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November Membership Meeting

- Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023
- Time:** Networking and lunch at 11:30 AM, meeting and presentation 12 PM—1 PM
- Location:** Terracon Training Room (8901 John W. Carpenter Fwy, Dallas, TX 75247)
- Cost:** \$20 members, \$40 non-members
- Presentation:** Doug Beer, PE, Construction & Maintenance Branch Manager at Texas Department of Transportation

Mr. Beer is a graduate of Colorado School of Mines. After college, he spent a year working for a geotechnical and inspection firm where he was exposed to construction of all types. He began work with TxDOT in the Wichita Falls Area Office in 1998, and spent the next 19 years serving as the construction engineer over all roadway and bridge projects. He joined Bridge Division Construction & Maintenance in 2017 and currently serves as the Branch Manager.

Presentation topics will include:

- Current and forecasted bridge letting
- Funding sources and programs for bridge rehabilitation and preservation
- Common types of structural repair being targeted in these repair projects
- Challenges for construction and inspection

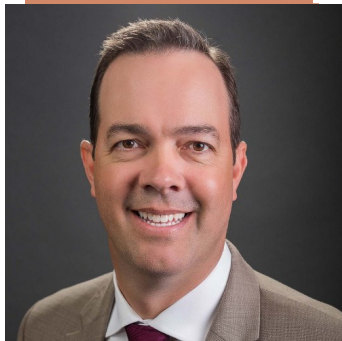
[Click here to register!](#)

Registration closes at noon on Monday, November 27.



Don't miss out on our new attendance raffles! We'll be giving away a \$50 door prize. New members in attendance who signed up in 2023 will be eligible for a second \$50 raffle! Membership registration must

President's Message



Casey Jones

Howdy NTX ICRI Members. I can't believe I am typing this, but the Holidays are upon us. It is nice to reflect a little as we near the end of 2023. Personally, it has been a whirlwind year with lots of exciting things happening in my work and home life. It has also been a great year for our NTX ICRI Chapter. We had very successful events; including, our Mega Demo Day, our Sporting Clays Shoot and Jesse Points Memorial Golf Classic. I was also able to attend the National ICRI Fall Convention in St. Pete Beach, Florida. We had a terrific turnout, including a great showing from our NTX ICRI Chapter, and the weather was incredible. It is always nice to gain the perspective of our other Chapters across the country as well as Canada.

I hope you received the email regarding our November 29 Membership Meeting, but if you haven't, I am excited to announce that Mr. Doug Beer, P.E. of TxDOT Bridge Division Construction and Management, will be presenting on repair work and forecasting. This meeting will be held at the Dallas Terracon office. Please mark your calendars

and we look forward to seeing you there. Also be on the lookout for additional information regarding the December 13, Field Applicator Training Program facilitated by our own Mr. Mark LeMay, AIA, LEED AP.

As my 2023 NTX ICRI Chapter Presidential term closes, I want to thank everyone in our Chapter, Committees, and Members for making this a great year for me and our Chapter. I'll continue to be on Committees or serve wherever needed for this great group. And I ask you to join a committee or look for other opportunities in our Chapter. Believe me, we have room for you, and your voice is important.

Keep up the good work and Happy Holidays! See you on November 29.

Sincerely,

Casey Jones

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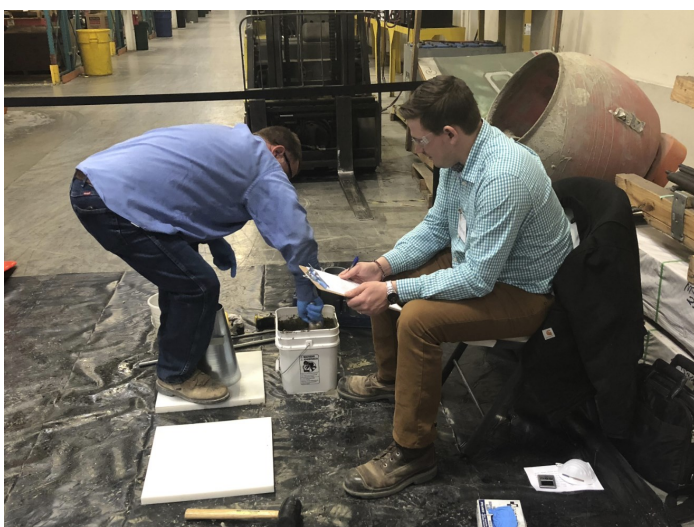
Save These Dates!

ICRI FIELD APPLICATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Location: RTC, 1433 Crescent Drive, Carrollton, TX

Time: 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM



See Page 4 for more information!



