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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

May 26, 2011



Memorial Day

The MCA would like to wish all of our members a safe and happy Memorial Day. Whether you are golfing, fishing, watching a parade or playing with your children, please take a moment to remember the sacrifice of our military servicemen and women, who gave their lives that we might enjoy the freedom we have today.

If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read it in English, thank a veteran.

Don't Miss Out or You'll Be Swimming Upstream

Many MCA members took advantage of the excellent weather conditions this week to attend the MCA's Advanced Storm Water and Erosion Control class in Bozeman. **BMP improperly installed**

With all the rain and snowmelt Montana is facing over the next few months, companies would do themselves a favor by registering for the next class before it's too late.



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Calendar

June 1

FHWA Safety Edge Webinar
[Registration](#)

June 6

FHWA Safety Edge Webinar
[Registration](#)

June 6-7

NCCER Instructor Certification
Helena
Call the MCA 442-4162

June 9

Bid-Letting
MDT - Helena
9:00 am

June 9

The next Advanced Storm Water and Erosion Control class will be held in Kalispell, June 21-22. Download the [registration form](#), or call the MCA for more information.



Summer Outing Registration Open!

The MCA Summer Outing will be held in Great Falls, August 10-12. A new [online registration form](#) is available on the MCA website. 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 will be included in the June newsletter. Looking forward to golf, shooting and socializing in Great Falls!

FHWA To Host Safety Edge Construction Webinar

The Federal Highway Administration is offering a webinar to share lessons learned construction of more than 10 demonstration projects. Highlights include construction techniques, hardware improvements, testing results and answers to the most frequently asked questions. Dates and links are in the Calendar sidebar to the right.

Opencut Permit Training
Helena
[Registration/Information](#)

June 15
Breakfast With The Board
Billings

June 15
Highway Technical Committee
9:00 MCA Office
10:00 MDT

June 21-22
Advanced Storm Water Class
Kalispell
[Registration](#)

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

Quote of the Week

"Success comes in cans; failure in can'ts."
- Morris Mandel

Header Info

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3:00 pm local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor

Member Breakfast Slated for June 15 in Billings

The "Breakfast With the Board" in Missoula was a very successful outing, and the Board of Directors extends an invitation for members to attend a breakfast meeting in Billings. Dan Carter, Director of University and Government Relations for MSU-Billings, will provide insight on the bonding bill and the university construction vision for the future. The date is June 15, and it will be held at Hilands Golf Club, 714 Poly Drive in Billings. Please RSVP to Maryann so we can have an accurate count.

Baucus Instrumental to 3% Withholding Repeal

Beginning January 1, 2012, federal, state and local governments will **withhold 3% from each and every payment to contractors** for goods and services - and this is for the entire project cost, not just the profit or net income!

Senator Max Baucus, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, will be instrumental in the implementation or repeal of this issue. The AGC is encouraging all members to write to him on this issue - but he is *our* senator, and we need to present a united front within Montana.

The AGC and the MCA strongly urge our members to contact their Senator Baucus to repeal this onerous tax burden. Feel free to use the [format](#) provided here as the basis for a letter or [e-mail](#) to Senator Baucus.

Our Mission

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



those who have died in service to the nation.

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