

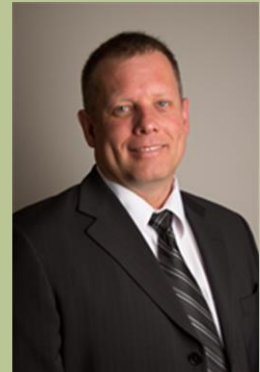
## ALBERTA READY-MIXED CONCRETE ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the summer edition of The Mixer. Most producers seem to be very busy as we all enjoy the benefits of working in the strong Alberta market. I hope you all have some time to fit in summer vacation and are prepared for what looks to be a demanding fall construction season.

I want to extend a warm welcome to Paul Masson who has come on board with ARMCA as the Assistant Director of Technical Services and Training. Paul has many years of experience in the cement and concrete industries and a lengthy term of service on the ARMCA Technical Committee. Paul is a great resource to allow ARMCA to build and grow on our solid training and educational programs, allow for succession planning, and take on more initiatives of high importance to our members. I am very pleased to have Paul join our ARMCA team.

ARMCA continues to work more closely with the Cement Association of Canada in presenting a unified voice to government on a number of issues. In early July, ARMCA was represented in CAC organized lobby sessions with several Government of Alberta Ministers, Deputy Ministers, and senior staff members to promote the strategic importance of the cement and concrete industries. In October, ARMCA representatives will join in a CAC hosted Member of Parliament lobby day as part of the biannual Canadian Ready Mixed Concrete Association meetings. It is vital to be involved in the formation and delivery of the messages in these sessions.



Norm Kuntz - President

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ARMCA also continues to support the newly formed Concrete Council of Canada in promoting the many uses of concrete and lobbying for a level playing field with other construction materials. Since 2007, the federal government has spent \$1.8 billion on supports for the wood industry including the recently released *Technical Guide for the Design and Construction of Tall Wood Buildings in Canada*. All the producer associations in the cement and concrete industries are working hard to make sure safety concerns are heard and due process for any changes to the Building Code is followed.

Many thanks for the time and efforts of Mark Langen and Mark Southcote for organizing the first ARMCA Road Trip. Participants reported having a great time and some spectacular sights! Consider joining the second edition next year!

In closing, we continue to seek ways to increase contact and participation with the membership. We are particularly interested in what producers would like to see offered at our Annual General Meeting and Convention, including venue options. Please contact any Board or Staff member with your ideas!

Warm Regards,

Norm Kuntz  
ARMCA President

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## ARMCA BRINGS A NEW TEAM MEMBER ON BOARD

As many of you are aware, Paul Masson joined the ARMCA staff in August bringing with him a wealth of marketing and technical experience from the cement and concrete industry. In his new role as Assistant Director of Technical Services and Training, Paul will broaden our training initiatives through the development of e-learning in an effort to provide more knowledge transfer to the industry via media that afford more convenience and scheduling flexibility to the end user.

Paul has also taken up the charge to bring a new perspective to our website with a mandate to make it more intuitive and user friendly to the full range of members and target audiences. Paul welcomes input from our members on what they'd like to see on our website. Please feel free to contact Paul with your ideas and perspectives at [paul.masson@armca.ca](mailto:paul.masson@armca.ca) or at 403-512-0584.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATIONS (EPDs)

The recent launch of LEED version 4 in Canada includes points for building owners and professionals using building products with Environmental Product Declarations (EPD's).

What is an Environmental Product Declaration?

Think of an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) as a nutrition label for a product but instead of providing information such as calories, fat content and carbohydrates, an EPD provides information about environmental impacts such as global warming potential, smog formation and water use. EPD's are third party verified reports published by product manufacturers that provide quality assured and comparable information regarding environmental performance of their products.

EPD's are starting to appear in the US and Canada as the common methodology for assessing environmental performance of a product, to track what's in our materials today.

What can you use an EPD for?

- To manage and monitor data to improve the overall sustainability of a product; used by sustainability professionals, products designers and developers
- As an independently verified and unbiased communication tool, for sales and marketing teams

- To evaluate and assess when making product selection decisions, at an individual or company level
- To achieve objectives set by government, trade associations or at corporate level (for procurement)
- To communicate information to a broad range of consumers on product environmental performance

In Canada, federal departments and agencies are required to consider a number of environmental issues when establishing specifications and developing procurement plans to buy green goods and services. This initiative is driven by the Policy on Green Procurement.

Fair communication between all participants in the supply chain is promoted. Policy makers and major industries agreed to use ISO 14025 – Environmental Product Declarations - as the reference standard to develop some harmonized environmental labelling programs. The standard ensures credibility through independent verifications and completeness.

The market is moving quickly, without notification from regulators, to increase the use of EPDs.