- November 29: Membership Meeting
- December 8: Board Meeting
- December 13: Field Applicator Training Program
- January 22-25: World of Concrete (Las Vegas, NV)

Full 2023 calendar is available on [our website](#).

Surface Profile Chips for Sale!

Did you know that the NTX Chapter sells ICRI Surface Profile Chips (CSP 1-10)? Let us know before a meeting and we can deliver them to you there! Your purchase supports the NTX Chapter. For more information, contact Pete Haveron at [peteh@texconrest.com](mailto:pete@texconrest.com).



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ICRI Field Applicator Training Program

In case you have not heard, ICRI is developing a training program specifically for field applicators of concrete repair materials. Former ICRI Technical Director, Dave Fuller, started the program, but with his departure, Mark LeMay of the North Texas Chapter has taken over the program development. With the assistance of a Task Group, a program has been under development for the past several months. One of the next steps is to put on a “Pilot Training Program” for 20 attendees on Wednesday, December 13th at RTC’s shop facility at 1433 Crescent Drive, Carrollton, TX.

The program that has been developed so far will be one full day, and will consist of two classroom sessions put on by Subject Matter Experts (SME’s). Topics covered will include:

- Components that make up reinforced concrete
- Deterioration of concrete
- Surface preparation
- Concrete repair methods and materials
- Quality requirements for concrete repair
- Mixing, placing, finishing, and curing

The two classroom sessions will be alternated with hands-on “workstations”, where attendees will learn how to acoustically sound concrete, the proper methods of concrete removal, surface preparation, and mixing, placing, finishing and curing concrete repair materials. The training is intended for the least experienced workers in your crew to help advance their knowledge of proper concrete repair techniques. We plan to send each participant home with printed copies of pertinent ICRI Guidelines and other reference material.

The goal is to eventually offer the program in Spanish. However, until the content of the program can be finalized, the December 13th event will be offered in English only, but some Spanish-speaking people will be available to assist any attendee who may need such assistance.

As contributing members to our NTX Chapter, we wish to extend an invitation to you to send one or two of your least experienced field hands to participate in this full-day Pilot Program on 12/13 at no cost. Please forward their names to Mark LeMay (mlemay@jqeng.com) by 4 PM CST on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

In addition, if you have one or two foremen/superintendents from your company who wish to attend to observe and provide feedback on the program, please forward their names to Mark as well.



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Jacob Borgerson, CSRT-Grade 1, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

Jesse Points Memorial Golf Classic Recap

The NTX Chapter's finest golfers gathered at Waterchase Golf Club in Fort Worth for a competitive scramble round on Friday, October 6, 2023. The morning weather proved perfect for low scoring as the group stroked drives and sank putts all over the course. The group of seventeen teams wrapped things up after an efficient round with a delicious smashburger lunch provided from a local food truck. For the 22nd year, the tournament was a massive success, raising thousands of dollars to support NTX Chapter scholarship. The Chapter thanks all participants and sponsors for their continued support of this NTX tradition!

1st Place Team: Western Specialty Contractors (Bob Scheelar, Tyler Bishop, Parker Mink, Bryan Staffel)

2nd Place Team: Macias Specialty Contractors (Abe Jackson, Thomas Alonzo, Kyle Smith, Thomas Hernandez)

3rd Place Team: CMC (Brad Court, Chaser Gilley, Alex Shelby, Skelly)

Most Honest: Sunbelt Waterproofing (Donnie Willey, Chris Joliff, Marco Mejia, Nick Cseresznye)

Contest Holes: Kyle Smith (#2), Ryan Spans (#6), Alex Shelby (#7), Riley Summer (#12 and #14), Bryan Staffel (#16), Nick Cseresznye (#18)

Golfers prepare for the shotgun start




President Casey Jones addresses the golfers after the round



Winning team (left to right): Bishop, Scheelar, Mink, Staffel



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Join ICRI at World of Concrete in Las Vegas! Use registration code [A36](#) to support ICRI.

When: Monday - Thursday, January 16-19, 2024

Join ICRI for the **Monday night kick-off party** at the 1928 Prohibition Bar at the Mandalay Hotel!

Where: Las Vegas Convention Center
Las Vegas, NV

VISIT THE [ICRI WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION

2024 Spring Convention in Boston, MA

SAVE THE DATE! The 2024 ICRI Spring Convention will be held in Boston, MA. Check the ICRI website for more information in the coming weeks.

When: Monday-Wednesday, April 22-24, 2024

Where: The Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA

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