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WRMCA 2025 MIXER DRIVER CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP



The WRMCA hosted our 2025 Mixer Driver Championship on Saturday, August 2nd at the Timber Rattlers Stadium in Appleton. Twenty drivers participated in the championship featuring eight driving stations, bowling, golf hole-in-one, closest to the egg, basketball hoops, and a timed pre-trip inspection challenge.



Thanks to the following drivers for participating:

Jeremy Nawrocki, American Materials; Thomas Maughan, BARD Materials; Quinn Warner, BARD Materials; Josh Kooiman, Carew Concrete & Supply; Robert Pittman, Carew Concrete & Supply; Nate Prevost, Carew Concrete & Supply; Dan Bushmaker, County Ready Mix; Randy Erdman, County Ready Mix; Mike Meyer, Jackson Concrete; Eric Benson, MCC, Inc.; Gary Grebel, MCC, Inc.; Eric Haldiman, MCC, Inc.; Jake Overby, Peters Concrete; Will Crary, Riv/Crete Ready Mix; Gavin Haworth, Riv/Crete Ready Mix; Justin Noah, Schmitz Ready Mix; Treavor Tufnell, Schmitz Ready Mix; Isaac Thompson, Todd's Redi-Mix; Greg Ludowese, Wingra Redi-Mix; and Joey Olkiewicz, Zignego Ready Mix



1st Place Winner
Treavor Tufnell
Schmitz Ready Mix



2nd Place Winner
Robert Pittman
Carew Concrete & Supply



3rd Place Winner
Gary Grebel
MCC, Inc.

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Thanks to all the volunteers for helping out at the championship: Dave Anderson, Leslie Ashauer, Sherry Baumgarten, Alex Berghoff, Cody Buhrow, Paul Dahl Jr., Delaney Dvorak, Sara Fedderly, Billy Haas, Kyle Hartman, Dave Heimerman, Ryan Horvay, Adam Kappell, Chris Klassanos, Cassie Krause, Tim Krause, Cael Large, Cole Large, Dan Large, John Malcolm, Ethan May, Corey McLaughlin, Kristina Nigl-Klabunde, Aaron Peterson, Jenna Peterson, Bill Phillips, Ron Putrow, Rick Ross, Trent Schwenn, Ryan Smeester, Todd Spindler, Jamie Tassoti, Brad Towler, & Eric Wall



Thank you to the following companies for sponsoring the event:

Platinum: Amrize, Carew Concrete & Supply, County Ready Mix, Roland Machinery, Sika Corporation, & St. Marys Cement

Gold: Advance -A Terex Brand

Silver: Mapei, MCC, Inc., & Peters Concrete

Bronze: American Materials, Euclid Chemical, Master Builders, & Premiere Concrete Admixtures

Hats: Oshkosh Corporation

Tent: Wisconsin Cement Company



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Thank you to the companies for providing trucks for the event: BARD Materials, Carew Concrete & Supply, MCC, Inc., Oshkosh Corporation, Peters Concrete, & Advance, A Terex Brand



Congratulations to Treavor Tufnell, Schmitz Ready Mix, for taking first place. He will compete at the NRMCA Mixer Driver Championship in October in Kissimmee, FL. Congratulations to Robert Pittman, Carew Concrete & Supply for taking second place and Gary Grebel, MCC, Inc. for taking third place. Medallions were given out to those who got a hole-in-one, three bowling strikes, three made baskets, closest to the egg, and perfect scores for on target, tennis balls, and DOT scale box.



ASSOCIATION NEWS

WRMCA Elects New Board Members

The Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association is pleased to announce its newly elected members to the Board of Directors:

Producers:

- Chad Hemenway, Zignego Ready Mix
- Tony Sustarich, Champion Concrete

Associates:

- Rod Clifton, Premiere Concrete Admixtures
- Billy Haas, Sika Corporation



Hotel Reservations Now Open for the 2026 Technical Workshop

The WRMCA Annual Technical Workshop will be held January 29th-30th at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Kalahari Resort at 877-253-5466, ask for the WRMCA rate of \$149 (+taxes/fees) or click [here](#) for the booking link. Please note that the dates shown on the booking website indicate the available dates for making a room reservation.

