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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

- 19 **ICRI Chicago Chapter Dinner Meeting:  
ACI's Adhesive Anchor Installer  
Certification Program and ICRI's  
Concrete Slab Moisture**  
*Erie Café, Chicago, IL*

- 29 **Scholarship Application Deadline**

## JUNE

- 9 **16th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing**  
*Indian Lake Resort, Bloomingdale, IL*

## SEPTEMBER

- 16 **2nd Annual Chicago Chapter Cubs  
Rooftop Event at Skybox on Sheffield**  
*Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL*

- 20 **ICRI Chicago Chapter Dinner Meeting**  
*Ditka's Oak Brook Terrace, IL*

## FALL 2011

- Seminar on Non-Destructive Testing**  
*(More Details to Come)*

## OCTOBER

- 12-14 **ICRI 2011 Fall Convention: "Water &  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs"**  
*Cincinnati, OH*

## NOVEMBER

- 11 **ICRI Chicago Chapter Dinner Meeting**  
*Erie Café, Chicago, IL*

## OUR ASSOCIATION...

**ICRI**, the only association in the concrete industry devoted solely to repair and restoration, publishes a bimonthly magazine and technical guidelines for concrete repair, and cosponsors the World of Concrete. Local chapters provide regional networking opportunities. Worldwide membership include contractors, manufacturers, engineers, distributors, owners, and other professionals with a common goal: prolonging the useful life of concrete through quality repair, restoration, and protection.

## OUR MISSION...

The mission of the International Concrete Repair Institute is to be a leading resource for education and information to improve the quality of repair, restoration, and protection of concrete and other structures in accordance with consensus criteria.



## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



The first quarter is behind us and as we await the world to green again and the projects to kick into high gear, I think we can all consider the winter months at ICRI a success.

The February dinner meeting was very well attended and we filled the room to capacity with local members who heard the details of our local chapter member's project awards from 2010. I would like to thank the distinguished speakers who provided us with their challenges and tributes relating to their award winning projects. I would encourage everyone to submit

an application for the ICRI National "Outstanding Concrete Repair Projects" awards program. The deadline is May 2nd, 2011. Please see [www.icri.org](http://www.icri.org) for more information.

The National Convention was held this past March 16-18th in Houston, TX. The topic was Non Destructive Evaluation & Structural Health Monitoring. Over 234 members attended and 34 exhibitors displayed. We witnessed a variety of excellent presentations and are in the process of contacting several of the speakers for future dinner meeting discussions here in Chicago. Additionally, we are following the national lead and are planning a fall seminar to bring the information to Chicago. Details to follow soon.

A lot of time was spent reviewing the website [www.icri.org](http://www.icri.org) at the convention as well. If you have not had a chance to visit it please take a moment. It is a very comprehensive data base of information both at a technical level as well as a great resource for networking and a marketing tool for your organization. In Chicago we are in the processes of creating our own local chapter website that will allow you to view our calendar of events, fill out forms, and be kept up to date of any immediate offerings. We hope to have in up and running by the fall of 2011.

Please join us on Tuesday April 19th at the Erie Café for our dinner meeting where we will be providing insight into two certification programs locally available for contractors on adhesive anchoring and slab moisture testing. The annual golf outing and Cub's Rooftop event will be here before we know it. So please add them to your calendar, sign up...and I hope to see you there!

Yours truly,

Craig Frier  
President - ICRI Chicago Chapter



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The 2011 Chicago Chapter Officers and Directors are already hard at work under the leadership of our new President, Craig Frier.

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## ICRI CHICAGO CHAPTER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: NELSON TESTING LABORATORIES

In an on-going effort to provide our readers with a "Spotlight" on active members in the ICRI Chicago Community, we are proud to present to you Nelson Testing Laboratories for this issues featured member profile.



**COMPANY PROFILE:** Nelson Testing Laboratories (NTL) is an independent construction materials testing laboratory located in Schaumburg, IL. For many years, they have provided the in-house testing of materials related to concrete and masonry for clients located around the world. Those materials mainly include repair mortars, epoxies, coatings, admixtures, joint sealants, water repellents and sealers, masonry mortars, concrete masonry units, stone and brick. They specialize in working with clients to provide prompt, practical and reliable solutions to their testing needs.

Nelson Testing Laboratories was formerly known as Robert L. Nelson & Associates. The business was started by Bob Nelson over 30 years ago. Today, they have eight employees who work out in their 10,000 square foot facility located in Schaumburg, IL.

