

CHAPTER NEWS

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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Welcome to the “dog days of summer!” The rain is (finally) coming to an end here in the great State of Texas, work has been delayed, but few deadlines have changed—sound familiar? And you folks up north of the Mason Dixon line have an even harder time fitting all the required work into a shorter work season. Because of this, I know many chapters forego scheduling meetings during the summer months to help member companies maximize their work efforts. But there are easy ways to stay in touch with your fellow ICRI members during the summer season. Listening to ideas contributed during some of the many Regional Roundtable meetings I have attended, I have learned that some chapters hold happy hours at the end of the week during the busy summer months to stay in touch with members. Other chapters that may have access to lakes, rivers or the ocean schedule dinner cruises for members and their spouses. To avoid the heat of the summer, southern chapters hold (indoor) bowling events—nothing like working up a sweat in air-conditioned comfort! Major and minor league baseball games provide great opportunities to gather the entire family together with your fellow ICRI members. In cooler climates, golf tournaments and sporting clay events abound to mix and mingle with chapter compadres.

Regardless of the activity, it is important to publicize your chapter's upcoming events by keeping your ICRI website up to date. If your chapter maintains its own website, make sure you have a link to it on the ICRI website, and keep your events current!! Post pictures and write-ups from your previous events to show the comradery that can be had by being an ICRI member! And, by all means, forward your calendar items and articles/photos from past events to Dale Regnier (daler@icri.org) for inclusion in the next edition of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*. Remember, there are Chapter Award points to be had for keeping your website up to date and for *CRB* Chapter News articles!

During the recent months, we have been working with ICRI Technical Director Ken Lozen and Ewald Certification Manager Jessica Truhler to develop ways for chapters to host re-certification exams for Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Technicians whose certifications are expiring. In addition, we are looking at ways for chapters to host performance exams for the new Concrete Surface Repair Technician Certification Program—details to follow. Visit the ICRI website for updates.

While doing our best Maverick impression during the summer months (i.e., “doing Mach-2 with your hair on fire”), Fall will be here before you know it. Chapters in the northeast portion of North America should be planning to designate attendees to participate in the Regional Roundtable meetings scheduled for Philadelphia in early October. Best to get commitments early!

And, if you are like me, I know you are looking forward to the Fall Convention in Cleveland, November 9-11, especially the Northern Ohio Chapter event at the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame—WHOOHOO! Line up your Chapter Delegate!

Until then...may your days be sunny, productive and FUN from here on out!



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