Phil Williams, Vice President of Webcor, presented at the CONVERGE conference in October, 2013 and provided an understanding of the importance of EPD's. To view a video of his presentation "Start by asking Not...What and How But...Why?" click on the following link: <http://videos.bcrmca.ca/>

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Group provides important information regarding EPD's and PCR's and includes a recorded webinar that provides an excellent overview. Please click on the following link to access this information:

[http://www.csaregistries.ca/epd/about\\_epd\\_pcrs\\_e.cfm?utm\\_source=CSA+Standards+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=f67f1e99e1-Construction\\_EN\\_July\\_2014&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_4adf1fbe45-f67f1e99e1-285401133](http://www.csaregistries.ca/epd/about_epd_pcrs_e.cfm?utm_source=CSA+Standards+Newsletter&utm_campaign=f67f1e99e1-Construction_EN_July_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4adf1fbe45-f67f1e99e1-285401133)

Additional information is available on the internet; another interesting site:

<http://www.sabmagazine.com/blog/2012/06/01/environmental-product-declarations/>

Please review the information and become familiar with EPD's.

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0091	GD Project					
1070	Kerrisona Conc Misc. Testing					
1920	Kings Hall Phase I					
3288	Adjuttica Bay MultiFamily					
	Auburn Bay Gardens SE					
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		Concrete #114	Nov 4 2010 2:07PM	sa	New	sa, 11/10
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		Concrete #32	Jun 14 2009 2:10PM	Georgetk	Closed	PeterS, 07/22/09
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		Core #3	Jul 12 2009 11:28PM	Lukindo	Hold	Lukindo, 07/17/09
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## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY (OH&S) – PROPOSED CHANGE

Alberta OH&S is proposing to lower the limit for Portland Cement dust from 10mg/m<sup>3</sup> (as total dust), to 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (as respirable dust, <4 micron size). In 2010, the B.C. government also proposed such a change and it was successfully disputed by the cement industry with the assistance of the Cement Association of Canada.

Alberta OH&S is opening a stakeholder feedback process so that industry can provide input on the proposed changes. The date has not yet been set for the fall consultation —we have tentatively been informed sometime in September. The consultation time period will be 60 to 90 days.

ARMCA will provide further updates to our members as additional information is received.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact, via phone or email;

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## JOB POSTINGS

Working within the concrete industry provides a vast range of occupations. From the inception of the mix to the final stage of the product, there are many opportunities for employment.

**MEMBERS; advertise your job postings on the ARMCA website.** Send your postings to [info@armca.ca](mailto:info@armca.ca).

## NEWS

We asked people to fill out the ARMCA Convention Survey at the conclusion of our event. If you had completed the survey, your name would have been entered into a draw for an iPod touch. The winner was Brad Gammill! Congratulations!

## TODD SHERMAN – OBITUARY



SHERMAN, Todd August 9, 1967 – August 4, 2014 after a valiant battle against cancer, Todd Sherman passed away at Southwood Hospice on Monday, August 4, 2014 at the age of 46. Ever gentle and kind, he remained positive with all who came in contact with him, and graceful to the end. A loving husband, caring father, and energetic member of an extensive family, and professional community Todd, will be greatly missed.

Todd will be most lovingly remembered by his wife Natalie and daughters Ava and Madeleine. Todd was predeceased by his mother, Lorainne and sister, Susan. He is survived by his father, Patrick (Theresa), and siblings Craig (Diane), Diane (John), Ryan, and Kevin. Loved uncle to Amanda, Susan, Katryce, Katie, and Joseph, and great-uncle to Owen, Dylan, Hayley, and Riley. Todd was born in Moncton, NB and lived in numerous locations across Canada as a child. He graduated from St. Francis High School (Calgary) in 1985. He earned his Bachelors of Management (University of Lethbridge, 1990), and his Master of Business (University of Alberta, 1999). He spend his career with Lafarge Canada in various marketing and product line positions making wonderful friends and colleagues along the way. Todd enjoyed visiting friends and family and loved the spontaneity of drop in visits. With his family he enjoyed traveling to new places, particularly those locations with beaches. A very special place that Todd shared with his wife and daughters was their lake cottage in north western Ontario. Any warm location and summer in Canada brought Todd the opportunity to quietly enjoy fishing.

A Celebration of Todd's Life was held at EDEN BROOK FUNERAL HOME (17 Avenue South West and Lower Springbank Road) on Sunday, August 10, 2014.



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## ARMCA FIRST ANNUAL ROAD TRIP

The inaugural ARMCA road trip was a great success. A very special thank you to Mark Langen and Mark Southcote for their time and efforts in organizing this event and congratulations on its success. Sixteen members and guests participated with a mix of 11 bikes, 2 cars, and 1 truck (the very important chase vehicle).

Our adventure began Friday July 25th in Calgary and took us through Bragg Creek, Canmore, Radium, and then to Cranbrook where we met the BCMCA group and enjoyed an evening dinner and get together. It was great fun and provided an opportunity to meet members from the BC association.

Early Saturday morning we crossed into the US at the Kingsgate Border Crossing and carried on through Libby, Montana to Kalispell where we stopped for the night and enjoyed Mexican fare (and great Margarita's!!).

Sunday was the day we were all looking forward to. We rode to West Glacier and travelled the "Going to the Sun Road". Spectacular views, perfect weather and a great group of people made for an outstanding ride. We stopped at St. Mary's for lunch and carried on to Cardston, Fort McLeod and back to Calgary.