**KEY ICRI CONTACT:** Mark Nelson is the current president of NTL and a 15 year active member of ICRI at both the local and national level. Additionally, he was a former director, officer and the 2005 President of the Chicago Chapter. Mark's effort and commitment has played a

large role in helping the chapter be the solid entity it remains today. When asked what being a member of ICRI and the Chicago Chapter means to you, Mark offers this: *"My involvement in ICRI has always been very important to me. While I am actively involved in numerous trade organizations, ICRI has always been my most enjoyable. The organization has always stood for bringing engineers, material suppliers and contractors together to better the restoration industry. While the concept seems simple, most other organizations are not as effective as ICRI. ICRI has always seemed to be large enough to get the support from industry leaders, but small enough to feel open to all who want to get involved. Most importantly, through ICRI, I have had the opportunity to meet some great people."*

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## ICRI CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE UPDATE!

For 2011 ICRI continues to offer its Slab Moisture Testing Technician Certification, Grade I program.

The purpose of this program is to help improve the performance of concrete slab moisture testing in the U.S. to result in more consistent, accurate results that will help flooring manufacturers, architects, and contractors to make better decisions as to when a concrete floor is ready for a floor covering installation.

**Visit the Certification Page on the ICRI Web site – [www.icri.org](http://www.icri.org)**

**Our Next Class is scheduled for...**

Tampa—April 6-7 (with ACI Convention)

**ALL CURRENT 2011 LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW:**

St. Louis, MO—May 17-18

Cleveland—June 7-8

Denver—September 20-21

Baltimore/Washington—October 25-26

Seattle—November 8-9

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**This Certification program has 2 tiers**

**Tier 1** applicants are those who are not regularly engaged in moisture testing, yet have an active interest in learning more about the tests, what the tests mean, and how the tests should be performed.

**Tier 2** applicants are those who have applied for full certification. Both tiers require attendance at a 3-hour educational session, followed by a written exam. Tier 2 full certification applicants will also be required to perform each of the four field tests under the watchful eye of a qualified judge who will not provide any level of coaching. Prequalification for acceptance into full certification Tier 2 will be previous testing experience.

**BOTH the Application and registration forms are required**

Carefully READ the Certification Overview page.

Read and UNDERSTAND the CERTIFICATION CLASS DESCRIPTION before applying.

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**IN THE NEWS**

Glenrock Company held their 28th annual “State of the Art” show on Thursday, March 24th, 2011 at Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. This year, as in the past, 3 seminars were held, 1 informational and 2 AIA certified. Over 300 architects, consultants, engineers, owners, project managers and superintendents attended the seminars. The topics presented were: “Successful Water Repellent Applications, presented by Katherine Blatz, “Waterproofing Systems, presented by Steven Butts, “Innovative Masonry Façade Stabilization Techniques Using Helifix Products” presented by Brian Barnes and Brett Laureys.

Over 500 participants attended this year’s show. There were 32 vendor tabletop exhibits which covered all phases of the construction industry, including tools, sealants, concrete repair materials, and coatings. Two industry associations also had displays.

The attendees were treated to a great buffet. Joe Amerin with the Glenrock Company stated that he felt all who attended had an informative and enjoyable evening.

Our thanks to the Glenrock Company who continue to provide the industry with “state of the art” education.



**FEBRUARY 22, 2011 ICRI-CHICAGO CHAPTER DINNER MEETING**

The February 22nd dinner meeting held at Ditka’s Restaurant in Oak Brook was a great event that had a large capacity turnout filling our private dining room. Local recognition of National ICRI Awards was the dinner meeting topic. Three projects were presented by the awards recipients at this event. The projects presented were: the John G. Shedd Aquarium East Mezzanine Slab Reconstruction by Kathleen Strnad of Klein & Hoffman; The University of St. Mary of the Lake Mall Area Repairs by Tim Zera of Zera Construction and Brett Laureys of Wiss, Janney, Elstner; and Wheaton Center Apartment Building Exterior Rehabilitation by Kevin Michols of Wiss, Janney, Elstner. In addition the First Annual Local Chicago Chapter Project of 2010 award was announced and presented to Kevin Michols of Wiss, Janney, Elstner for the Wheaton Center Apartment building Exterior Rehabilitation. Hope to see you all at the next dinner meeting.



*Brett Laureys and Craig Frier*



*Jeff Zeitler and Kevin Michols*



*Kevin Michols and Craig Frier*



*Kathleen Strnad and Craig Frier*



*Tim Zera and Craig Frier*





## CALL FOR ENTRIES Outstanding Concrete Repair Projects



### ICRI Awards Program

**Judging criteria.** Entries will be judged on uniqueness, use of state-of-the-art methods, use of materials, functionality, value engineering, and aesthetics. The panel of five judges—selected by the ICRI Awards Committee—consists of engineers, contractors, and manufacturers from all over North America.

