center, Inc.
 J. A. Riggs Tractor Company
 JCS Concrete Specialist Inc.
 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.
 Purcell Tire & Rubber Company
 Ramsons, Inc.
 Razorback Screen Services, Inc.
 Rebsamen Insurance
 Robert M. Stone Construction
 Rogers Group, Inc.
 SELTECH, Inc.
 Scott Construction Equipment Company
 Scotwood Industries, Inc.
 Scurlock Industries
 Sicalco Ltd.
 Sika Corporation
 SMART Structures Distributing
 Smith and Company
 Sooner Construction Equipment
 Souther Equipment Sales
 Superior Spring Clutch & Gear
 Standard Gravel Company
 Systech, Inc.
 Terracon
 Trimble Mobile Solutions
 Tri-State Truck Center, Inc.
 United Engines, LLC
 United Insurance Agency, Inc.
 Vulcan Materials Company
 Warrior of Arkansas Inc.
 Webco Mining, Inc.

Support Your Producer Members

Contact information located on ARMCA Website: www.concretearkansas.org

American Concrete LLC.	Levy Concrete Co., North Little Rock
Apex Redi-Mixed Concrete, El Dorado	Mallard Ready Mix, LLC, Conway
Arkansas Concrete Co. Forrest City	Martin Marietta Materials, Hot Springs
Arkholia Sand & Gravel Co., Fort Smith	Mid Continent Concrete
Austin Ready Mix, Jacksonville	Mobley Construction Co., Morrilton
Beaver Lake Concrete, Springdale	Mountain Home Conc., Mtn. Home
Block USA, Memphis, TN	Mountain View Ready Mix, Mtn. View
C. J. Horner Company, Inc, Hot Springs	Pierce and Company, Inc., Stuttgart
Carter Building Supply, Inc., DeWitt	Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel, Pine Bluff
Chrisman Ready-Mix, Inc, Ozark, AR	R & R Ready Mix, Inc., Hardy
Coreslab Structures of (Ark.) Inc., Conway	Ravenden Redi-Mix, Hardy
Crete Cast Products, Nashville	Razorback Concrete, West. Memphis
DeQueen Sand & Gravel, DeQueen	S & B Ready Mix, Inc., Charleston
Gill's Backhoe Service, Ash Flat	Select Concrete Company, Monticello
Greenbrier Ready Mix, Greenbrier	Smith's Ready Mix, Inc., Nashville
Hedger Brothers Inc., Jonesboro	Transit Mix Concrete, Texarkana
Hope Concrete Products, Hope	White River Materials, Batesville
King Ready Mix, Inc., Mountain Home	Zebcon Ready Mix, Inc.