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Dates to Remember:

- **American Concrete Institute (ACI) - Atlantic Chapter Dinner Meeting.** Please advise Colin Dickson of your attendance by November 14th tel (902) 423-7317, fax (902) 429-6696 or cdickson@cement.ca. Topic: *Concrete Bridge Design & Construction*, Delta Hotel, Fredericton, NB, 6:00 for 7:00 pm, **November 17, 2005.**
- **APRMCA – CRMCA Concrete Delivery Professional (CDP) Program for Ready Mix Truck Drivers, November 19-20** at College of the North Atlantic, Corner Brook, NL; **November 26-27 at College of the North Atlantic, St. John's, NL.**
- **World of Concrete 2006**, please support CRMCA by registering by November 18, 2005 on a CRMCA registration form, **Source Code A12!** Las Vegas Convention Centre, January 17-20, 2006.
- **American Concrete Institute (ACI) - Atlantic Chapter Annual General Meeting**, Prince George Hotel, Halifax, NS, February 1-3, 2006.
- **APRMCA 40th Annual General Meeting & Convention**, Riu Negril Hotel, Negril, Jamaica, Sunday, February 26 - March 5, 2006.
- **Professional Promoters' Workshop 2006, sponsored by the North American Concrete Alliance**, registration & program details TBA, Sheraton City Center, St. Louis, Missouri, April 10-12, 2006.
- **CRMCA Semi-Annual Meeting**, Montreal, QC, May 5-6, 2006
- **Census of Canada**, see websites www.statscan.ca or www.census2006.ca, for acquisition of information fundamental to businesses, governments, NGO's & the general population, mandatory for all households, May 16, 2006.
- **APRMCA 1-day Workshop: The Do's & Don'ts of Concrete Repair:** materials, placing & finishing, repair products & more for floors, bridge decks, parking garages, marine & other exposed concrete, dates & locations TBA, tentatively March/April 2006.
- **APRMCA's 4th Concrete Pump Operators' Workshop & ACPA Certification/Recertification**, date & location TBA, tentatively March/April 2006.
- **2006 Memorial Scholarship** - Applications must be received by Friday, April 28, 2006. Eligibility is limited. Application forms and details will be available in January from the managers of APRMCA member companies, on the APRMCA website at www.aprmca.com; or from the APRMCA office, telephone (902) 443-4456; email: preddick@aprmca.com.

Condolences:

Our sincere sympathies go to **Lisa & Colin Dickson** and their family on the passing of Lisa's Dad, Hugh M. McDermid on November 14, 2005. Colin is with CAC, Halifax, NS. Deepest sympathies are extended to **Bernard Keefe**, and his family on the loss of his eldest brother in Toronto, ON, June 2005. Bernard is with CRM Ready Mix, Charlottetown, PE.

Congratulations and best wishes from APRMCA to:

- **Tom Ballantyne**, Lafarge Construction Materials on his promotion as Agilia Formulation Manager and transfer to Baltimore, Maryland. Thanks for your service to APRMCA and all the best for continued success!
- **Dr. Claude Bédard**, President, Euclid Admixture Canada Inc., St. Hubert, QC on receiving his PhD at Fall Convocation, Université de Sherbrooke, October 2005. Your expertise & comments are always welcome!
- **Paul Belliveau**, Moncton, NB whose 38 year career as New Brunswick Sales Representative with Lafarge Canada Inc., ends upon his retirement in January 2006. Wonderful for Paul & his wife, Pauline! Your golf game should really improve now!
- **Corey (Ashe) Boland, P.Eng.**, ADI Limited, Fredericton, NB on the occasion of her wedding last June.
- **Roger Bourque**, Moncton, NB on taking over as the Sales Representative for Lafarge Canada Inc. in New Brunswick. Roger has been with Lafarge since 1992, first as Maritime Sales & Distribution Manager, and since 2002 as Sales Manager, Eastern NB for Lafarge Construction Materials.
- **Mitchell Brooks**, Managing Partner, Sperry & Partners Ltd., Dartmouth, NS on being installed as President of the national organization, Construction Specifications Canada, at the CSC Annual Meeting in Edmonton, May 27, 2005. And to **Brian Colgan**, Project Manager, WHW Architects, Halifax, NS who was confirmed as Vice President-Membership for CSC national. Excellent voices for Atlantic Canada's specifications & spec writers!
- **Sharon & Derek Durdle**, St. Lawrence Cement, Corner Brook, NL on the birth of their grandson last summer.
- **Laura & Ryan Hunt**, Hunt's Concrete Supplies Ltd. on the occasion of their wedding in Grand Falls, NL, September 30th, 2005 and to **Bruce & Mary Hunt**, on gaining a daughter.
- **Terry Keiver**, new President of Atlantic Underground Services, Riverview NB who purchased the controlling interest in the company from founder, **Mac Dunfield** last summer. Both have offered tremendous expertise in their specialized areas of construction products & applications. Best wishes to you in your new endeavours.
- **Leanne & David Marcattili**, Sackville Concrete/Bedford Ready Mix, Bedford, NS on the adoption of their child in the fall of 2004.
- **Mark Munro**, on accepting the appointment as Technical Sales Representative, Pinnacle Agencies/Degussa/Master Builders, Dartmouth NS effective July, 2005.
- **Marcel Paré**, General Manager, Béton Brunswick Ltée., St. Jacques NB on his retirement, effective December 31, 2005. We hope to see you in the area doing a little contract work for the company in the summer, or at least on the golf course practicing your drives!
- **Harold & Joan Pinsent**, Stephenville, NL on the occasion of their retirement from the ready mix business. They sold Pinsent Concrete Limited last summer to Atlantic Ready Mix. Thank you for supporting APRMCA. Enjoy life!
- **Patricia Reddick**, APRMCA's Administrative Assistant, on the announcement of her engagement to Carl Wilson. Wonderful!
- **Jennifer J. Walsh**, Waverly, NS on becoming the Technical Sales Representative, Grace Canada Inc., effective September 1, 2005.
- **Bill Young**, President, Southwest Concrete & Construction Ltd., St. Stephen NB on coming through quadruple bypass surgery in August with flying colours. Godspeed for a full & speedy recovery!

