



CRSI Regional Update

Great Lakes Region

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Great Lakes Fall Seminar Series

With the full support of the Region Advisory Board, the Great Lakes will be hosting two educational seminars this fall. The seminars will be held in Detroit on Thursday October 29th and Indianapolis on Friday October 30th. Discussions are also underway with the Structural Engineers Associations of Michigan and Indiana regarding efforts to jointly sponsor these events. The two meetings will feature presentations on the future of Building Information Modeling and ACI 318 Appendix D, Anchorage to Concrete.

The four hour meetings will feature a presentation by Jeffrey Cochrane, Director, Software Design for CRSI member company, aSa and a presentation by Neal Anderson, Vice President of Engineering for CRSI.

As the seminars will be attended by members of the local design and construction industry, this will be the ideal location for you to network. I hope to see you there!

Hot Off The Press!

On Tuesday, September 15th, CRSI will be presenting "Concrete Constructability and Case Studies in High Performance Concrete" to the Structural Engineers Association of Michigan, West Michigan Chapter at their monthly lunch meeting in Grand Rapids. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Tony Johnson for more information.

New Member Presentation Made

Advanced Rebar Applications became a CRSI member in late 2008, however, it was not until recently that Erik Polkowski and Tony Johnson could meet up for the presentation of the CRSI membership plaque. The presentation was made during an in-house technical presentation at the offices of Bergmann Associates in Rochester New York on August 6th 2009. Welcome (finally) as a new CRSI Member!

"Advanced Rebar Applications is an independent outside detailing and estimating firm located near Buffalo, NY. Operations began in January 2008. Over 200 different projects totaling more than 15 million pounds of reinforcing steel have been detailed or estimated in that time. The staff of Advanced Rebar Applications are active in the CRSI committees and are committed to the development and promotion of the industry."



Mark Kulzer, Klein Reinforcing and Tony Johnson, CRSI present a CRSI Membership Plaque to Erik Polkowski of Advanced Rebar Applications

Fall Regional Meeting, It's Not Too Late!

Think about the great networking opportunities that you will have when you join the Reinforcing Steel Industry in Louisville. In addition to business meetings, social events, and golf, this year we will offer a half day tour of a horse park and winery including lunch for those not partaking in golfing activities. Please contact Tony Johnson if you are interested in attending but have not yet made a reservation.

2009 Summer Business Meeting

The Great Lakes Region held their summer business meeting at the beautiful Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 9th. A total of 32 members attended the meeting which featured a 2 hour Great Lakes Region Board Meeting, B.B.Q. lunch on the patio, and a round of golf. During the Board Meeting, CRSI Great Lakes Region Manager, Tony Johnson reviewed planning activities for upcoming region events, including the 2009 and 2010 Fall Regional Meetings.



CRSI Great Lakes Region Members discuss planning for upcoming Region events and progress on the 2009 Promotional Plan during the Summer Business Meeting

From a promotional prospective, Tony reviewed progress made to date on the 2009 promotional plan and outlaid the plans for the remainder of 2009. Some of the key promotional efforts for the second half of the

year include the recommencement of a CRSI seminar series, increased involvement with local Universities, and a greater focus on engaging the Concrete Contractors into the CRSI promotional efforts. Additionally, Tony proposes to work closer with allied industry associations in an effort to enhance the reach of the CRSI message through joint programs and meetings.

Following the fantastic B.B.Q. lunch, six foursomes took to the course.

Congratulations to group of Steve Stainslaw, John Pratt, Kevin Thompson and Ryan Pelter for registering the lowest score in the scramble. Also, from the same foursome, to John Pratt and Steve Stainslaw for taking the two "Longest Putt" prizes.



Tom Burton tees off as Dan Bourdon, Jason Balogh, and Mike Lowe look on

Thank you to Mark Overhiser and Tracy May from Rebar Corp of Indiana for hosting this event at their Golf Club.

Student Involvement Ramps Up

As schools get back into session this Fall, CRSI is stepping up the involvement with students at the major Universities in the Region. From in-class presentations to providing samples and literature; this work is vital in order to provide the tools and techniques for today's students who will become the architects, designers, and constructors of tomorrow's buildings and infrastructure.

In-House Technical Presentations

Over the past several months, interest in CRSI technical presentations has been strong. Presentations have been made in Southeastern Michigan, Kentucky, Central Indiana, Central Ohio, Northern Ohio, Southern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, and Upstate New York. A total of 15 in-house presentations were made in June, July and August.



