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MIXER TRUCK ROADEO NOVEMBER 10TH

On November 10th, 2004, VRMCA will host its Mixer Driver Rodeo at the Richmond Raceway (formerly the State Fair grounds).

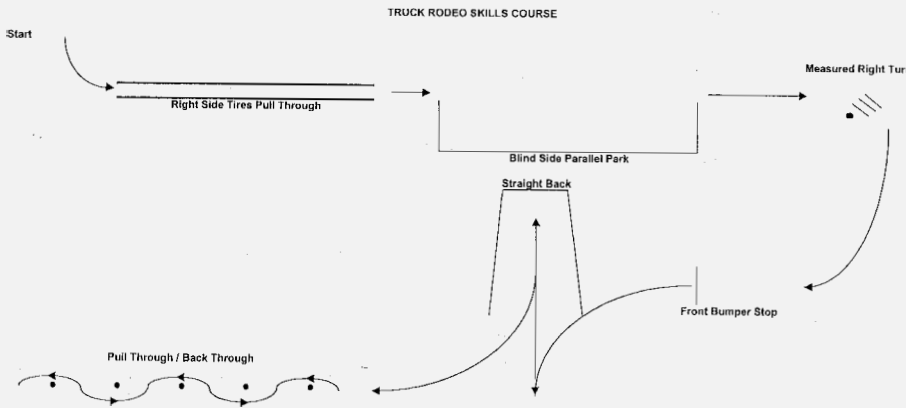
We look forward to this event to call attention to an industry that promotes safety, to promote safety to the ReadyMix drivers across the state and to honor the winner.

First prize will be \$500 plus a trip to the Spring Convention. Second place will be \$250.

The trucks used will be standard tandem axle units with automatic transmissions furnished by McNeilus and PeterBuilt of Richmond. The lowest overall time to run the course is the winner. Penalty time for hitting cones or barriers is added to the running time to determine net score.

Action Needed

1. Please commit your company to entering. Registration is only \$25 per driver. Limit two drivers for company. The test will consist of three parts—a written test, a pre-trip inspection, and a run through the course—see attached diagram.
2. Please consider being a \$500 sponsor of the event. Please call Vicki Stec at (434) 977-3716, if you want to be a sponsor.
3. Please return the enclosed registration form by November 1st to register your drivers. Space is limited to 24 drivers on a first-to-register basis. See course layout below:



- Obstacle 1 Right Side Tires Pull Through -** Dimensions (30' long x 21" wide) One marker every three feet (ten markers each side). Each marker standing represents 2 points.
- Obstacle 2 Blind Side Parallel Park -** Dimensions (Vehicle Length + 5' x 12') Truck must be placed within the marked boundaries without striking the markers. Hitting a marker or parking the vehicle outside the boundaries will result in 0 points. Successfully completing this obstacle will result in 40 points. Driver attempts to place rear wheel as close as possible to the obstacle without touching it. A total of 40 points will be awarded for passing 0-3 inches from the cone, 30 points for 4-6 inches, 20 points for 7-9 inches, 10 points for 10-12 inches and 0 points beyond 12 inches.
- Obstacle 3 Measured Right Turn -** Driver pulls forward and attempts to stop the truck with the bumper as close as possible to the marker without passing it. Points will be awarded in the same manner as obstacle 3.
- Obstacle 4 Front Bumper Stop -** Dimensions (50' long x 12' at entrance to 98' at rear stop) Driver backs the truck into the obstacle stopping when rear tires touch the rear marker. He must then exit the obstacle without striking any markers. Markers every 10' and worth 4 points each.
- Obstacle 5 Straight Back -** Dimensions (29' 2" between cones) Driver pulls through the obstacle and then must back through without touching the cones. 5 cones will be worth 8 points each forward, and 10 points each backing.
- Obstacle 6 Serpentine Forward and Back -**

UVa Dedicates Tilt-Up Memorial

By: Bob Nablo
Director of Industries Services,
Western Region

The University of Virginia School of Architecture recently dedicated a pair of outdoor classroom spaces constructed with tilt-up concrete and designed as a memorial to Eric Goodwin, a member of the



Architecture professor Peter Waldman, Dean Karen Van Lengen, student leader Justin Walton, Mr. Goodwin (father of Eric Goodwin), VRMCA's Peter Easter and architect Glen Stephens at the Eric Goodwin Passage Memorial dedication.

