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Calendar

December 2 - MRMCA Annual Meeting, Frederick
December 7 - NRMCA Regional Meeting, Silver Spring
December 8 - ACI Field Grade 1 Review, Frederick
December 15 - ACI Field Grade 1 Exam, Frederick

2011

January 1, 2011 ACI Awards Nominations for
Projects completed in 2010 will be accepted

January 13, 2011 NRMCA Concrete Field Testing
Technician Grade II Certification Training,
Silver Spring, MD

January 18, 2011 NRMCA Concrete Field Testing
Technician Grade II Certification Testing,
Silver Spring, MD

January 17-21, 2011 - World of Concrete, Las Vegas

February 2 - 3, 2011 - MdQI Conference

February 9-11, 2011 - Mid Atlantic Quality Assurance
Workshop in Hershey, PA

March 22, 2011 - Concrete Conference

May 22 - 25, 2011 - ASBO Conference

MRMCA Annual Membership Meeting

The Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association is having our
Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 2, 2010

Dutch's Daughter Restaurant
581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, MD 21703

TENTATIVE AGENDA

10:00 - 11:30 AM	MRMCA Board of Directors
12:00 - 12:30 PM	Reception (Cash Bar)
12:30 - 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 - 2:15 PM	General Meeting
2:15 - 2:30 PM	MRMCA 2011 Board of Directors

For more information, or for registration information, visit
<http://www.marylandconcrete.com/> or call the MRMCA office at
(301) 694-4899.

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Thank you to Showcase Sponsors & Exhibitors!

The 3rd annual Showcase of Concrete Construction was planned in cooperation with the American Society of Concrete Contractors this year and the event drew a crowd of ready mix concrete producers and concrete contractors. The sponsors and exhibitors supported the event with numerous exhibits both inside and out in the parking lot. Speakers from the ASCC and MRMCA membership brought experience and knowledge to the table with several presentations that were beneficial to the attendees.

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Concrete Paving Update

On May 8, 2010 we held a fast-track concrete overlay demonstration with the Maryland State Highway Administration at a Park-n-Ride lot near I-97 and Benfield Blvd. Since then, the concrete industry and State Highway have continued to move ahead with partnering efforts to include more concrete paving in their "toolbox". Existing failed asphalt at Route 40 in Aberdeen was milled and replaced with concrete on September 11 as another demonstration planned and executed by ACPA, MRMCA and MD SHA. Shortly after the Rte 40 project, SHA maintenance decided to repair a turn lane on Rte 210 in Prince Georges County with concrete where once again, the "Concrete Industry" stepped up to the plate.

By focusing on funding, quality materials, maintenance and traffic issues, we have generated interest in using more concrete for paving at MD SHA, especially in the maintenance department. Short lane closures are what the people want and therefore MD SHA has to be able to accommodate fast construction. Opening a road to traffic once the concrete reaches a specified strength is critical. The demo on May 8th and the projects at Rte 40 and 210 have allowed all of us to learn more about how concrete paving benefits the public. Match cured cylinders and on-site break machines were part of the May 8th Demo and the ideas are catching on! Turn lanes and intersections where SHA must provide continued maintenance are the prime targets for concrete. Find those rutted asphalt pavements in your neck of the woods and send the locations to MRMCA so we can ask the owner to fix them with concrete! We all know "it's the answer".

Also, our recent PR / Marketing efforts to promote concrete paving have led us to appear in Biz Weekly. (See link at <http://baltimore.citybizlist.com/yourcitybiznews/detail.aspx?id=101491>)

To further support our efforts, the National Ready Mix Concrete Association (NRMCA) and the American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) have collaborated to launch <http://www.concretestreets.org/> . This effort by the national groups is designed to assist their Members and Affiliate who are currently promoting concrete paving.

Promotion Update by Tom Evans, Promotion Director

Promotion Updates

Our promotion committees of Residential, Commercial and Non-Building (Paving) are always looking for new members, ideas and leadership. During the next six weeks, we will be gearing up for 2011 and now is the time to speak up. Plans are in place however we need you to help carry out the action items. Contact our office to offer your support for one of these three market segment promotion committees. Below are Mission Statements for each committee just to give you some insight as to the direction we are moving.

