



Ready Mix News

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READY MIX BRIEFS

APRMCA producer membership remains steady at 51 operators (73.9 per cent) with 122 plants (86.5 per cent) providing valuable spin-offs to 94 Atlantic communities and their surrounding areas. We welcome Donnie Vincent, president, and his wife Arline, as owner-operators of All Star Ready Mix Ltd., Bedford, N.S. Their membership offsets the loss of another small producer. Welcome and best wishes to you and your staff in this first season of your new enterprise!

APRMCA's associate member list climbed to 75 with the addition of two new members since last fall. We welcome Keith Cronkhite, manager, Combustion Products Marketing, New Brunswick Power and Claudia Simmonds-Lipka, executive officer, New Brunswick Home Builders Association, both from Fredericton, N.B.

Associate Membership Chair Don Marchand of Shaw Resources is working hard at the APRMCA board level and on the AGM and golf committees to represent the interests of all associates. He proposed an associate membership drive, supported by the board, to increase the associate rolls to at least 100.

APRMCA is the voice of the Atlantic region's ready mixed concrete industry. APRMCA cordially invites producers who aren't currently members of APRMCA to join us. Membership criteria are straightforward: pay the annual fee based on your previous year's volume and have your operations certified to the APRMCA Concrete Production Facilities Certification Program.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Later in 2004 - Delivery of the APRMCA/CRMCA Canadianized version of the NRMCA Concrete Delivery Professional® (CDP) driver training program begins as proposed at the 2003 AGM. Final negotiations of the arrangements between APRMCA, CRMCA and NRMCA took place at the CRMCA meeting in Victoria, B.C. on April 30, attended by Bob Garbini, president of NRMCA.

June 3-4, 2004 - APRMCA's 9th Annual Industry Golf Tournament at the Amherst Golf and County Club. Reception and draw at Amherst Wandlyn Inn, 8 p.m., June 3; shot-gun start followed by barbeque and prizes, 7:30 a.m., June 4.

June 14, 2004 - APRMCA Finance, Marketing and Directors' Meetings, Chateau Moncton Hotel, Moncton, N.B., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 17, 2004 - End Result Specs and How to Ensure The Best Mix For The Job, a one-day seminar sponsored by APRMCA and N.B. Concrete Structures Liaison Committee for road builders, ready mix producers, specialty trades, infrastructure design consultants and government construction staff, Wu Centre, UNB, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 15, 2004 - APRMCA 2004 Memorial Scholarships, two at \$1,000 each, open to the family of APRMCA members and staff, DEADLINE for application.

August 6-7, 2004 - APRMCA Summer Family Weekend and 38th Annual General Meeting, Inverary Inn, Baddeck N.S., home of the world-famous Alexander Graham Bell Museum and the renowned Bell Bay Golf Course. Registration information is available from the APRMCA office if you didn't receive it yet.

August 23-25, 2004 - CANMET Conference, Calais, Maine and site tour of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' long-term marine concrete research facility at Treat Island hosted by Dr. Ted Bremner, UNB-Fredericton. Registration details are available from Marilyn Calhoun, UNB Civil Engineering, Web address: <http://www.unb.ca/civil>.

Fall 2004 - Agricultural Concreting Workshop about farm-specific concrete technology and construction techniques. Details and location(s) TBA for one or several farming communities, depending on interest.

Cold comfort

By Lynne Wells
Contributing Writer

Local projects overcome harsh winter conditions

Old Man Winter really walloped the Atlantic provinces in 2003/04 and the construction industry had to meet its shares of challenges to keep projects on time. The bitter temperatures and snowfall amounts caused a number of problems.

Concrete, of course, can't be subjected to freezing temperatures within 72 hours of being placed. The 72-hour curing period allows the concrete to gain sufficient strength to withstand the stresses of cold temperatures. However, during the curing period freezing temper-

atures will expand the concrete's water content into air bubbles in the concrete, effectively expanding the overall product and causing the concrete to disintegrate.

J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Ltd. of Dartmouth, N.S. used large mobile casting huts during a

cold spell to cast approximately 40 per cent of the tilt-up panels used in the construction of the Giffel/Summit REIT project in Burnside Business Park. The 86,000 square foot building required 49 panels in total.

"We finished casting 30 of
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CRMCA held its semi-annual meeting in Victoria, BC, April 30 - May 1, 2004. One strong outcome was the unanimous ratification of a national Environmental Management Practices for Ready Mixed Concrete Operations in Canada. This is a detailed guideline to assist producers across the country to handle environmental matters around their facilities. (L to R, front row) Robert Garbini, President-NRMCA; Mel Fiander, President-CRMCA; Bob Callander, Past-President-CRMCA; Lawrence Loh, CAC; Ed Kalis, ARMCA; Bill Genert, SRMCA; Allan Heffell, APRMCA; Tom Caruso, ARMCA. (L to R, back row) François Lacroix, President-CAC; Michel Labrosse, ABQ; François Bernard, ABQ; John Hull, RMCAO; Carolyn Campbell, BCRMCA; Ron Schimpf, ARMCA; Roderic Owen-Flood, BCRMCA; David Tesarski, MRMCA; John Connelly, APRMCA.

Scholarship applications now being accepted

Members of the Atlantic Provinces Ready Mixed Concrete Association (APRMCA) are paying tribute to past members who supported and contributed to the growth of APRMCA by offering two \$1,000 entrance scholarship awards. This is the fourth annual competition for APRMCA's Memorial Scholarship.

The 2004 Memorial Scholarship is dedicated by APRMCA to the memory of Lena Healy and Geoff McBeath, P. Eng.

McBeath was a partner in the firm of Maritime Testing Ltd. in Dartmouth, N.S. and was the founder of EARTHTECH Engineering Ltd., a leader in the field of geotechnical engineering. He was well regarded by his colleagues and clients in the industry. He was a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia, the Association of Professional Engineers of New Brunswick, the Canadian Geotechnical Society and the American Society for Testing and Materials. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of New Brunswick and a Masters of Applied Sciences from the Technical University of Nova Scotia. McBeath had many passions, including his love of coaching and playing hockey, his love of music, his enjoyment of the water and family vacations at Caissie Cape, N.B.

Healy spent 25 years working in the advertising industry in Montreal and Halifax, including the last 15 years at the Halifax

Herald Ltd. As the Major Account Group manager at the Herald, she managed the day-to-day activities of the national/in-house
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Stevens one of Nova Scotia's construction industry pioneers

By Ken Partridge
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There aren't too many people to whom the word pioneer can be properly applied, but in the case of Laurie B. Stevens it's certainly justified. That's why it was such a great loss to the local construction industry when he passed away this past March.

Stevens and his firm L.B.
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Laurie B. Stevens