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**WEEKLY E-BRIEF**

April 18, 2008

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

**Don't delay, buy your ticket today to ride the  
Charlie Russell Chew Choo!**

Join the MCA on the  
**Charlie Russell Chew Choo**  
Saturday, May 3, 2008  
Boarding begins at 4 p.m., Aventure begins at 5 p.m.  
Catch the train at Kingston,  
10 miles northwest of Lewistown, MT  
[Invitation and Map](#)

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## MCA CALENDAR

### APRIL 2008

**April 24**  
**Education**  
**Committee meeting,**  
10 a.m., MCA office,  
Helena

**April 24**  
**Bid Letting,** 10 a.m.,  
Helena

### MAY 2008

**May 14**  
**MCA Highway**  
**Technical Meeting**  
9:30 a.m., MCA office,

Cummins Rocky Mountain

## **JOINT AGC ~ CORPS OF ENGINEERS ANNUAL MEETING**

TO: All North Dakota AGC Members and Corps of Engineers Omaha District Chapters. A joint meeting with the Omaha District Corps of Engineers has been scheduled at the Double Tree Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska. Check out the flyer & registration form below.

Monday, April 21 is the last day to reserve a room at the Double Tree Hotel at the conference rate of \$105/night.

And if you have items for discussion with the Corps, please forward them to [rhanson@agcnd.org](mailto:rhanson@agcnd.org)

[More information and Registration](#)

## **NEWS FROM KEITH**

The ACI Schedule has been updated to reflect a location for the Concrete Field Testing Technician Grade I Training Session and Certification Class, July 16-18, Missoula.

[ACI Schedule](#)  
[Training Registration](#)  
[Certification Registration](#)

Audio Conference, Thursday, May 8, 2008, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. EST. "Emergency Response Plan: How to prepare for a Disaster in Your Company", For more information and to register for the [Live Audio Conference](#)

Resources for Environmental and Occupational Health (REOH), is offering an eight hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency class which is needed to meet the requirements to maintain the HAZWOPER certification. The HAZWOPER refresher course will be on Friday, May 9, 2008, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Red Lion Colonial Inn, Helena. [Registration form](#)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and MCA are offering a Quality Control Class. On completion of this class, certificates will be awarded that are good for five years on all Corps projects, worldwide. [Registration form](#)

Construction Site Erosion and Pollution Control, two-day training session, May 14-15, 2008, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell, MT. This training is for contractors, inspectors, engineers, and developers in the construction industry.

Helena

**May 26**

**Memorial Day**  
MCA office will be closed

**May 29**

**Bid Letting**, 10 a.m.,  
Helena

## **AUGUST 2008**

**Aug. 13,14 & 15**

**MCA Summer  
Outing**  
Fairmont Hot Springs

## **AGC CALENDAR**

### **APRIL 2008**

**April 27-30**  
**2008 National and  
Chapter Leadership  
Converence**,  
Washington, D.C.

### **MAY 2008**

**May 13-14, 2008**  
**AGC-Corps of  
Engineers Annual  
meeting**, Double Tree  
Hotel, 1616 Dodge  
Street, Omaha, Nebraska,

**Tuesday, May 13**

AGC meeting, 3 p.m.,  
5:30 p.m. Social for all  
AGC Members and COE  
participants. Hors  
devours will be served.

[More information and registration](#)

Construction Industry Challenges & Opportunities, two-day conference, June 10-11, 2008, St. Louis, MO.

[More information and registration](#)

## **SEND US PHOTOS OF YOUR JOBS!**

The MCA is always looking for interesting photos of construction projects for our newsletter and other publications, such as the annual magazine and membership directory.

We especially look for high-quality, high resolution photos of "scenic" construction projects for the covers of our annual publications.

**Don't be bashful; promote your company's best work.**

## **BOARD GIVES FINAL NOD FOR MCA BUILDING EXPANSION**

The MCA Board Thursday approved a funding package for paying for construction of the addition and renovation of our Helena headquarters.

A combination of borrowed funds and withdrawals from the MCA's reserve account will pay for the costs of adding a state-of-the-art training center and additional offices to the building. Swank Enterprises was selected as the contractor for the project in a lottery drawing

## **FUGLEVAND TO REPRESENT MCA AT HIGHWAY "FLY-IN"**

Hal Fuglevand will be the MCA's official representative at a Transportation Coalition "Fly-in" to Washington, D.C. in May.

The event is designed to show Congress widespread and strong support for reauthorizing the federal highway program in a way that bolsters funding.

The federal highway trust fund is destined for insolvency if Congress does not take action.

Fuel tax collections are down, construction costs are skyrocketing, and the issue is reaching a crisis state for highway contractors.

## **Wednesday, May 14**

Joint AGC-COE meeting, 8 a.m. (7:30 a.m. continental breakfast, 11:30 a.m. joint luncheon)

To register for meeting, [hanson@agcnd.org](mailto:hanson@agcnd.org)

Hotel reservations

Double Tree

Hotel (phone: 402-346-7600)

## **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2008**



Grand Prize is a 50" HD flat screen TV

How you ask. Any new member applications received between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2008 will qualify.

To receive credit for the new member, make sure your name is on the new member application form where it says, "How did you hear about the MCA?"

For every new member recruited, you will receive one point and for each point received your name will be entered into the end-of-year drawing for the grand prize.

The winner will be drawn at the 2009 Annual Winter Convention, in Helena, Jan 7-9, 2009.

## ONE STEP FORWARD ... ... TWO STEPS BACK

A gravel task force in Gallatin County appears to be making headway on developing reasonable, workable regulations for new/expanding gravel operations within a newly established interim zone in Belgrade area.

Commissioners there reiterated their goal is to regulate gravel operations, not preclude them. Meanwhile, a water users' association apparently filed legal action in Helena district court this week to enjoin DEQ from issuing a permit for a proposed gravel operation near East Helena.

Citizens there have filed a petition with the County for Class I zoning, hoping to preclude the gravel operation before DEQ issues a permit.

We are also told an operator in Gallatin County has filed an action against DEQ for failing to issue a permit on a timely basis as required in statute.

### AGC Upcoming Audio Conference Calls

#### Sneak Peak at ConsensusDoc's BIM Addendum

April 29, 2008, Noon MDT

[Registration](#)

### Mind Binder

You'll find at least one of these in 98% of U.S. Housholds.

What are they?

[Answer](#)

**For those MCA members who are also a YCF/CLC member,** their name will also be entered into a YCF/CLC quarterly drawing.

**REMEMBER,** your name must be on the new member application form in order to receive a point for the new member.

**Do you need some new member applications,** Get the Point brochures, and the pocket size "Membership Benefits" card, just email Edie, [ehallford@mtagc.org](mailto:ehallford@mtagc.org)

**Good Luck!**

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