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Attn: Rita,

We hope you enjoy our newsletter. This format provides quick access to the ARMCA Website to register for upcoming events, find ready mix concrete producers or contact ARMCA staff.

Larry Lowes Wins NRMCA National Championship Driver Competition!!!



Larry Dale Lowe Jr., a long time employee with the Mid-Continental GCC concrete in Sallisaw, proved last week that concrete truck drivers are very aware of their surroundings and place safety above all else when he won the National Redi Mix Concrete Association Truck Rodeo championship in San Diego, Calif.

"This competition was intense," Lowe said. "We had to do things that most drivers will never come close to having to do."

On Sept. 24-27, concrete-truck drivers from around the country participated in driving skills, equipment maintenance knowledge and a written test covering all aspects of pouring concrete.

Larry Lowe won the State Championship at the



Check it out we now have listings on the ARMCA Trading Post website page.

Local Streets & Roads Promotion Team Forming Now

We need volunteers to grow and develop our Local Streets and Roads Promotion Team.

A Training Class will be held on December 1st at the ARMCA office. Call today to register to attend. The class is free and will feature methods to promote local streets and roads to municipalities.

If you are interested email:

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Events Calendar

Nov. 1 & 2
[ACI Field Testing Certification](#)
Fayetteville

Nov. 8
[ACI Flatwork Certification](#)
Allen Engineering Corp.
Paragould, AR

Nov. 10
[ACI Field Testing Certification](#)
Written & Performance Exam
Jonesboro

December 1
[Streets & Local Roads Class](#)
ARMCA Training Room
Little Rock, AR

December 7
[Board of Directors Meeting](#)
North Little Rock, AR

January 18
[Water & Concrete Seminar](#)
Little Rock, AR

Jan 31, Feb 1 & 2, 2012
[NRMCA Dispatcher Class](#)
Little Rock, AR

January 21-28, 2012

ARMCA Convention in March 2011. Lowe won \$300 cash award for winning the state plus an all-expense paid trip for two to the national competition in San Diego.

The obstacle course includes such tasks as driving through a pass that is only four inches wider than the truck. Drivers were required to make turns as close as possible without hitting the barriers and back their truck so that the center of the rear bumper centered the target.

Of the obstacle events he had to pass through two were his favorite.

"In the basketball hoop, a judge sets up a basketball hoop. We had to back our truck up and maneuver the chute into the hoop. Twenty-two of us did that," he said.

The other challenge came when he won the egg-drop contest. He explained that an egg is placed on a piece of pvc pipe and the driver has to back the truck and lower the concrete chute as close as possible to the egg. Lowe won that by maneuvering the chute to within a half-inch of the egg.

For that close call he won a \$50 gift certificate.

He also had to answer 110 questions about the environmental issues, safety and concrete knowledge.

"I got into this because I wanted to be a better driver," Lowe said. "I've always liked helping the contractors and finishers, but I wanted to do my job better."

Lowe laughs when he said he never expected to receive top honors, but it was good knowing that a homegrown boy could go that far.

"I like what I'm doing and this just lets everyone know I take my job seriously and I'm proud of the job I do."

The next level of competition is the international level in 2014.

"We don't know where that one will be, but next year the nationals will be in Washington, D.C." Lowe said.

The competition wasn't just about driving a concrete mixer.

[World of Concrete](#)
Las Vegas, NV

February 1, 2012
[Board of Directors Meeting](#)
North Little Rock, AR

March 8, 9 & 10, 2012
[ARMCA Convention](#)
Driver Competition & Trade Show
Hot Springs, AR

March 28 & 29, 2012
[ACI Field Testing Certification](#)
Little Rock, AR

April 10 & 11, 2012
[ACI Field Testing Certification](#)
Fayetteville, AR

Participants had one day off and were invited to go to the San Diego Zoo.

"We didn't go to the zoo. We took the day to go deep sea fishing," he said.

"I live and sleep fishing and I just wanted to go deep sea fishing."

For his work and dedication, Lowe won the trophy, a \$2,500 cash award, the \$50 gift certificate and \$500 for the basketball hoop event.

"All the guys here are happy for me. But when we got back the next day we just had to get up and get to work. That's my job. That's what I do," he said.

Read more: [Sequoyah County Times - Lowe wins national concrete truck driving competition](#)



ARMCA's MISSION

To represent the industry and expand the use of concrete through education, promotion and membership support. The Arkansas ready Mixed Concrete Association is a statewide trade association representing the ready mixed concrete, block and precast industries in Arkansas.

[ARMCA Membership Application](#)



Welcome New Associate Members.....

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If you would like a ARMCA Membership application please contact Brandy Still at armca@att.net or 501.663.8335.

**ARMCA ACI Concrete Field Testing Certification
Little Rock, AR - AHTD Materials Dept.**



ARMCA held thier ACI Concrete Field Testing Certification Class on October 12 & 13 in Little Rock at the AHTD Materials Dept. There were 17 industry personel and 7 AHTD employees that attended the certification class. ARMCA would like to thank the AHTD Materials Department for allowing us to use their facilities for the class. Also we would like to thank Mark Barton, P.E. with Grubbs, Hoskyn, Barton & Wyatt for being the Examiner of the certification and thank you to all the instructors and proctors for everything. Whithout all of you this certification would not be possible so thank you so much!!



Pervious Presentation & Exhibit Booth at ASCE Conference



ARMCA member Nick Canant & Jim Miller gave a presentation on pervious concrete at the ASCE Conference held at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel on October 6 & 7, 2011. We also had an exhibit booth featuring pervious concrete. There were approximately 160 engineers in attendance.

Industry News.....

PCA Applauds Passage of "Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011"

The Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 (H.R. 2681) passed in the House of Representatives on October 6. The passage was bipartisan, with 25 Democrats and 237 Republicans voting in favor of the bill. Introduced by Rep. John Sullivan (R-OK) and Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR), along with a bipartisan group of their colleagues, the legislation requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to re-propose three recent environmental rules directed at the portland cement industry. Although domestic cement manufacturers are among the most highly regulated enterprises in the country, they recently faced an avalanche of new regulations. The bill addresses the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) rule for the portland cement industry, the commercial and industrial solid waste incinerator rule and associated definition of "solid waste," and, lastly, the new source performance standards rule.

PCA members and allies submitted more than 2,000 letters to House lawmakers expressing support for the cement bill. Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Roy Blunt (R-MO), Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Mary Landrieu (D-LA) introduced a companion bill last month.

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