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the competitive world of construction bidding. As soon as the French translation of the form is completed, it will be posted on the websites of the Canadian Construction Association, CRMCA and their member associations, and will be available from any APRMCA member.

Mel Fiander must be commended for negotiating both the format and content of the "Concrete Mix Data Submission Form" that soon will be in use across the country. Mel emphasizes that the use of the "Concrete Mix Data Submission Form" and the non-disclosure of mix proportions is an industry initiative, and not policies of CRMCA, although they are policies of at least one CRMCA member association. Individual ready mix companies must determine whether or not this option is a good business decision for them. However, the use of the new form provides a very practical solution to a sensitive area in the relationship between ready mix producers and their customers.

Ready mix producers are encouraged to begin working with their customers, and to familiarize themselves with the mutual benefits of using the new "Concrete Mix Data Submission Form." (Homework Assignment # 3)

There are many matters that are important to concrete producers, but the following one must be noted. APRMCA members are advised to contact their municipal and provincial transportation authorities to discuss the negative effects of alternative de-icing chemicals on our roads and sidewalks. Magnesium based de-icers in particular, and possibly other combinations of solid or liquid based chemical de-icers have gained rapid acceptance by transportation engineers. Regrettably these de-icers have lacked proper testing and evaluation of their effects on

our concrete infrastructure. Potentially, they represent an expensive threat to the durability of concrete infrastructure such as pavements, sidewalks and bridges. Research on alternative de-icers and de-icing techniques is being conducted by several authorities in the northern US and Canada, including Dr. R.D. Hooton, University of Toronto, who published a paper in May 2004 titled "Assessing the Impact of Using De-Icing Chemicals on Concrete." This article is available through the APRMCA office. The message to APRMCA members is to be aware of the potential devastating effects that alternative de-icing chemicals can have on your finished product, and to encourage the transportation authorities in your area to await the results of further testing before committing to these products for their winter road maintenance. (Homework Assignment # 4)

APRMCA continues to be the eyes, ears and mouth of its members on a wide range of issues, as you can see from this report, and the articles contained in this edition of the *Ready Mix News*. We want to hear from you about the matters that affect your business and our industry so we can do a better job of representing you. (Homework Assignment # 5)

My door is always open!

Sincerest best wishes from APRMCA and yours truly, through the balance of 2005 and for the New Year beyond.

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Newfoundland, St. John's, NL where he is in his first year in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science.

The APRMCA Memorial Scholarships were instituted in 2001 to assist dependents of employees of APRMCA member companies to further their studies in post-secondary education. APRMCA (\$1,000), Lafarge Canada Inc. (\$500) and St. Lawrence Cement Inc. (\$500) funded the scholarships this year.

Plans are now being made for the 2006 APRMCA Memorial Scholarships. Scholarship applications will be available early in the New Year, with an earlier spring submission deadline. This change will allow the scholarships to be presented at high school graduations.

The 2006 APRMCA Memorial Scholarships are dedicated to the memory of Allister Harlow of Sable River, N.S., who passed away in September 2004. Allister was a successful, well-respected businessman who enjoyed the company of his large family and many friends. He was an avid horseman and outdoorsman, and an active member of the communities in Shelburne County. He was the owner and president of Harlow Construction Ltd., Shelburne, which sustained a workforce of 15 to 20 people for 45 years. The company grew to include general construction, heavy equipment and ready mixed concrete. Allister Harlow was a member and supporter of APRMCA for more than 25 years.