Mario Garza from Barton Malow talks to Architects and Engineers from Harley Ellis Devereaux on June 24th during a CRSI In-House Technical Presentation

At many of these recent presentations, CRSI members have attended and participated in the presentation. Thanks to the following for their help over the past few months:

- Greg Blum, Gerdau Ameristeel at C&I Engineering in Louisville, KY
- Ray Sullivan, Meadow Burke at Jacobs Engineering in Cincinnati, OH
- Chuck Restelli, Simpson Reinforcing at Atlantic Engineering in Pittsburgh, PA
- Steve Sieracke, Sawyer Steel at SSOE in Toledo, OH
- Mario Garza, Barton Malow at Harley Ellis Devereaux in Southfield, MI
- Jason Barnstable, Ambassador Steel at Robert Darvas Associates in Ann Arbor, MI
- Matt Hedke, Barton Malow at Ruby + Associates in Farmington Hills, MI

- Mark Kulzer, Klein Reinforcing & Erik Polkowski, Advanced Rebar Applications at Bergmann Associates in Rochester, NY
- Sam Conley & John Gorczynski, Whitacre Engineering at John P. Stopen in Syracuse, NY



Mark Kulzer from Klein Reinforcing describes the fabrication process to Bergmann Associates on August 6th during a CRSI In-House Technical Presentation

If you are interested in networking with your local Design & Engineering community, please contact Tony Johnson to get involved with presentations in your area. Meetings will take place in Pittsburgh, Kentucky, and Upstate New York in September and throughout Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana in October.

CRSI and the Ohio Structural Engineers

On October 13th and 14th, Neal Anderson, CRSI's VP of Engineering, and Tony Johnson will be presenting to the Ohio Structural Engineers Association. CRSI will be providing all the technical content for the October dinner meetings which will be held in Cleveland on the 13th and Cincinnati on the 14th.

The Cincinnati meeting will be hosted by Contractors Materials Company and tours of the fabrication shop will be made available to meeting attendees prior to the technical presentations. Thanks to Bill Luken and Dave Friedman for providing the space for this meeting.

Inaugural CRSI Purdue Scholarship

The CRSI Education and Research Foundation has selected the recipient of the inaugural annual Purdue scholarship. The award ceremony will take place on October 1st in West Lafayette, IN. The recipient has a 3.90 GPA and is focusing their studies in structures.

Upcoming Events

- Structural Engineers Association of Michigan, West Michigan Chapter “Concrete Constructability and Case Studies in High Performance Concrete” September 15th Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Structural Engineers Association of Ohio Meetings “CRSI Night”
 - October 13th Cleveland, Ohio
 - October 14th Cincinnati, Ohio
- CRSI Fall 2009 Seminar Series
 - October 29th Detroit, Michigan
 - October 30th Indianapolis, Indiana
- Structural Engineers Association of Michigan, East Michigan Chapter “Concrete Constructability and Case Studies in High Performance Concrete” Fall 2009 Farmington Hills, Michigan
- ACI Greater Miami Valley Chapter Meeting “Concrete Roundtable” November 4th Cincinnati, Ohio
- Joint ACI Greater Michigan Chapter and Structural Engineers Association of Michigan Meeting “Burj Dubai, The World’s Tallest Building” Tuesday November 17th Farmington Hills, Michigan

FYI 2010 Fall Regional Meeting

The 2010 Great Lakes Fall Regional Meeting will be held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. As you may know, beginning on June 1, 2009, if you are traveling across the US/Canada border by air, land or sea you will be required to present an approved travel document, most typically a passport.

Next Region Board Meeting

The next meeting of the CRSI Great Lakes Region Advisory Board is scheduled for 4:00pm at the Marriott Louisville Downtown, Salon A. All members are welcome to attend if interested.

Is Everyone Getting The News?

The best way to ensure that you and your associates know what CRSI is doing for you is to stay informed through our national and regional newsletters.

Shop Talk and Regional Updates like this one keep you up to date on CRSI Chapter, Regional, and National activities as well as special opportunities to learn best practices in a wide range of topics such as shop production, safety, marketing, human resources and training.

As a CRSI member you have exclusive access to these valuable resources.

Take full advantage of them by sharing this newsletter with your associates and their contact information with us.

Please distribute to members only.

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Thanks for your continued support!

