

FOUNDATION *news*

Education Programs and World of Concrete Await Members and Their Families

For all those attending this year's Mid-Year Meeting and Annual World of Concrete Convention there are hundreds of activities. Although Las Vegas is known as the Adult Playground of the World, from February 4th through the 7th, 2003 the city will be the center of the waterproofing and structural repair industry. This unique opportunity for NAWSRC members and their families should not be missed.

World of Concrete, together with the World of Masonry, is the ultimate showcase for the equipment, products and technology in the commercial construction industry.

Location

The 2003 show will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev.

Exhibit Dates

Show dates are February 4-7, 2003. The exhibit hall will be open from 9:30 am to 5 pm February 4-6 and 9:30 am to 1 pm on February 7.

The Exhibitors

More than 1,700 manufacturers and exclusive distributors will display equipment, tools and accessories for concrete construction, concrete repair, masonry construction, and ready mix, precast and prestressed production.

Seminar Program

Featuring the most respected educational program in the industry, World of Concrete and World of Masonry will present 90 focused three-hour sessions in eight specialized tracks. Sessions cover every segment of your business—construction techniques, repair methods, safety, business management and more.

Rio Suites Hotel & Casino Awaits Conventioneers

Join us at "Carnivale"

Welcome to the Rio Suites Hotel & Casino, headquarters for the association's 2003 Mid Year Meeting. The Rio stands in a class by itself. The beautiful hotel-casino offers the extravagance of suite living, the excitement of first-class shows and lounges, the action of non-stop gaming, and the luxuries of the world's top resorts.

The only all-suite hotel casino resort in the world, the Rio hosts more than 2,500 suites, each providing spectacular views of Las Vegas. Every suite offers more than 600 square feet of spacious luxury, with amenities that include a separate dressing area, couch, table with chairs, drip coffee-maker, hair dryer, in-suite refrigerator, iron, ironing board and complimentary in-suite safe.

The Rio has established some of the highest standards in the world for its resort, and gaming is certainly no exception. Discover how gaming at the Rio is an experience all its own. The Rio's first-class amenities include more than 120,000 square feet of casino floor, hosting some 2,500 slot machines and more than 100 table games, as well as a full-service race and sports book and poker room.

Masquerade Village

Experience the excitement of Brazil's Carnivale and see the all-new Masquerade Show In The Sky, Las Vegas' best FREE show! The Show in the Sky performs seven times daily in the Rio's Masquerade Village, featuring state-of-the-art floats that suspend from the ceiling and parade above the casino floor.

The show evokes the electrifying and colorful atmosphere of Carnivale as performers clad in exotic masks and brilliant costumes entertain with exciting music and dance!

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NAWSRC SEMINARS

At the core of any successful association meeting are the education opportunities available to the members. This year's meeting has scheduled two extraordinary days of seminars.

All NAWSRC seminars will be held in Room N256 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

Warranties-Hal Klaus 3:00-4:00 pm
Concrete Spalls-Rafael Rivas 4:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mold Remediation-Mike Trotter 3:00-4:00 pm
Employee Leasing-David Brinker 4:00-5:00 pm

"Warranties" Hal Klaus, CWS

Hal Klaus is a Certified Waterproofing Specialist. He is currently serving as Treasurer of the NAWSRC.

What is a warranty? What is a guarantee? What's the difference between an "Express" and "Implied" warranty? The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act. What does the FTC require on a warranty to conform to the Act? What's the difference between a "Full": and "Limited" warranty? How can I limit my exposure?

"Concrete and Masonry Spall Repair" Rafael Rivas, CAWS

Mr. Rivas has been in the above grade waterproofing and structural restoration profession for over 20 years.

Conventional repair methods for problems not warranting cathodic protection. This form of restoration may involve the removal of concrete, the cleaning and protection of exposed steel, or replacement of rebar in isolated areas. Mr. Rivas' seminars are always a wealth of information.

"Air Quality/Mold and Mildew Control" Mike Trotter, CWS

Mike has owned and managed Trotter Company in Atlanta for more than 30 years.

"How do we get rid of that moldy smell?" "What do I do about the mildew stains? Today, we can give our customers hope in combating this contemporary problem. This is the HOT TOPIC of the building and waterproofing industry. Don't miss this!

"The Benefits of Partnering with a Human Resources Management Organization" David A. Brinker

David is co-owner and CEO of The Varsity Group, a Human Resource Management Organization.

Highlighted in the seminar will be healthcare in 2003 and beyond, the need for better Human Resources Management in companies and the increasing cost of running your own small business. Partnering with a HRM organization can help to increase your sales, lower your bottom line and allow you to focus on your core revenue. Don't miss this opportunity to get some great information on helping your organization manage its people, time, and peace of mind better.

Get yourself some toys For the New Year

Smaller and lighter is an ongoing trend in electronics. These days, you can tote a digital recorder for job notes in one shirt pocket and digital camera for jobsite documentation in another as well as put a flat panel monitor on your desk, saving space all around. Here are a few items, just in time for the New Year.

Pocket sound bites

The Panasonic IC Recorder RR-US321 is a tiny device that comes loaded with Dragon Naturally Speaking Preferred v.5 speech-recognition software for automatic transcribing of verbal notes into your PC. The recorder, which you can set to the exact date and time, comes with several features that facilitate note taking, easy retrieval and storage.

Data can be stored in any of four separate folders, each of which can hold up to 99 files. Each file is easily identifiable and playable directly, without having to hunt for the beginning of a particular session. Users can select voice activation, which enables the unit to pause during silences, eliminating memory-wasting "quiet" time.

The RR-US321 comes with basic voice-management software for downloading the voice files to a PC hard drive as well as easy manipulation and management from the computer. Once you save the voice files on the PC, you can delete them from the recorder, freeing space for future recordings.

Pocket Pix

Digital cameras have reached the right mix of characteristics—smaller size, higher quality and lower prices—to make them great tools for project management and communications. The pictures are easy to download onto a computer for immediate distribution or storage.

We worked with two highly versatile 2-megapixel sensor battery-operated cameras: the Olympus Camedia D-520 Zoom and the Panasonic Lumix DMC-F7, both small, with the Panasonic more compact by about a quarter. Each unit features an LCD screen that enables the photographer to see the scene before snapping it. Both models can shoot single frames, pictures in fast succession or short-duration movies, which could be useful for client presentations. Both cameras have multiple settings for still photos. Both cameras come with photo-editing software. Both have optical and digital zoom settings and a flash.

And for your desk....

The 15" SyncMaster 152T, from Samsung, is a dual-input digital/analog flat-panel active matrix monitor that could work nicely in most contractors' offices, whether as the prime desktop monitor or as a supplement to a laptop monitor.

The plug-and-play monitor is lightweight and space efficient with a wide viewing angle that allows more than one person to look at the screen comfortably at the same time. There is a one-button calibration system for greater control, allowing quick proportioning of the screen and its contrast and brightness.

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