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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

June 17, 2011



DAC, MCA Win Huge Supreme Court Victory

The Montana Supreme Court this week ruled in favor of Dick Anderson Construction in the company's appeal of an adverse District Court decision involving the validity of a construction lien on the "Paws Up Ranch" near Potomac, Montana. The MCA had filed an amicus (friend of the court) brief with the Supreme Court, supporting the DAC position and emphasizing the important precedent the case would set for the entire construction industry. [Click here](#) to see the full decision filed by the justices. Congratulations to DAC, their attorneys, and thank you Montana Supreme Court! (If you know of a company that is not a member of the MCA, send them a copy of the court decision and let them know the MCA is looking out for their interests)

There's Still Time

To register for the MCA's Advanced Storm Water and Erosion Control class, June 21-22 in Kalispell. The MCA cannot emphasize how important this class is to ensuring you protect Montana's waterways - and your profit margin. **Registration ends today.**



Quick Links

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Calendar

June 21-22
Advanced Storm Water Class
Kalispell
[Registration](#) **ENDS TODAY!**

June 23
Bid-Letting
MDT - Helena
9:00 am

July 12-13
Pervious Concrete for Contractors
Helena
[Registration Form](#)

July 14
Bid-Letting
MDT - Helena
9:00 am

July 20

Find out more or register now with this [registration form](#), or call the MCA for more information.

Where Did the Water Go?

The MCA's Concrete Division is offering a certification on pervious concrete. Pervious concrete would have captured all of the rain we have had this spring, returning it to the water table and not pushing it off to rivers and streams.

Pervious concrete is green, sustainable and in demand. The class will be held July 12-13 in Helena, seats are very limited, so you are encouraged to [register](#) early.

Billings Breakfast Meeting Featured MSU-B and Jim Roscoe

Wednesday's "Breakfast with the MCA officers" in Billings attracted about 30 representatives of member companies, who learned more about the "bonding bill" that failed to pass the recent legislative session, and about the outlook for various types of construction. Dan Carter, government relations director for MSU Billings thanked the MCA for its leadership and assistance in trying to secure the necessary 2/3 vote in the Legislature to approve the bonding bill. Jim Roscoe distributed interesting statistics about steel markets and the various construction markets his company serves in the region. Thanks again to the members who supported this networking opportunity.

"It's a Piece of Cake!"

Brian Schlauch with RedBuilt LLC let us know that after he registered for the MCA Summer Outing using the new [online registration form](#). The online format is very intuitive and easy to use - we'd love to get your feedback on it! In addition, a brochure and registration form were included in the June newsletter.

All meetings and meals will be at the Meadowlark Country Club for this event. It will be a **Great Time** in **Great Falls** for MCA members!

Highway Technical Committee
9:00 am, MCA office, Helena
10:00 am, MDT, Helena

Quote of the Week

"I will persist until I succeed."
- Og Mandino

Header Info

Members of the Advanced Storm Water & Erosion Control class examine BMPs at Martel Construction's Hospital Renovation project. Thanks to Martel Construction, for volunteering to open their sites to the class!

Contractors' Clearinghouse

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Think You Can Drive a Dozer?

If so, the Western States Rodeo is where you can show off those skills. There are two rodeo's in Montana this summer - one in Kalispell and one in Missoula. Bragging rights are at stake - [click here](#) for more information.

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The Clearinghouse will be hosted on the MCA website, and the MCA will provide this information to Montana counties, cities, emergency disaster services, engineering firms, State agencies and the news media.



If you would like your firm listed on the Clearinghouse, please respond with the following information to [Edie Hallford](#) at the MCA via e-mail or phone 406-442-4162:

Name of Company

Point of Contact/Phone/E-mail (cell phone for evening/weekend contact)

Capabilities (road, street repair; excavation; bridges, water/sewer, traffic control, buildings, etc)

Areas or counties you are willing to work

Are you Davis-Bacon compliant?

Do you have a special fuel user's permit?

We are updating the information on the website as it comes in to the MCA.

Montana has been hit hard by a heavy snowpack and a wet spring. Working together, we will rebuild and restore our communities for all Montanan's.

Our Mission

To help our member companies become the best construction firms in Montana.



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