



Concrete Conveyor

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American Concrete Institute
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Joint Meeting with SEAOSC

DINNER MEETING

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Wednesday, May 7, 2008



Luminarias Restaurant
3500 Ramona Blvd.



Monterey Park, CA 91754

3:30 p.m. - Seminar

5 p.m. - Social Hour (No Host Bar)

6 p.m. - Dinner

7 p.m. - Program

Our May 7 annual joint meeting with Structural Engineers Association of Southern California (SEAOSC) includes a Practical Design & Detailing (PD&D) Seminar as well as a Dinner Meeting. The seminar topic will be *"Techniques and Design Considerations for Strengthening Existing Concrete Structures"* by Jay Thomas and Nils Fox of Structural Preservation Systems. Following dinner, *"Case Studies on Seismic Retrofits of Concrete Structures"* by Chukwuma Ekwueme, S.E., Weidlinger Associates will be presented. All ACI members are entitled to attend at the SEAOSC member rate.

Download Registration Form:<http://www.acisocal.org/Committees/Newsletters/>

President's Message

Everyone! I saw many of you at the ACI National Convention in L.A. and I was glad you were there! The event was well attended, well planned and seamless including the blue shirts seen wandering about the ballroom at the mixer. Our convention committees put together a successful and classy event.

By the way, I have to be honest: I'm disappointed...your chapter is in need of a vibrant, energetic leader of the membership/hospitality committee and we can't seem to find anyone. Could it be you? We need to grow our membership consistently and we want active members, including contractors and equipment suppliers. Contact me if you think you can help, or get in touch with someone through our web-site: www.ascisocal.org.

You'll have to check the web-site for all the events we have planned this year including ALL certification training we offer because we don't mail the **Conveyor** anymore. The calendar is regularly updated on-line so you can plan on how to benefit from what ACI has to offer. The **Conveyor** will be accessible on our web-site.

How's your concrete lately? Is it performing well or just barely? Maybe it needs a tune-up or a complete overhaul. ACI members have access to a built in trouble-shooting network available to them whereby many of members have "been there, done that" and we can help you solve many concrete problems to improve your concrete's performance. But you have to know who ACI members are...go to www.acisocal.org, click on members and find some help. At our last meeting in Diamond Bar I heard two chemical admix experts working together on a precast concrete problem they thought they could fix, I was involved in a high volume fly ash aggregate performance discussion (take more sand out of the mix!) and at least one color expert was explaining a new solids formulation. All this before we even started the meeting!

Before I forget, we (Ken Sears and Cliff Ohwiler) are fine-tuning the accelerated flatwork finisher certification and hope to offer the class lecture and test in ONE DAY! I think contractors associated with the concrete trades will be very eager to fill these classes quickly and many of the professional concrete trouble shooters will definitely want to get certified to add to their expertise

We invite you to join us for the joint ACI-SEAOSC meeting in Monterey Park on May 7 where you can rub elbows with some of Southern California's finest engineers and specifiers. After that and just a little over a week later we hit Green River for our annual Fun Day (with golf clubs) on May 15. Grab a customer and sign up on-line today. Pat Murena's committee is actively looking for volunteers, raffle prize donations and of course golfers.

And then in June our goal is to attract 100 people to our LUNCH meeting June 19th in Anaheim Hills at the Foxfire restaurant. This event has been carefully planned to accommodate contractors and others that find it difficult to attend a dinner meeting. The "Back to Basics" program should be interesting, engaging and formatted for a quick paced presentation.

Drop me a line anytime at ddecarlo@headwaters.com

Drew DeCarlo

CALENDAR



MAY

- Apr. 23, 26, 30
& May 3 Field Test Technician Certification Class
East LA Skills Center, Los Angeles
- 6 Board of Directors Meeting
ACISCC Offices, Whittier
- 7 Joint Chapter Dinner with SEAOSC
Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park
- 15 Annual Field Day
Green River Golf Course, Corona

JUNE

- 4, 7, 11, 14 Field Test Technician Certification Class
Twining Labs, Long Beach
- 9 ACE Mentor Banquet
LA Convention Center, South Lobby
- 19 Chapter Luncheon
Foxfire Restaurant, Anaheim Hills

For detailed information, please visit <http://www.acisocal.org/Calendar/>



New ACISCC Members

Pollard, Jeff; Vulcan Materials Co., Irwindale. pollardj@vmcmail.com

Chapter News

Flatwork Finisher Certification Program

Attention to all members interested in getting your Flatwork Finishing and Technician Certification. It was brought to the board of director's attention that many people intent on getting their Flatwork Technician and Flatwork Finishing certification would wait for the World of Concrete programs to get certified because of the shorter 2-day program. The ACI Southern California Chapter is looking into streamlining the local certification program. We hope to soon be moving forward with a 4-hour class followed by the test schedule. This is in the planning stage and may soon be announced. Stay tuned.

