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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOHN LAMBERT
STONE RESTORATION OF AMERICA



Welcome everyone to spring. For all of us who earn the majority of our income working outdoors this is a welcome event, particularly after the cold and wet winter that we have had. Here's to 40° and rising.

Thanks to everyone who attended the spring conference in Durham and contributed to a near record attendance. The speakers were extremely informative and packed the day with education for all of us. Thanks to Gregg, Aixi, and Khaled for doing a fabulous job furthering our knowledge of structural strengthening. Mark your calendars for October 8, 9 and 10 to be in the historic city of Charleston, SC at which time the ICRI Carolinas Fall Conference will feature historic restoration projects

I am pleased to see so many registered for the Clay shoot on April 16. The joint golf outing is being held on May 14th in Graham and I hope to see all of you there. Both events are jointly sponsored by the WPA and ICRI Carolinas to raise money for our college scholarship funds. Both are great opportunities to get together with your peers and "brag" about how wonderful business is.

Speaking of the economic times, I have learned to take a folding chair to pre-bid meetings so I have a place to sit if I can get in the room. All kidding aside these are challenging times for all of us. We need to work much harder to get less. There are opportunities out there but you need to look outside the box to take advantage of them. I think as an association now more than ever we should strive to do business with our association members when possible. Working together we have a much better chance to prosper. We also must be aware that there is much discussion in Washington to make it much more difficult to own and run a small business. Drill down to the details of all these lofty spending packages and you will see that the burden of paying for these will fall on small business along with the burden to support those much less ambitious. Stay abreast of the news and let your representatives know how you feel.

Enjoy the spring and tell all your associates about the upcoming ICRI fall conference.

John

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SPRING CONFERENCE: HOME RUN!!!

Slow economy...recession....where??!! The 2009 Carolinas Chapter Spring Conference was packed on Friday: 65 attendees, 8 tabletops, 6 Platinum sponsors and 17 total sponsors and a packed house at the Thursday membership reception at the new Hilton Garden Inn at Southpoint Mall in Durham!! Thanks to our outstanding collection of speakers and thanks to all of you who made this conference so successful.

And we're already starting to work on the 2009 Fall Convention to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott - Mount Pleasant in Charleston, SC October 8-10, 2009; the theme will be Historic Preservation. Mark your calendar now.



ICRI CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS: SPREAD THE WORD



Education Committee Chairman Jeff Molby requests your assistance in announcing our \$1500 student scholarship, to be awarded this spring. Please pass the information along to anyone who is an engineering student who might be interested in applying.

Full details on the scholarship and the rules are on the chapter website. Applications and submissions are done online at icricarolinas.org, just click on the "2009 Chapter Scholarship" link. We appreciate your assistance in making this scholarship known by posting and/or distributing this information to eligible students.

The scholarship is targeted for Juniors and Seniors, but all levels are eligible and encouraged to apply. The application deadline is April 24, 2009. For more details contact Jeff Molby, Sutton-Kennerly & Associates, Charlotte, office: (704) 424-9663 or mobile: (704) 617-0279; email: jbm@suttonkennerly.com

CHARLESTON, SC IN THE FALL; MARK IT NOW IN INK

Mark your calendar now for the 2009 Carolinas Chapter Fall Convention, Thursday evening, October 8 through noon on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The HQ hotel will be the Courtyard by Marriott-Mount Pleasant, a great hotel where we held the very popular and successful Spring 2008 Conference. The theme will be Historical Preservation and the Board thinks this will be one of the most entertaining and informative topics in recent years.



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT-MOUNT PLEASANT

The Second Annual ICRI / WCA Spring Classic Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 14 at the Challenge Golf Course located at Hideaway Farms in Graham, NC.....a great course. This 6935-yard championship par 72 layout features some of the most beautiful holes in all of golf. The course was created by Larry Waggoner and built on wooded rolling farmland adjacent to the Haw River. The farmland was part of the Waggoner family Farm (Hideaway Farms) and provides a scenic splendor of stunning natural beauty.

It was Voted 2nd Best New Course in North Carolina by NC Magazine, and received Best New Public Course in the Piedmont by Carolinas Magazine. The Challenge is currently rated Four-Stars by Golf Digest and is consistently recognized as one of the Top 50 courses in North Carolina. Registration details and online registration at www.icricarolinas.org.