Agenda and registration information will be sent to all members this fall. Questions may be directed to Cherish at cschwenn@wirmca.com

Hotel Reservations Now Open for the 2026 OES Workshop

The WRMCA Annual OES Workshop will be held on January 8th-9th at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Kalahari Resort at 877-253-5466, ask for the WRMCA \$160 room rate available January 7th & 8th, or click [here](#) to book online.

Agenda and registration information will be sent to all members this fall. Questions may be directed to Kim knovak@wirmca.com.

Save the Date 2026 WRMCA Annual Golf Outing

Join us for WRMCA's 26th Annual Golf Outing at Trappers Turn Golf Course in Wisconsin Dells on Thursday, June 18th. The tournament will follow a best ball format and conclude with a reception, appetizers, and raffle.

A brochure with registration and full event details will be shared soon.

SAVE THE DATE

Hotel Reservations Now Open for the 2026 WRMCA & IRMCA Convention

March 15th-17th

The Scottsdale Resort & Spa

The Scottsdale Resort & Spa is more than an escape; it's where your next adventure begins.



Following a \$40 million transformation in 2024, **The Scottsdale Resort & Spa – a Curio Collection by Hilton** – emerges as one of Scottsdale's most deluxe resort retreats. This full-scale renovation includes all guestrooms, public spaces, and the debut of four distinct dining venues, blending historic charm with modern sophistication. Guests can enjoy Sonoran-inspired cuisine in La Fogata, The Madam Speakeasy, Barnaby's Café & Wine Bar, and The Social Boardroom with interactive games. The upgraded fitness center and revitalized **Luna Spa** round out the experience with tranquility and rejuvenation. The pool is heated year-round, making it perfect for any occasion and poolside drinks from **Twisted Vines**.

Schedule of Events: The convention will open with a reception on Sunday, March 15th. Breakfast and sessions will be held on the mornings of Monday, March 16th, and Tuesday, March 17th, with a closing reception wrapping up the event. Additional details on session topics and optional afternoon activities will be provided soon.

Hotel reservations: To book a hotel room, click [here](#). The \$429 room rate plus taxes/fees is available three days pre and post-convention dates. The hotel reservation cutoff is **February 13th**.

The daily resort fee of \$20 includes bicycle rentals, access to the putting and chipping areas at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, lawn games, fitness and yoga classes, Social Boardroom access with games and entertainment, 15% off dinner at La Fogata restaurant, and 10% off select spa services at Luna Spa.

Visitor information: Click [here](#) to learn more about activities and attractions in Scottsdale.

Transportation: The resort is located 20 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Self-parking is available for \$25 per day plus tax, or valet parking for \$35 per day plus tax. The average Lyft fare is approximately \$28.

Agenda, registration, and sponsorship details will be available soon—stay tuned!



ASSOCIATION NEWS

ACI Grade 1 Class

ACI Grade 1 class will be held on Thursday, October 30th at Carew Concrete & Supply, 244 West Pioneer Road, Fond du Lac. Class instruction will take place from 7:30 am to 10:30 am followed by the written exam at 11:00 am. Lunch will be at noon and the Performance Exam/Field Testing beginning by 1:00 pm. Click [here](#) to register. Contact Kim at knovak@wirmca.com with questions.

ACI Concrete Flatwork Class

ACI Concrete Flatwork class will be held on Friday, November 14th at Schmitz Ready Mix, 11815 W Bradley Road, Milwaukee. The class is scheduled from 8:00-4:00 pm. Click [here](#) to register. Contact Cherish at cschwenn@wirmca.com with questions.

WRMCA Concrete Design Awards Call for Entries

The Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association is pleased to announce the Call for Entries for the 43rd Annual Concrete Design Awards. Thanks to award sponsors: **ACI Wisconsin, Euclid Chemical, Oshkosh Corporation, Peters Concrete, Premiere Concrete Admixtures, Schmitz Ready Mix, & Wingra Redi-Mix.** Download the entry form [here](#). The deadline to submit projects is **December 5th.**

2026-2027 WRMCA Scholarship Program

The WRMCA is pleased to announce its 2026-2027 Scholarship Program. Scholarships will be awarded to immediate family members of Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association members.