Paving / Non-Building

Increase the use of plain and pervious concrete for new parking lots; local roads and intersections by providing useful information to the State, County and Municipal design community on a regular basis.

Residential

Increase the use of concrete in and increase market share for all residential concrete products including driveways, wall & floor systems and any exterior flatwork (i.e. patios, pool decks, walkways).

Commercial

Increase the use of concrete for wall and floor construction (Tilt-Up, ICF, Removable Forms) in all commercial building applications by targeting various design firms and providing information from our National association partners along with local project examples.

Technical Committee Update by Niles Mason, Chairman

The Technical Committee has met quarterly this year with two of those meetings including the MDSA. Some of the action items from this year's meetings included:

Establishment of sub-committees to organize a more concentrated effort for many of the initiatives listed below.

Incorporation of P2P principles in all aspects of the Technical Committee's efforts.

Concentrated efforts to gain SHA approval of ternary blends of cement, slag and fly ash.

Develop, test and recommend a "Fast Track" HPC-Thin Overlay Mix for the Benfield Blvd Demo. A technical report was prepared for the MRMCP Paving Committee.

Actively participate in the SHA Recycled Materials Task Force. At the November 2, 2010 meeting, we made real progress toward a field evaluation of ternary blends.

Modify the SHA "Field Cylinder Report" to reflect better accountability and specification compliance of information accompanying project acceptance cylinders to be tested. Newly designed forms should be making their way onto jobsites in early 2011.

Develop, test and recommend a specification for an HPC-6 Hour Patch Mix with SHA. Laboratory trial batches will begin in early 2011 at the SHA Hanover Lab.

Assist MRMCP Pervious Task Force in developing technical bulletins.

Participate with SHA to establish a pervious specification for SHA projects.

Partnering with SHA to modify their current practice of re-certifying concrete field technicians by the SHA Internal Audit process. We feel the ACI - Grade I certification process should be reinstated due to its wide industry acceptance.

While many of these initiatives have been in the works for some time, the Technical Committee, through the efforts of the various sub-committees, has made substantial progress toward finalizing these goals in 2010 on behalf of the MRMCA membership.

The next meeting of the Technical Committee is tentatively scheduled for January, 2011. If your company does not currently have someone attending these meetings, please contact Mindy Green to be included on the mailing list and come prepared to be an active participant in the discussions.

Maryland Elections Results by Dennis McCoy and Kimberly Burns

Although we experienced few surprises in our fine state, there have been several changes in the House and the Senate that you might find interesting. The above link will allow you to view all results, as well as, focus on those Districts in which you have a special interest.

A quick overview of these unofficial results indicate that in the MD Senate, District 3 appears to have swung to Ronald Young, a Democrat, from Alex Mooney, a Republican. Other changes followed party lines with a few familiar faces crossing over from the House and Joseph Getty, former Senate Minority counsel, stepping in for retiring Larry Haines in District 5 and Bill Ferguson, a relative newcomer to Maryland and a Democrat in District 46 for Sen. Della. In the House of Delegates, the Republicans picked up 6 new seats from Districts 3A, 3B, 8, 27B, 34A, and 38B shifting the total number of seats to 42 out of 141.

Below please find a link to the Maryland State Board of Elections Unofficial 2010 General Election Results.

<http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2010/results/General>

Thank you and please do not hesitate to call the office should you wish to discuss the election results.
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ACI News

Maryland Chapter ACI Newsletter:

<http://www.concrete.org/CHAPTERS/newsletter.asp?cid=c050>

November Breakfast:

<http://www.MarylandConcrete.com/Services/index.cfm/go/ShowEvent/EventID/56>

Certification Programs / Schedule / Application:

<http://marylandconcrete.com/Services/index.cfm/go/ShowEvent/EventID/39>

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