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This years Mid-Year Meeting will be held on September 11, 12 & 13, 2008 at the Gold Strike Resort in Tunica, MS. Golf this year will be on Thursday September 11 at 2:00 p.m. at River Bend Links behind the Hollywood Casino. The meeting will begin on Friday morning with seminars. The first presentation will be Joan Fox with Eagle Inspiration Training & Development. Joan will present her hour and a half presentation on The Market is Changing, Can you Compete? Our second presenter is Jay Thompson with the Arkansas Highway Police he will be speaking about the Record Keeping and Hours of Service Issues. The meeting will adjourn at 11:45 a.m..

Afternoon activities include the Sporting Clay Grand Champion Competition that will be at Willows Sporting Clay Range at 1:00p.m. 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 Matt Smith, with the Smith's Ready Mix, he will be presenting the ARMCA Driver Competition. Zig Vitols, with Martin Marietta Materials will then present 100 Ways to Save Money in the Ready Mix Business. The third speaker will be Vance Pool, with NRMCA, he will be presenting "What's Available - NRMCA Promotion Resources, Our final speaker is John Gnuschke, Ph.D., with the University of Memphis, he will be speaking about the Lingering Effects of the Recession on the Demand for Construction Projects 08-09. ARMCA will be mailing out the packets later this week. If you would like to sign up for the Mid-Year meeting please give us a call. If you have any question please feel free to contact Brandy Still at (501) 663-8335. Hope to see you there!!!!

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ARMCA Activites

AR Chapter ACI Annual Fish Fry June 17, 2008

The Arkansas Chapter of ACI held their annual fish fry at the home of Charlie & Linda Weaver on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. Frances Griffith, President officiated the door prize drawings and welcomed everyone. The weather was beautiful, the food was great and the attendees enjoyed the opportunity to socialize. Thank you to all that donated door prizes. Also we would like to thank Charlie & Linda for their hospitality.



Eureka Springs Home Builders Association Presentation June 12, 2008



In June 12 Rita Madison and Geoff Petersen, with Propex Concrete Systems, gave a presentation to the Home Builders Association in Eureka Springs. There were 40 attendees present.



National Association of Women In Construction Annual Golf Tournament - June 6, 2008 - Longhills Golf Course

The National Association for Women in Construction held their Annual Golf Tournament at Longhills Golf Course in Benton, AR on June 6. There were 15 morning teams and 20 teams in the afternoon. Brandy Still won the Longest Drive and Closest to the Hole.





Industry News

Pervious Concrete Withstands New England Winter

Silver Springs, MD - May 27, 2008 - A test section of pervious concrete poured on the campus of the University of New Hampshire has successfully withstood the harsh New England winter, causing municipal officials throughout the region to ask for more information concerning the material.

UNH researchers installed the pervious section - a 21,000 square foot student parking lot - at the Durham campus as an experiment, hoping to find a construction material that would mitigate Stormwater runoff while not deteriorating under an often-severe winter climate that at various times has rain, sleet and snow in rapid succession. University researchers might have been skeptical, but by April were convinced of pervious concrete's durability.

When asked by a WBZ (Boston) television reporter how the section performed, Robert Roseen, director of the UNH Storm Water Center, said "very well, and this was a very hard winter on pavement."

He told the reporter that he was fielding phone calls from municipalities and developers across New England, as they look for ways to ease flooding and comply with stricter groundwater regulations. Meanwhile, the experimental lot has had an immediate impact on its surroundings. Roseen says the hillside around it used to flood in heavy rains, and that hasn't happened.

NRMCA and its regional partner, the Northern New England Concrete Promotion Association (NNECPA) both sent staff members to view the installation. NNECPA Executive Director Jon Kuell and NRMCA's Managing Director, National Resources, Dan Huffman were both extremely pleased with the pervious concrete's performance. NRMCA and its state and regional association partners have long promoted pervious concrete as a superior Stormwater mitigation material, but have met resistance at times from local officials skeptical that the material would be up to the task in cold weather locations. This New Hampshire result will help considerably in their pervious promotion efforts, both men said.

"With help from professionals like Jon in New England and other promoters throughout the U.S., we are confident of pervious concrete's growth as an environmentally - friendly building material," Huffman said. "It's clearly not just for warmer climates anymore."

NRMCA Releases Backing Accident Prevention Kit

Silver Springs, MD - June 13, 2008 - The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association has released the *Backing Accident Prevention Kit* to help reduce such accidents in the ready mixed concrete industry. Completed late last month, this new program will help companies understand the nature of backing accidents and provide tips for preventing them.

NRMCA English-Spanish Translation Manual Now Available

English barriers have been addressed by the introduction of an NRMCA concrete-specific, glove box-sized, English - to - Spanish dictionary that addresses communication challenges on the job site. This 96 page booklet is ideal for English speaking truck mixer drivers, sales reps and field staff who must regularly communicate with Spanish speakers. It includes common words, photos and phrases, each with their own phonetic pronunciation.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please Welcome Our New Associate Members

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Promix Chryso
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Backus Concrete
John Backus
P.O. Box 10451
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Steve Cobb
1948 Greene Rd. 920
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P.O. Box 855
Perryville, AR 72124
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July 17, 2008

ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification

Jones Center
Springdale, AR

July 18, 2008

NRMCA Pervious Contractor Certification

Jones Center
Springdale, AR

July 29, 2008

Pervious Concrete Seminar & Demonstration

Smith's Ready Mix Training Room
Nash, TX

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 11, 12 & 13, 2008

ARMCA Mid Year Meeting

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