Scholarship Awards

- **\$10,000** (over two years) – For students in CIM or Concrete Technology programs at: -South Dakota State University, Middle Tennessee State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, California State University, Chico, Texas State University, Alpena Community College (Michigan), or Concrete Technology Program at Rhodes State College (Ohio)
- **\$3,500** – For students in Civil Engineering or Construction Management
- **\$2,500** – For students enrolling in any school of their choice

Eligibility/Application

Applicants must be:

- A current high school senior
- A graduate of a secondary school, or
- A current college student (including nontraditional/continuing education students)

Click [here](#) to complete the application form by **November 30th.**

- Email the following to knovak@wirmca.com OR info@wirmca.com:
 - ⇒ A 250–500-word essay on a concrete-related topic
 - ⇒ Two letters of recommendation (from non-relatives)
 - ⇒ A copy of your most recent transcript

WRMCA Concrete Professional Appreciation Week Winners

WRMCA's members' operations are only as strong as the individuals supporting them – this is why we want to show our appreciation for the Concrete Professionals. Thank you for your hard work, dedication and professionalism while delivering the world's most versatile building product. Each winner received a \$50 Kwik Trip gift card in the mail from WRMCA.

Concrete Delivery Driver Category Winners on Monday, July 28, 2025

1. Matt Kuester of American Materials
2. Chris Feliciano of Bichler
3. Matt Sternweis of Sternweis and Sons
4. Bonnie Tylee of Todd's Redi-Mix

Maintenance Winners on Thursday, July 31, 2025

1. Storm Lorsch of Bichler
2. Trevin Joly of MCC
3. Andrew Bocher of Carew Concrete & Supply
4. Jeremy Woller of County Ready Mix

Office/Admin Winners on Tuesday, July 29, 2025

1. Landon Behling of Carew Concrete & Supply
2. Mike Anderson of Cemstone Ready Mix
3. Dawn Gehrke of River City Ready Mix
4. Braden Kelly of Schmitz Ready Mix

Dispatch Winners on Friday, August 1, 2025

1. Jeffrey M Fregine of American Materials
2. Stacy Jones of Carew Concrete & Supply
3. Jonathon Genske of River City Ready
4. Lynn Timm of Schmitz Ready Mix

Quality Control Winners on Wednesday, July 30, 2025

1. Alex Crawford of County Ready Mix
2. Tim Hendrickson of MCC, Inc.
3. Connor Dahl of Peters Concrete
4. Steve Fleming of Point Ready Mix

WRMCA 2025 Driver of the Year Winners

WRMCA's OES Committee selected the 2025 Ready Mixed Concrete Delivery Professional Drivers of the Year. They were chosen as the top drivers from a group of outstanding applicants from across the state of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. All are honored for their career achievements, exceptional safety record, professionalism, driving competency, and customer service skills. WRMCA selected four winners, placed in categories based on the yardage poured annually.

- The first category winner is 41-year veteran driver **Patrick Nolde of Bichler Concrete & Gravel**, whose home plant is in Escanaba.
- The second category winner is 31-year veteran mixer driver **Steve Konkol of County Ready Mix**, whose home plant is in Custer.
- The third category winner is 22-year veteran mixer driver **Dale Karls of Advanced Concrete**, whose home plant is in Waunakee.
- The fourth category winner is 27-year veteran driver **Jason Bakken of Wingra Redi-Mix**, whose home plant is in Fitchburg.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Data Center Development Moves Forward as Housing Developments at a Five-Year Low

Written by Peter Kammer, The Kammer Group

Recent tax incentives passed into law in Wisconsin, creating tax breaks on data centers, have helped bring major development projects to the state at a time when residential housing projects lag.

Housing construction is currently down in the US, with overall housing starts falling to a five-year low in recent months, primarily due to a significant drop in multifamily construction. This downturn in residential projects is driven by several factors, including high mortgage rates and increasing labor shortages. Builders are also facing higher material costs, making it more challenging to start new projects. However, demand for data centers is at an all-time high.

There are currently at least five proposed or approved AI data center projects across the state. The Microsoft data center in Mt. Pleasant and the Vantage data center in Port Washington will require a combined 3.9 gigawatts (GW) of electric power, which is enough energy to power 4.3 million Wisconsin homes.

A data center is a physical facility that houses critical IT infrastructure, including servers, storage systems, and network equipment. Data centers require significant infrastructure to support the centers' hardware and software.

Data centers require a significant amount of energy. There are two reasons data centers are growing so quickly and increasing the demand for electricity. The first is that the United States is doing more things that require access to shared data, like shopping online, streaming videos, business communications, and artificial intelligence.

