



STARS IN THE DESERT

**American Concrete Pipe Association
102nd Annual Convention
March 7-9, 2010**

ACPA Members

Join us for Stars in the Desert - the ACPA's 102nd Annual Convention at the Miramonte Resort & Spa in Indian Wells, California! At the Annual Convention, you will hear about the successes of 2009 and the upcoming plans and ideas that will serve the precast concrete pipe industry into the future.



Come join us at the Miramonte Resort & Spa, one of Southern California's most luxurious spa resorts, located in the heart of the Palm Springs Valley in beautiful Indian Wells. The hotel features Italian fountains, exceptional spa facilities and fire pits. Take some

time to relax at the world famous spa or golf at the nearby Indian Wells Golf Course during the ACPA Foundation's first Annual Golf Tournament, where players will be able to support ACPA research and education while playing at a top 20 California golf course.



ACPA Looking Ahead

Join Chairman Finch, President Childs, and ACPA Committee Chairmen as they review the important achievements of the ACPA in 2009 and share plans on the ACPA strategy for 2010. Topics will include the ACPA's actions with agencies such as AASHTO, TRB, FHWA and NCHRP, new marketing and training products, research projects by Dr. Ali Abolmaali and relationship building with specifiers.

Analysis of the Competition

Join Grant Lee and Jeff Hite for an analysis of the plastic pipe industry. Grant, Executive Director of the Canadian Concrete Pipe Association, will breakdown the activities of plastic pipe throughout North America and across the globe. Learn the history of materials used and growth of the plastic pipe industry. AASHTO Task Group Chairman Jeff Hite will then present an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses and marketing tactics of the plastic pipe industry and expected future strategies.

Regional Engineers Report

ACPA Regional Engineers, Tom Finn (Western Region), Woody Rigdon (Central Region), and Al Hogan (Eastern Region), will report on the state of the industry in their regions.

Awards Luncheon

Members of the ACPA will recognize the achievements of peers with the Frank J. Heger Award, Richard E. Barnes Award, Richard C. Longfellow Award and the Chairman's Safety Award.

Dr. Frank J. Heger, co-founder of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc., Consulting Engineers was honored by the American Concrete Pipe Association with the inauguration of the Frank J. Heger Award at the 2006 AGM. This award is presented annually to a representative of a member firm of the American Concrete Pipe Association for making significant technical contributions throughout a distinguished career in the concrete pipe industry.

The Richard E. Barnes Award is the highest recognition of support and service to the industry presented to an individual for lifetime achievement.

The Richard C. Longfellow Award is presented to the author of the year's best Concrete Pipe News Article in memory of Richard Longfellow who had an outstanding career with Cretex Companies, Inc.

The Chairman's Safety Award recognizes plants, individuals, and/or companies that have implemented successful safety initiatives resulting in a safer and more productive workplace.

Welcome Reception

The convention opens on Sunday night with a Welcome Reception at the Piazza Terrace with a beautiful view of the Miramonte grounds and the surrounding mountains.

Spouse/Companion Activities

The fun starts Monday morning with a spouse brunch at the Vineyard Patio. Monday afternoon and Tuesday will be open for spouses to enjoy all the area attractions, such as shopping, casinos, golf or the spa. Spouses/Companions are welcome to attend the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday.

Tuesday Night Dance With the Stars

Join us for another night of fun at the ACPA dinner and dance. Bring your dancing shoes for dinner, dancing and spending time with your friends in the industry. All are invited to dress as their favorite Hollywood (Movie, TV, Rock) Stars.



As you can see, the ACPA has another great convention planned. If you need any help with registration, hotel arrangements or any other questions about the convention, please give the ACPA staff a call at (972) 506-7216. The ACPA has been a light in the fog of 2009. Please join us to learn how the ACPA will serve the precast concrete pipe and box culvert industry in 2010.

A GLANCE AT THE SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 7

- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM **Golf** – Indian Wells Golf Resort
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Registration** – Florentine Foyer
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM **FY 2009-10 Board of Directors Meeting** – Venetian Ballroom
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM **Welcome Reception** – Piazza/Terrace

Monday, March 8

- 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Registration** – Florentine Foyer
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Breakfast & Welcome by ACPA Chairman** – Tuscany I-II
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Government Relations & PAC Report - Delery** – Florentine Ballroom
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Marketing Report** – Brown - Florentine Ballroom
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Associates Spotlight** – Florentine Ballroom
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Spouse Brunch** – Vineyard Patio
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Lunch** – Tuscany I-II
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Technical Report - Lundy** – Florentine Ballroom
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM **Research Update** – Abolmaali – Florentine Ballroom
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM **AASHTO Task Group Update - Hite** – Florentine Ballroom
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM **Past Chairmen's Dinner** – Indian Wells Golf Resort

Tuesday, March 9

- 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Hospitality** – Florentine Foyer
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Annual General Meeting** - Florentine Ballroom
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Regional Engineers Report** – Florentine Ballroom
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **A Global Analysis of Pipe Competition** – Lee & Hite – Florentine Ballroom
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Awards Luncheon** – Mediterranean I-II
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Associates Committee Meeting** – Tuscany I
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Government Relations Committee** – Tuscany II
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **New Board of Directors Meeting** – Venetian Ballroom
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Reception** – Mediterranean Lawn (Indoor Back-up)
7:30 PM – 11:00 PM **Annual Dinner and Dance** – Mediterranean Ballroom I-II