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September Membership Meeting



- Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2024
- Time:** Networking and lunch at 11:30 AM, meeting and presentation 12 PM—1 PM
- Location:** Sika Lewisville DC (2075 Midway Road, Lewisville, TX 75056)
- Cost:** \$25 members, \$40 non-members
- Presenter:** Eri Vokshi, Sika Corporation
Eri Vokshi is a Technical Sales Manager at Sika-US. She has 11 years of experience with FRP materials and design. She holds a Master's degree in Material Science from Arizona State University and is a professional engineer in the state of Florida. Eri is also an active member of ICRI, ACI, SEA and the chair of ACI 440-0E subcommittee.
- Presentation:** Structural Strengthening With FRP Composites
Fiber Reinforced Polymers (FRP's) have become a viable and accepted means of upgrading, strengthening, and rehabilitating structures throughout the world. Typical applications include external reinforcement, seismic upgrades, change in use, building alterations and innovative anchoring techniques. This presentation will discuss why structures need to be strengthened, design considerations, available industry guidelines, highlight materials that can be used for structural strengthening along with their advantages and disadvantages and fire protection requirements.

[Click here to register!](#)

Registration closes at noon on Tuesday, September 17.

President's Message



Clay Broyles

Hello NTX ICRI Members! It looks like the hot summer months may be behind us, and the cooler days of fall are creeping in. This year has flown by but we still have several events before we round out 2024.

Our first event of the fall will be our September Membership Meeting. Eri Vokshi from Sika Corporation will be presenting on Fiber-reinforced polymers. This meeting will be held at the Sika Distribution Center in Lewisville (2075 Midway Rd, Suite 100) on Thursday September 19th. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM and the presentation will be from noon till 1 PM. As with all of our meetings, non-members are welcome to come; we will have board members at the meeting if you would be interested in becoming a NTX ICRI Member.

October 4th is this year's date for the 23rd annual Jesse Points Memorial Golf Classic. The tournament will be held at Waterchase Golf Club. Check-in/breakfast starts at 7:30 AM with a early shotgun start at 8:30 AM. After play, we will hand out raffle prizes and tournament awards. If any members would like to donate a raffle prize, please reach out to a board member.

This year's ICRI Fall Convention is October 22-25 in Denver, Colorado. Registration and hotel information are on the National ICRI website now. We are excited to announce that the 2025 Spring Convention will be in Austin, Texas (April 13-16). There are already lots of great events planned so be on the lookout for upcoming information.

With such a busy last half of 2024, please make sure that you are receiving the North Texas ICRI emails to stay up to date on future events. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer for an event, or know of a non-member that would like to become a member please reach out to a board member.

Sincerely,

2024 NTX Chapter President

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JESSE POINTS MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

Date: Friday, October 4, 2024

Location: Waterchase Golf Club, Fort Worth, TX

Check-In Time: 7:30 AM

Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM



- October 4: Jesse Points Memorial Golf Classic
- October 11: Board Meeting
- November 7: Membership Meeting
- December 6: Board Meeting

See flyer and registration form at end of newsletter for more information.

Full 2024 calendar is also 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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Delegate Report: ICRI Spring Convention in Boston, MA

By Eddie De Haro (Sika Corporation), NTX 2-Year Director

I had the privilege of representing the North Texas ICRI chapter at the Spring Boston Convention in April. The focus of the event was Transportation, Roadways, Bridges, and Tunnels. The conference took place at The Westin Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts, a superb location with breathtaking views and rich historical attractions. As a first-time attendee, my main objectives were to actively participate in all the events, including social hours, mixers, and technical presentations.

Each morning, we started with breakfast and had the opportunity to explore the exhibitors' tabletops, where they showcased their products and services. This was a great chance to meet people from all over the country. Throughout the day, there were informative technical presentations every hour, with breaks in between for networking and connecting with professionals from various regions. In the evenings, we enjoyed social reception hours, where delicious food was served and we had the opportunity to socialize with individuals I had never met before.


I had the pleasure of attending some special events, such as the Fenway Park tour organized by the New England ICRI Chapter. The guided tours provided fascinating insights into the park's history and the achievements of the ballplayers. Another noteworthy event was the Boston Harbor dinner tour cruise, which showcased the city's beautiful highlights while offering great food and entertainment.