Class of 2002. Professor of Architecture Peter Waldman and his students, led by Justin Walton and Sam Beall, designed the project, named the Eric Goodwin Passage. Goodwin's classmates established The Eric Goodwin Memorial Fund to



Classmates of Eric Goodwin show their support by attending the dedication.

Sidewalk Design Change in Northern Virginia

By: Hessam Nabavi, R.A.,
Director of Industries Services, Northern Virginia

For months, we have been working with the Arlington County Urban Design Department to change its decades long standard sidewalk specification for commercial areas from pre-cast unit pavers to architectural concrete with colors and patterns.

After many meetings and a three-hour detailed seminar conducted by Tom Sparks of



Contractors demonstrate the earlier stages of the process.

Hunt Valley Contractors for about 12 engineers, planners and urban designers from Arlington County, we decided to pour some sample panels with patterns and colors.

This process will allow planners and engineers to experience different techniques and will help them with the design selections for their specification.

With the help of one of the local contractors, we scheduled a hands-on practice to develop architectural concrete samples.

We designated two days for this process, and Mike Newman of Virginia Concrete made the arrangements for the test location.

On the afternoon of Monday, September 20, concrete was poured in a 6'x40' form work to create the slab which was divided to four equal parts.

The borders then were smooth trowel finished. David Goodman of Arlington County, who has been leading this task, and a group of engineers and designers from Arlington County and the City of Alexandria were present. Our experienced contractor, Todd Schneider of Schneider Contracting Corp. then started his magic by using seamless textured rubber mat and roller to create the patterns and textures. He also used various techniques for applying different colors to the slab.



The finalization of the sidewalk is beginning to come into sight.

Goodman and his team were involved in the process by making suggestions and asking questions. On Tuesday, September 21 we all gathered in the afternoon at the site again to see the results.

We also watched as Schneider saw-cut the slab and sealed it with solid acrylic sealer. The result was impressive.



Onlookers are able to see the finished product of the process.

This exercise is going to help Arlington County to specify simple, but elegant architectural concrete patterns with colors.

The selections will be based on patterns and colors which are simple and could be duplicated by different contractors.

According to Goodman, his department is already sold on using concrete for the sidewalks. In my recent conversation with Goodman, he mentioned that they are planning to test this process on an actual 200 ft. sidewalk in Arlington County.

This will be the final step in the development of Arlington County's new sidewalk specification. I would like to thank Tom Sparks and Todd Schneider for their unconditional assistance and patronage to Northern Virginia Concrete Advisory Council.

In Memoriam: Mr. John Robert Walker

John Robert Walker (1932-2004)

On September 7, 2004, the long-time President of T&W Block, Mr. Bobby Walker, passed away at his residence on the Eastern Shore in Onancock, Virginia after losing his brave fight against lung cancer.

He is survived by two daughters, Genevieve Walker Morgan and Wendy Walker Graham, both of Onancock. Walker made many lifetime friends during his 47 years in the concrete & masonry industry and as a member of the VRMCA.



T&W Block in Onley and Cape Charles remains a family owned ready mix concrete and block manufacturer under existing management which includes Genevieve Walker Morgan, President; Tammy Hill, Vice-President; and Wendy Walker Graham, Secretary-Treasurer. They may be reached at 1-800-229-2565 or PO Box 487 Onley, VA 23418.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Friends of the Northampton Free Library-JR Walker Memorial Room, PO Box 661, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

Classified Job Posting

Operations Manager

Boxley, an established construction materials company, is seeking an Operations Manager responsible for directing the overall production activities for Boxley Concrete Products operations in Beckley/Summersville/Princeton/Bluefield. This individual needs previous industry and management experience, excellent knowledge of concrete industry, basic accounting/budgeting skills and hands on experience with plant/mobile equipment. Excellent benefit package includes health, dental, life and disability insurance, 401(k) and profit sharing. Please send resume to Director of Human Resources, PO Box 13527, Roanoke, VA 24035-3527, or email to: jkessinger@boxley.com no later than Friday, November 12, 2004. Equal Opportunity employer.

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Jeanne stopped the game, but.....

By: Hessam Nabavi, R.A.,
 Director of Industries Services, Northern Virginia

Tuesday, September 28th was the scheduled date for the Northern Virginia Concrete Advisory Council annual golf retreat at the beautiful Virginia Oaks Golf Course.

The invitations for this event were sent to architects, engineers and custom home builders some time ago, and we received numerous responses from the people who were going to attend this event.