Outstanding Chapter Award

Congratulations to the ACI Southern California Chapter being named one of the 'ACI Outstanding Chapter of 2007'. This award recognizes the ACI Southern California Chapter at having attained the highest level of achievements in chapter activities. We can take pride in knowing that we are one of only 14 ACI Chapters receiving this award for 2007. The chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank all members that put the extra effort into making our chapter one of the best. Look for the special banner and award to be at our next chapter meeting and at the Green River Golf tournament (May 15th).

ACI FUN DAY

**GREEN RIVER Golf Club – CORONA, California
Thursday – May 15, 2008**

Dear Colleagues,

It's time once again to come together and support our Southern California ACI Chapter. In order to ensure that May 15, 2008 is a day filled with fun and excitement. I'M sincerely hoping you can join us on the 2008 Golf Committee. We have need for all levels of volunteers from Check-in to Raffle Ticket Sales, Closest-To-The-Pin Chaperone, Photographer or just plain-ole "All Around Help". Whether you plan to golf also or can help for a part of or throughout the day, please join us!

If you or your company would like to offer a raffle prize we would appreciate your support.

We really do need your support to continue the success we have seen in previous years. Please e-mail me with your answer ASAP, so we can fill out our schedule for the day. Thank you, your support is very much needed and appreciated. If you're not golfing and can help, dinner is on us!

Pat Murena
ACI Southern California Chapter Golf Committee Chairman
pmurena@solomoncolors.com

Download the Field Day Registration Form: <http://www.acisocal.org/Committees/ACIGOLFLYER>

2008 Spring Convention

All of us at the ACI Southern California Chapter would like to express our appreciation for the outstanding effort Kirk McDonald and Chris Forster put into organizing our chapter's presence hosting the ACI International 2008 Spring Convention. We applaud their time and effort and those of the committee members in putting together a world-class convention held in Los Angeles. The presentation the committee put on at the local dinner meeting was also useful for first time attendees. Thank you for a job well done!

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001 is Gary Kirk, Griff Sparks, Raybun Lewis, Ken Sears and an unidentified Glacier Northwest man.

003 is Rob Graine, Quinn McQuire, Robert Shafer, Howard Lux and Pat Murena.



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ACE Mentor Banquet June 9

Save This Date

The ACE Mentor Banquet will be held June 9 at the L.A. Convention Center South Lobby. The ACE Mentor program gives financial scholarships to college-bound high school students interested in pursuing a career in architecture, construction and engineering. For more information and/or reservations to attend the banquet contact Don Gilbert at aciscc@aol.com.

Conveyor Newsletter Goes Online Your Email Address is Needed!

The Chapter Board of Directors decided at their January meeting that the March Conveyor issue will be the last hard copy newsletter issue mailed to the ACISCC membership and that in the future, members will be sent an email with a link alerting them to the posting of the current issue on the Chapter Website at www.acisocal.org.

Therefore, please update your email address with the Chapter office by sending an email to aciscc@aol.com. This will ensure that you will continue to receive vital Chapter information in a timely manner.

American Concrete Institute, Southern California Chapter 2008 Chapter Committees

AWARDS - John Halverson

EDUCATION - Jeff Ferris

FIELD DAY - Pat Murena

MEMBERSHIP - Bob Shafer, Howard Garcia

NOMINATIONS - Ken Sears

STUDENT ACTIVITIES - Josh Hamilton

TECHNICAL - John Henkels

2008 CONVENTION - Kirk McDonald & Chris Forster

PROGRAM - Pat Murena

PUBLICITY - Jim Miles

CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:

STRENGTH TESTING - Robert Shafer

FLATWORK FINISHER - Cliff Ohlwiler

FIELD TESTING - Rod Elderton &

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