Reflecting on my experience during the spring conference, I contemplated how best to convey my learnings to the ICRI North Texas Chapter Board member and fellow members. I returned with a wealth of knowledge gained from the technical presenters and exhibitors. However, what truly stood out was the opportunity to connect with professionals from different backgrounds and exchange experiences. This is the essence of ICRI - fostering education and creating meaningful connections for continuous learning. Join the ICRI North Texas Chapter today to experience the benefits of expanding your knowledge and network with like-minded individuals who share our passion for concrete repair and restoration.

Networking & New Members at Happy Hour

On September 5, 2024, the NTX Chapter hosted a happy hour at Black Agave in Farmers Branch, Texas. Attendees enjoyed cold beer and cocktails, as well as a delicious Tex-Mex buffet. The event was a big success, with approximately thirty chapter members and friends in attendance, and four new members registering at the happy hour. Thanks to Parker Mink for his efforts in planning the event!





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 Whether you are new to concrete repair or experienced...this program has something for everyone.”*

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

Conjet Presents to NTX Chapter

The NTX Chapter's May Membership Meeting was held on May 9, 2024, at the Las Colinas Corporate Center in Irving, Texas. The chapter members and friends of the chapter dined on a lunch of rotisserie chicken, sides, and dessert, while Andy Anderson of Conjet gave a presentation about hydrodemolition. Mr. Anderson overviewed the many applications for hydrodemolition, including selective removal of concrete, surface preparation and profiling, and membrane or coating removal. The benefits of hydrodemolition were highlighted, including elimination of the potential for microcracking during concrete removal, and simultaneous cleaning of corroded reinforcement. Those who attended were interested in incorporating hydrodemolition into future projects, and were grateful to Mr. Anderson for sharing his knowledge.



Andy Anderson of Conjet Details the Benefits of Hydrodemolition

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Upcoming CSMT Program

ICRI is hosting a Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Technician (CSMT) Program at the Flooring Contractor's Association Convention & Trade Show in Orlando, FL. Register now to get certified (or re-certified)!

When: Monday-Tuesday, September 30-October 1, 2024

Where: Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando, FL

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

2024 Fall Convention in Denver, CO

Registration for the 2024 ICRI Fall Convention in Denver, CO, is now open! Register by October 8 for Early Bird pricing. This convention's theme is "Back to Basics: Sand, Cement, Water, Aggregates."

When: Tuesday-Friday, October 22-25, 2024

Where: Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver, Colorado

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Get Surface Repair Certified!

Why should my company have ICRI-certified Concrete Surface Repair Technicians (CSRT) on staff?

The ACI 562-19 concrete repair code commentary states that CSRTs are qualified to perform testing and inspections required by the Design Professional. Look for this requirement to become more prevalent in the coming years as ACI 562-19 is becoming more widely recognized. Plus, better quality control and quality assurance start with better training!

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The North Texas Chapter is always looking for ways to expand or refine the newsletter. If you have suggestions on what we should include in the newsletter, new ideas, articles, or things we need to cut out, please send those comments to [Steve Grelle \(Stephen.grelle@yaeservices.com\)](mailto:Steve.Grelle@yaeservices.com).

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The Jesse Points Memorial Golf Classic

23rd Annual North Texas ICRI

Friday, October 4th, 2024

“Waterchase Golf Club”



Where: Waterchase Golf Club
8951 Creek Run Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76120
817-861-4653

When: **Friday, October 4th, 2024**
Check-In/Range Open @ 7:30 AM
Breakfast Served @ 7:30 AM
Shotgun Start @ 8:30 AM
Hamburger Lunch After Play

Format: **Four Person Scramble**
Proper Golf Attire Required
Waterchase is a Soft Spike Facility

Sponsor Deadline:

Monday, September 30, 2024

Player Registration Deadline:

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

You are encouraged to register in groups of four to determine your own playing partners. Tournament director will form teams from entries of less than four players. Waterchase Golf Club is a soft spike facility. Collared shirts are required.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sponsorships:

Signage will be provided for all sponsorship levels if payment is received by the registration deadline.

Gold Sponsor (4 players)	\$800.00
Silver Sponsor (2 players)	\$550.00
Bronze Sponsor (1 player)	\$300.00
Individual (no sign)	\$250.00
Breakfast or Lunch Sponsor	\$400.00
Beverage Sponsor	\$300.00
Hole Sponsor with Table	\$250.00
Hole Sponsor (sign only)	\$200.00

FREE Putting Contest

Putting Green @ 8:00 am

PRIZES!!



Longest Drive: 2 Holes

Closest to the Pin: 4 Holes

Cash: 1st-2nd-3rd Place Teams

Dead Ass Last Award

Lots of Door Prizes!