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CHAPTER PROJECT OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES ANNOUNCED

It's that time of year to make your plans to submit an entry in the Carolinas Chapter Project of the Year. The process has been simplified and shortened and the criteria has expanded so Masonry projects are now being accepted; the winning project will get a free 2010 Platinum Sponsorship. Application and guidelines on the website at www.icricarolinas.org.

THANK YOU FACULTY FOR A JOB WELL DONE!



It was a great Spring Conference and much of the credit goes to our outstanding line-up of speakers:

Dr. Aixi Zhou of UNC-Charlotte
Gregg Blaszak of Metromont
Khaled El-Domiaty of BakerRisk.

Thank you, gentlemen for sharing your knowledge and expertise.

GREAT (FUN + FACULTY + FACILITY)



Chapter Treasurer John MacDougall and Secretary Jim Hadley work on reports at the Board of Directors meeting.



Board member Doug Saunders appears amused; was it something President John Lambert said, or just the Duke T-shirt?



Casey Chandler of W.R. Meadows and Doug Saunders of Guaranteed Supply sample the catered spread in the Membership Reception.



Board member Keith Harrison of Capital Restoration welcomes Bill Fortuna of Quikrete and Jim Brunson of Bessco



Chapter Board member Dan Bueker of BASF conducts a quality control check on the bartender and her products.



Guest Speaker Khaled El-Domiaty of BakerRisk is welcomed by Chapter President John Lambert and national ICRI Board member Don Ford.



Board members Doug Saunders and Tara Cavalline visit with Bill Fortuna while the NCAA Sweet Sixteen plays out on the big screen.



Chris Phillips of Hazen-Sawyer gets set up for a day packed with info.



C.A. Lindman's Jay Whitton, a guest from the ICRI Baltimore-Washington Chapter visits with Bill Murchison with the NC Dept of Insurance.



Roger Koehler of DKE Construction and Hayes Thompson of Heard Ratzlaff Construction are in their seats early and are ready for action.



Past Chapter President Carlton Steinmetz of Guaranteed Supply welcomes engineer Rick Nuhn



Carolina Concrete System's Bob Wiggins introduces his company to Gabriel Molina of Arcadis.

= ONE GREAT CONFERENCE



Jim Brunson of Bessco and Walter Starke of Tucker Kirby were part of the good turn-out from the Charlotte area.



Multi-tasking in the morn; Casey Chandler is on the phone and computer early in the morning.



Smiling faces all around at C.A. Lindman from Ben Smith, Richard Wood and Don Ford.



Part of the packed house of 65 attendees at the Spring Conference.



Caroline Lindsey of Anderson Jones Law Offices and B.G. Flanders of Salem Contracting are zeroed in on the discussions.



Gregg Blaszk has a full house for his opening presentation on Carbon FRP Grids.



UNC Charlotte Engineering Professor Dr. Aixi Zhou gave a detailed presentation on Fire Protection.



Chapter Secretary Jim Hadley of Sika enthusiastically answers a question from Russell Hill of Tower Engineering.



An ICRI double team: Gregg Blaszk and Dr. Aixi Zhou team up to get the presentations cued up.



The group loved Khaled El-Domiati of Baker-Risk's Blast Protection presentation....great videos of things blowing up.



Great grub....everyone loved the super lunch of salmon and chicken served up by the Summit Hospitality Group.



Lunch was a perfect time to ask a few extra questions from presenters as Jerry Vance chats with Dr. Aixi Zhou.

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KEY CHAPTER MEETING DATES

April 22-24	ICRI National Spring Convention	Minneapolis, MN
May 14	ICRI/WCA Golf Tournament (Graham)	The Challenge, Hideaway Farms
June 25	Board Meeting – Dunhill Hotel, Charlotte	11:00a Fall Conference Finalized
October 8	Board Meeting – Marriott Courtyard - Mt. Pleasant	4:00p Pre-Convention Meeting
October 9-10	Chapter Fall Convention – Marriott Courtyard	Mt. Pleasant, SC
Oct 21- 23	ICRI Fall Convention	Tempe, AZ
Nov 10 (Tues)	Board Meeting – Raleigh	2010 Budget/Spring Conference
April 15-16, 2010	ICRI National Spring Convention	Myrtle Beach, SC

May 14 - ICRI/WCA Golf Tournament - Sign Up Today!



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