With the increasing demand for data centers, there's growing pressure on the concrete industry to reduce its environmental footprint and use more sustainable materials. While concrete is essential for building data centers, it is a source of embodied carbon emissions, primarily from cement. The industry is now pushing for and developing greener concrete alternatives to reduce these environmental impacts. This includes using AI to design low-carbon mixes, employing carbon capture technologies, and accelerating the adoption of Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for concrete materials. Some data center construction also uses pre-cast concrete for faster construction and sustainability benefits.

Plant Tour at Wingra Red-Mix with Representative Jacobson

Wingra Redi-Mix hosted a tour for Representative Jenna Jacobson on Tuesday, July 29th. The visit provided an inside look at the company's operations, including dispatch, a concrete truck, the mechanics' garage, the plant, and the aggregate pit. The tour highlighted the important role the ready-mix industry plays in the local economy and community.



PLANT TOURS

Senator Testin's "Work Day" at LYCON

Senator Patrick Testin joined LYCON at their Wisconsin Rapids plant on Friday, September 19th. The day began with a plant walkthrough and instruction on operating the truck chute in preparation for the upcoming pour. Senator Testin took an order, batched the concrete, performed a slump test, and then headed to the jobsite. The first project was a foundation pour, pumped by Sternweis & Sons, where he assisted with pouring the concrete and handling truck washout.

Back at the plant, he assisted in making a block with the excess concrete. Then he visited the reclaimer, washed out the truck, and learned about washout ponds and recycling. He then joined in on another order and foundation pour. To wrap up the day, Senator Testin fueled the truck and went through the pre-trip inspection checklist alongside the mechanic. Click [here](#) to view a recap of the event.



WRMCA SPONSORED WEBINARS

WRMCA Sponsored Webinar: The Evolution of Concrete Related Codes and Standards

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, Noon

Presenter: Jared Brewe, PhD, PE, SE (S.K. Ghosh Associates)

Description: Building codes are both laggards and leaders – laggards in the adoption of new materials or techniques for design and construction; leaders in implementation of proven materials and improved methods for design and construction. This presentation will discuss the recent development of the codes governing concrete construction, including the new ACI-PCI 319 and ACI-PTI 320, and how these and other codes are expected to continue evolving in the future. We will also discuss the relationship between the governing codes and changes to other standards from ASTM, AWS, and ASCE/SEI that support the concrete industry.

Click [here](#) to register.



WRMCA Sponsored Webinar: Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 12, 2025, Noon

Speaker: Chad Erickson, PE, Strata Corporation

Description: While concrete is the world's foremost construction material, it doesn't come without the occasional issue. In this presentation, we will review types of concrete defects, evaluate the causes for each of those failures, and provide recommendations for the optimum mitigation or repairs. Additionally, we will cover communication between all parties involved – from the subcontractor to the owner.

Click [here](#) to register.



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Enhanced Safety and Night Visibility

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Strength and Durability

- No other paving material approaches concrete's strength and durability in standing up to heavy usage and truck traffic.

Most Economical Over the Long Run

- Concrete pavement lasts longer, without the need for costly patching, seal coating, and overlays.



For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact:

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Cement Burn Safety

Ready Mixed Concrete and Cement Burns

About 10% of ready mixed concrete is made up of portland cement. Those who work with portland cement are at risk of developing skin problems, ranging from mild and brief to severe and chronic. Wet portland cement can damage the skin because it is caustic, abrasive, and absorbs moisture. Portland cement also contains trace amounts of hexavalent chromium [Cr(VI)], a toxin harmful to the skin. Dry portland cement is less hazardous to the skin because it is not as caustic as wet cement. Wet portland cement in concrete can cause caustic burns, sometimes referred to as cement burns. Cement burns may result in blisters, dead or hardened skin, or black or green skin. In severe cases, these burns may extend to the bone and cause disfiguring scars or disability.