All the details from room reservation and food



Attendees gain information on Insulating Concrete Forms through the presentations.

arrangements to seminar, speaker, literature and schedule of activities were worked out. The day was scheduled to start with an AIA accredited presentation about Insulating Concrete Forms (ICF), followed by lunch and a shot gun start at 1:00 pm.

Everything was ready and under control except the weather.

Even though it was pouring rain that day, around 9:00 AM people started to show up.

A good crowd of professionals were gathered in the meeting room for the presentation. The scheduled

speaker, Rory Ahern of Tara Contracting, is a very successful and experienced ICF contractor, who also conducts seminars at the regional and national level for ICF from New Jersey.

He used a combination of power point presentation and hands-on materials. As he was describing the process and the benefits of ICF, he was also demonstrating the ICF blocks, various wall systems and technical details.

During the presentation, he asked J. P. Brehony of Commonwealth Housing Corp., who is a custom home builder with experience in building ICF homes, to share his experiences with the audience.

The seminar was well received, and there were many questions from the attendees. The day was wrapped up with lunch and networking. Needless to say, no one played golf that day due to the weather conditions.

It is unfortunate that Jeanne stopped the game, but the good news is it could not stop the enthusiastic architects, engineers and builders from learning about how to design a safe, quiet and energy efficient building with Insulating Concrete Forms.

We would like to thank Rory Ahern for his unconditional devotion to the ICF industry and his ongoing assistance to Northern Virginia Concrete Advisory Council.



Rory Ahern of Tara Contracting informs his audience of Insulating Concrete Forms (ICF).



J.P. Brehony of Commonwealth Housing Corporation talks about his experience in building ICF homes.

SW Virginia Council Sponsors ACI Presentation

By: Bob Nablo
 Director of Industries Services, Western Region

Bob Neal, Technical Services Engineer for Lehigh Cement Company and longtime advisor to the concrete industry, recently presented a seminar on Supplemental Cementitious Materials at the Clarion Hotel in Roanoke. The seminar, sponsored by the Virginia Chapter of ACI and hosted by the SW Virginia Concrete Advisory Council, included a short reception for members and guests and a buffet dinner. Attendees included Virginia ACI Chapter board members, SW Council members, area contractors and Dr. Dale Buckner, VMI Department Head of Civil and Environmental



Members and guests enjoy dinner and conversation at the ACI presentation.

Engineering, with two VMI engineering students. Despite the fairly technical nature of the subject there were many questions about concrete mix designs and the substitution of various cementitious materials for Portland Cement. Neal's extensive experience in the industry and his position on ACI committees give him the ability to respond clearly and fully to complicated questions, and a sense of humor keep discussions lively.

Virginia ACI hopes to sponsor another dinner/seminar this year with the help of VRMCA's Blue Ridge Council.

Memorial

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support faculty and student design/build projects to be installed at UVA's Campbell Hall.

The project was made possible with considerable assistance from Gus Lorber and Allied Concrete Co., Peter Easter and VRMCA, and architect R. Glen Stephens, among others. The memorial consists of two tilt-up concrete panels with supporting structures, benches and working areas located adjacent to the North Terrace.

Peter Easter, School of Architecture Dean Karen Van Lengen, Dr. Waldman, Glen Stephens and VRMCA field representatives Bob Nablo, Keith Beazley, and Hessam Nabavi all attended the dedication.

Highway Construction Funding Campaign

VRMCA, the Virginia Aggregates Association, the Virginia Road and Transportation Builders Association, and others are sponsoring a campaign to educate the public on the need for a long term reliable source of highway construction funding.

Part of this statewide effort is to develop a wide ranging coalition of supporters.

It does not cost anything, but we would like to add your company's name and the name of any groups of businesses in your market to the coalition roster.

Please fill out and return the enclosed form for your company, and photocopy for use by others that you recruit.



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Statement in Support of finding solutions to Virginia's Transportation Crisis

It's time. Virginia is facing a transportation-funding problem of crisis proportions. More than a billion dollars were recently cut from the state's transportation program. If not addressed, this will negatively impact the quality of life of every Virginian for years to come and therefore must be brought to the forefront.

The Commonwealth simply **must** have increased funding for all modes of transportation. While it is the responsibility of the General Assembly to determine the degree of funding, it is absolutely essential that it be a long-term, reliable source dedicated to transportation.

Therefore, _____
joins *Virginians for Better Transportation* in an effort to increase awareness of the impending transportation-funding crisis in Virginia and encourage that appropriate solutions be identified and implemented immediately.

Signature

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