**Eligibility.** The project must be either completed after January 1, 2009, or be substantially complete before March 31, 2011. The company submitting the entry **MUST** be an ICRI company member. The portion of the project performed by the submitting company must amount to at least 25% of the project cost. (This does not apply to design firms or owners.) A subcontract for the repair portion of a larger project will be considered as the project.

**Deadline.** The deadline for receipt of entries at the ICRI office in Rosemont, IL, is Monday, May 2, 2011, 5:00 p.m. CST.

**Awards.** Winning projects will be presented at the Awards Banquet during ICRI's 2011 Fall Convention. Each winning project will be featured in an article in the Concrete Repair Bulletin.

Complete rules and entry forms can be obtained by calling 847-827-0830; or downloading from [www.icri.org](http://www.icri.org).

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**Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2011**

**Topics: "Adhesive Anchor Installer Certification Program"  
"Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Certification Program"**

**FEATURED SPEAKER: Mike Morrison, Manager of Certification Program Development**

**Mike Morrison** will discuss the "ACI Adhesive Anchor Installer Certification Program". In response to recommendations in the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) 2006 report [NTSB/HAR - 07/02] primarily related to installation of adhesive concrete anchors in the Boston Central Artery/Tunnel Project ("Big Dig"), the American Concrete Institute (ACI) in partnership with the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) has developed a program to certify the installers of adhesive anchors used in concrete. This type of concrete anchor is recognized as an important structural connection in many applications, and the design, use, and installation procedures are intertwined to ensure proper performance.

Mike is the newly appointed Manager of Certification Program Development. He has over 28 years of experience in project management and development/training. Prior to this position, he served as the Principal Materials Technologist & Laboratory Manager for CTL Group. He has extensive technical knowledge of concrete materials and their application to products and in evaluating the use of those products with new technology and automation. Mike is also an active member and past president of the ACI Illinois Chapter.

A representative of ICRI will discuss the "ICRI Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Certification Program". The purpose of this program is to help improve the performance of concrete slab moisture testing in the U.S. to result in more consistent, accurate results that will help flooring manufacturers, architects, and contractors to make better decisions as to when a concrete floor is ready for a floor covering installation.

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**2nd ANNUAL CHICAGO CHAPTER CUBS ROOFTOP EVENT**  
**FRIDAY, September 16, 2011**  
**vs. Houston Astros**  
**Start Time: 12:20 pm / Game Time: 1:20 pm**



Last year was so much fun we had to do it again!! The Chicago Chapter of ICRI is hosting our 2nd Annual Chicago Cubs Rooftop Outing on **Friday, September 16, 2011** at **Skybox on Sheffield**. This is one of the premier rooftop locations, with a great view and excellent food, catered by Chicago's own Goose Island Brewpub! The game starts at 1:20 p.m. but the rooftop opens one hour earlier and doesn't close until 30 minutes after the last out (and hopefully the singing of "Go Cubs Go!!") All food and beverage (soda/beer/wine), catered by Chicago's own Goose Island Brewpub, is included in the ticket price of **\$130 per person**. Join ICRI for one of baseball's truly unique experiences! For more information, contact Sean Meracle at (312) 656-0622 or email: [icrichicago@yahoo.com](mailto:icrichicago@yahoo.com).

***Like last year, space is limited.....so DON'T delay.***

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**2011 SCHOLARSHIPS**



Application forms for the 2011 Scholarship Program are now available. Applications are due back to the committee by April 29, 2011. The Scholarship Program's goal is to assist undergraduates who have decided to study Engineering, Architecture, Construction Management, Concrete Industry Management, or a related field. Applications can be requested by calling Lee Sizemore at (630)-941-8970 or Email a request to [lleansizemore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lleansizemore@sbcglobal.net).

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## 16th ANNUAL CHICAGO CHAPTER GOLF OUTING

**WHEN:** Thursday - June 9, 2011

**WHERE:** Indian Lakes Resort  
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**START:** 8:00 AM



The Chicago Chapter of ICRI is holding its Sixteenth Annual Golf Outing Thursday, June 9, 2011 at Indian Lakes Resort. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00AM followed by a BBQ buffet lunch. Prizes for Low Team Gross, Longest Drive, Closest to the Hole, etc. This year's event will be held on Indian Lakes' 18-Hole Championship course, Blackhawk Trace. **The field will be limited to 162 golfers, so don't delay. Sign up now to reserve your foursome.** We must have confirmation no later than **May 20, 2011**. Each cart is equipped with a GPS system to give accurate distances to the hole. We will be offering three sponsorship opportunities that include advertisement on the GPS during the round.

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