What to Know About Cement Burns

Employees and customers of the concrete industry need to be aware of the potential for cement burns if working with wet concrete. While handling wet concrete any exposed skin having the potential to come into contact with the wet concrete should be protected by being covered or by using proper personal protective equipment (PPE). Proper PPE for handling wet concrete includes hard hat, safety vest, chemical resistant/waterproof gloves, long sleeve shirt, long pants (no cuffs), chemical resistant/waterproof boots, eye protection (with side shields), and waterproof of knee pads if kneeling. As well, remember to remove jewelry such as rings and watches because wet concrete can collect under them. Clothing contaminated by wet concrete should be immediately removed. Any skin that comes in contact with wet concrete or contaminated clothing/PPE should be washed with fresh water immediately. Do not wash hands with water from buckets used for cleaning. Make sure plenty of fresh water is available in case wet concrete comes into contact with anyone's skin. Precautions should be taken before and during work with wet concrete as one may not feel the initial stages (pain) of cement burns until it is too late. (Always remember to keep children away from wet concrete)

Cement Burns Do's and Don'ts

- Think first, use proper PPE at all times
- Relay cement burn hazards to employees and customers
- Re-enforce proper PPE wear and care
- Reassess PPE after handling wet concrete
- Have plenty of fresh water available
- Immediately wash any contacted skin with fresh water
- Notify a supervisor if any cement burn precautions are not being followed
- Keep children away from wet concrete

Resources

NRMCA: [Cement Burn Prevention Program](#)

NRMCA: [Cement Safety Brochure](#)

OSHA: [Preventing Skin Problems from Working with Portland Cement](#)

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Mixer Truck Rollover Prevention

Ready Mixed Concrete Truck Rollovers

A "rollover" is one of the most serious types of truck accidents resulting in many cases, in serious injury and/or death to drivers or the general public at large. When rollovers occur, it puts the driver into a position that no amount of training or anticipation can 100 percent assure prevention of very serious consequences. *All rollovers can be prevented.* What is known is that all rollovers occur due to a particular set of circumstances. If these circumstances are corrected or prevented, then any rollover can be eliminated. Rollovers create unnecessary human suffering and substantial costs and business disruption. It is everyone's responsibility to do whatever they can to prevent the occurrences of rollovers.



What to Know About Mixer Truck Rollovers

Ready mixed concrete mixer truck rollovers will only be prevented if drivers remain focused on the driving tasks at hand. In order to accomplish this, repeated training of "recognizing conditions" that are common to most rollovers must be conducted on a regular basis. Mixer trucks should always maintain a 1-to-1 ratio distance from trenches. Meaning, for every foot of trench depth, a mixer truck should be the same distance away from the edge of the trench.

Preventative actions to follow or scenarios to recognize to minimize/eliminate rollovers

- Think first before driving
- Drive for the current road/surface conditions
- Rural 2-lane roads with soft shoulders
- Freeway ramps
- Slowdown when turning (especially right-hand turns)
- When mixer is loaded with concrete
- Soft or uneven jobsite terrain
- Loaded mixers have right of way when entering job sites/access roads
- Stowed material inside cab
- Slump creating weight imbalances
- Extreme weather conditions (wet or icy)
- Properly pressurized drop-down axles
- Seatbelt use
- Distracted driving (i.e., cell phones, food/drink, smoking)
- Slow down

Resources

NRMCA: [Mixer Truck Driver's Manual](#)
NRMCA: [Rollover Prevention Program](#)

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WRMCA & Industry Events

Date	Event	Organization
October 10-14	ConcreteWorks	NRMCA
October 15	Sustainable Webinar: The Evolution of	WRMCA
October 22	Legislative Committee Meeting	WRMCA
October 22	Membership Committee Meeting	WRMCA
October 26-29	Concrete Convention	ACI
November 4	Associate Committee Meeting	WRMCA
November 12	Promotion Webinar: Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation	WRMCA
November 13	Board of Directors Meeting	WRMCA
November 17	Improving Concrete Specifications	NRMCA
November 17-18	Dispatch 101 Fall Semester	NRMCA
November 17-19	Environmental Course Fall Semester	NRMCA
November 17-19	Safety Course Fall Semester	NRMCA
November 18-20	Concrete Durability Fall Semester	NRMCA
December 4	Pheasant Hunt	WRMCA
December 5	Concrete Design Awards Deadline	WRMCA
December 9-10	Sales Symposium	NRMCA
December 10	Sustainability Webinar: Safe Room Guidance	WRMCA
January 8-9	OES Workshop	WRMCA
January 20-22	World of Concrete	WOC
January 29	Board of Directors Meeting	WRMCA
January 29-30	Technical Workshop	WRMCA
February 12-13	Annual Concrete Pavement Conference	WCPA
February 27-March 2	Annual Convention	NRMCA
March 3-7	CONEXPO-CON/AGG	Conexpo
March 15-17	Annual Convention	WRMCA