Lasting memories and new friends have us looking forward to the next ride. Don't miss it!

To view our pictures click on this [link](#). Check back frequently as new pics are added.



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Hole #1 - Longest Drive sponsored by **Ashcor Technologies Ltd.**

Hole #1 - Longest Putt sponsored by **Inland Concrete - Calgary**

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Hole #2 - Longest Putt sponsored by **Edmonton Transit Mix**

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Hole #5 - Closest to the Pin in 2 sponsored by **JR & W Consulting, Inc.**

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Hole #11 - Longest Drive sponsored by **Tetra Tech EBA Inc.**

Hole #12 - Closest to the Pin in 3 sponsored by **BURNCO Rock Products Ltd**

Hole #12 – Closest to the Pin in 2 sponsored by **Mack Trucks Canada**

Hole #13 - Longest Drive sponsored by **Lehigh Cement**

Hole #14 - Closest to the Pin in 2 sponsored by **Almor Testing Services Ltd.**

### WINNERS

Rebecca Reeves

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Jim Hunter

Josh Erdman

David Chute

Warren Duncan

Jason Olineck

Sean Tymkow

Mike Carr

Dave Watson

Garry Phenuff

## ARMCA – JUNE 25, 2014 GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS (continued)

### GOLF PRIZES

Hole #15 – Closest to the Pin sponsored by <b>Finning (Canada)</b>	Jim Montgomery
Hole #16 – Longest Putt sponsored by <b>Cascade Carriers L.P.</b>	Mark Langen
Hole #17 - Longest Putt sponsored by <b>Knelsen Sand &amp; Gravel Ltd.</b>	Barry Martin
Hole #17 – Longest Drive sponsored by <b>SMS Equipment</b>	Matt Kerley
Hole #18 - Longest Drive sponsored by <b>Nortrux Inc.</b>	Jadan Pickett
Hole #18 – Longest Putt sponsored by <b>BASF Admixtures</b>	Ed Kalis

### WINNERS

### HOLE IN ONE

Hole #6 sponsored by <b>New West Freightliner</b>	No Winner
Hole #15 sponsored by <b>Rogers Insurance</b>	No Winner

### ADDITIONAL PRIZE DONATIONS

D & R Companies	Alberta New Home Warranty	Noble Concrete
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Stahl Peterbilt	Ashcor Technologies	SMS Equipment
Sika Canada	Caron Transportation	

### TEAM WINNERS

First:	Steve Street, Josh Erdman, Brett Bingham, Mike Carr
Second:	Ed Kalis, Mark Langen, Jim Montgomery, Barry Martin
Third:	Kevin James, Brad Gammill, Ken Ward, Terry Diduck

**50/50 DRAW** Prashant Vats was the winner.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!**

## TOOLS AVAILABLE ON THE ARMCA WEBSITE

### MEMBERS, ARE YOU AWARE OF THE TOOLS AVAILABLE ON THE ARMCA WEBSITE?

<b>Concrete Calculator:</b>	Access an online calculator to determine approximate volume needed.
<b>Evaporation Loss Table:</b>	Avoid plastic shrinkage cracking
<b>CANPav Application:</b>	Cost Comparison Tool; understand your projects real cost of ownership. You can quickly conduct numerous “what if” scenarios comparing the initial constructions costs of both concrete and asphalt paving materials and save on projects.
<b>Impact Estimator:</b>	Buildings Lifecycle Assessment software is now available and free of charge. Includes the ability to import a bill of materials from CAD or other sources, enhanced extra materials input form, new assemblies, new materials and more!
<b>Weather Table:</b>	Access the Government of Canada Weather Office

These tools can all be accessed from your smart phone. Go to [www.armca.ca](http://www.armca.ca), click on the “Members” tab and select “Tools”.

## FUNNIES

### The Dreaded Phone Call from the Boss.

**My boss phoned me today. He said, "Is everything OK at the office?"**

**I said, "It's all under control. It's been a very busy day. I haven't stopped to take a break all day."**

**"Can you do me a favour?" he asked.**

**I said "Of course, what is it?"**

**"Pick up the pace a little - I'm in the group behind you."**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

### CLASSES

<b>Concrete Technology Level 1</b>	Edmonton	November 2014
	Calgary	December 2014
<b>Concrete Technology Level 2</b>	Edmonton	January 2015
	Calgary	February 2015
<b>ACI Concrete Field Testing</b>	Edmonton	March 2015
	Calgary	April 2015

**\*\*\*Note: Additional ACI Field Testing & Concrete Technology classes will be held in the event that 16 students are enrolled. 6 – 8 weeks notification is required to book these extra classes  
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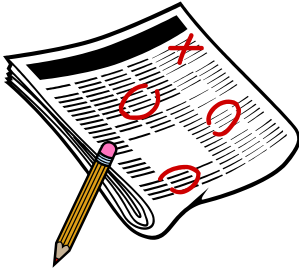
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