In the tenth annual awards competition of the Louisiana Chapter, the four judges selected the Parking Garage No. 3 at Lakeside Shopping Center in Metairie submitted by Broadmoor Design Group, LLC as the Best Concrete Project for 2007.

The Lakeside Parking Garage, in the Building and Parking Structures Category, is a three level, 317’ wide by 333’ long, 314,000 square foot garage with a capacity of 974 vehicles. The 16.4 million dollar project was ‘fast tracked’ in 6 months to fulfill the owner’s requirements for completion for the 2007 holiday season.

The foundation utilized auger cast concrete piles which were available faster than precast concrete piles. The pile caps and first floor slab was cast-in-place concrete. The upper floors consisted entirely of precast pre-stressed concrete columns, ledger beams and double tees. The double tees were topped with 3” cast-in-place concrete to form the finished floor surface. Precast concrete wall panels and shear walls completed the superstructure.

The entire superstructure is pre-cast concrete pieces which were used not only as structural components but as architectural enhancements to the exterior. Tindall Corporation Mississippi Division was the precast concrete supplier. Tindall’s work required over 3800 cubic yards of concrete for the 543 pieces with the largest piece weighing 50,000 lbs.

Project participants were: Architect – Broadmoor Design Group, LLC; Structural Engineer – Lauderdale-Whitlock Consulting Services, LLC; General Contractor – Broadmoor Design Group, LLC; Site Cast Concrete – Carlo Ditta, Inc; Precast Concrete – Tindall Corporation (Miss Division); Precast Erector – Precast Erectors; Reinforcing Steel – South Steel Erectors; Concrete Formwork – Boh Bros Construction.
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The President’s Message
Greg Richards

(Excerpts and Summary of Greg’s
Incoming President’s Address at the
Installation and Awards Banquet)

I’m from the testing lab component of the concrete industry. My first involvement with ACI was in the testing certification program. I am a firm believer in this program. In the ‘old’ days, when there was a low concrete strength issue, the situation often turned into a ‘battle’. Everyone got on the defensive and it often became ugly. Today, with certified technicians performing the tests and with guidelines provided by ACI, parties are free to discuss the test results, determine what they mean and examine what steps are required to resolve the problem. I am a firm believer that the ACI Louisiana Chapter and the certification program have been good for the concrete industry.

When they asked me to serve on the board a few years ago, my main reason for accepting was to ‘keep it going’. The charter members had the vision to get it started. The past presidents have improved the Chapter and have set a high mark. The Chapter consistently receives national recognition as an “Excellent Chapter” as one of about 12 annually.

To the members I want to emphasize that this is your Chapter. You should support the Chapter because it does a lot of good work. Come to the events, the Chapter puts them on for you. If you are not a member, I encourage you to join. Call me for an application.

I would like to share a scripture reading with you. King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes, “I know there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all his work – this is the gift of God.” I am looking forward to this year. To the Concrete Project award recipients; Congratulations and good job.
2008 ACI Louisiana Chapter Concrete Awards and Installation Banquet at English Turn Country Club

Contest Judges and acknowledged the effort put forth by the firms that entered the projects submitted.

The Best Project 2007 Award was then given to the Lakeside Shopping Center Parking Garage No. 3. An Award of Excellence was won by the Wood Bulkhead Replacement. Awards of Merit were won by the following: Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life – Tulane University, Monsour Residence in Kenner, LA, Picardy Avenue Interchange and I-10 Widening and Rehabilitation, and the Expert Riser in Port Fourchon, LA.

Banquet Chairman Mark Cheek announces the winners of the Chapter Concrete Awards

This year’s American Concrete Institute Louisiana Chapter Awards and Installation Banquet was held at the beautiful English Turn Country Club. With the 10th edition of the Chapter Program Booklet at every place setting, out-going president Mike Devillier began the function by extending a warm welcome to all. The Chapter Charter members, past presidents and board members in attendance were introduced.

We heard three meaningful, high tone, sincere speeches; from Bernie Gaten in accepting the Chapter Activities Award, from Don Meyn in accepting his Distinguished Chapter Member Award and finally from Greg Richards as his President’s acceptance speech (summarized in his president’s message).

Greg Richards, the incoming president, presented an appreciation president’s plaque to outgoing president Mike Devillier and thanked him for his outstanding service.

Mark Cheek, Awards Committee chairman, then presented the tenth annual Best Concrete Projects Awards. He first thanked the Awards Committee,
2007 Concrete Projects Awards of Excellence

WOOD BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT
N.O. LAKEFRONT AIRPORT
CONCRETE BULKHEAD

Pictured Left to Right: Michael Devillier, Louisiana Chapter President; Franz Zemmer, Senior Design Engineer, Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC; Loyd Luton, Senior Construction Engineer, Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC; Gerry Gillen, Chief Property Engineer, Orleans Levee District
2007 Concrete Projects Awards of Merit

**MONSOUR RESIDENCE**  
KENNER, LA

Pictured Left to Right:  
Gereard Vitrouu; Bruce Berteau, President Americane Concrete Services, Inc; Michael Devillier, Chapter President; Bruce J. LeBlanc, Sect. Treas. American Concrete Serices, Inc; B.J. Eckholdt, Quality Control Manager, LaFarge North America

**LAVIN-BERNICK CENTER**  
FOR UNIVERSITY LIFE

Pictured Left to Right: Michael Devillier, Louisiana Chapter President; Subhash Kulkarni, P.E., FASCE, President, Kulkarni Consultants; Neela Kulkarni, Treasurer, Kulkarni Consultants; Patrick Bartley, Project Manager, Broadmoor, LLC

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PICARDY AVENUE INTERCHANGE AND I-10 WIDENING

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Wayne Hughes, Paving Supt, James Construction;
Michael Dorough, Paving Engineer, James Construction;
Scott Ashmore, Paving Division Manager, James Constr;
Louis Soileau, Paving Project Manager, James Construction;
Mike Devillier, Louisiana Chapter President

EXPERT RISER TUBE ASSEMBLY BUILDING

Pictured Left to Right:
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Summer Classic
American Concrete Institute
Louisiana Chapter
Golf Tournament

***English Turn Golf & Country Club***
1 Clubhouse Dr.
New Orleans, LA

Monday, May 19th, 2008

Time: Lunch at 11:30AM, Shotgun Start at 12:30PM, Awards Ceremony to Follow

Entry Fee: $150.00 Per Player (includes green fees, carts, range balls, lunch and drinks)

Format: 4-Man Scramble

Awards: Closest to Pin, Longest Drive, Team Low Net, Team Low Gross

Sponsors: $100.00 Hole Sponsors (Door Prizes and Donations Appreciated)

Participants may sign up as a team or an individual. Individual entries will be paired together.

Please sign up the following participants:

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Thank you for your support of the Louisiana Chapter
DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER MEMBER
DONALD F. MEYN

Don was almost a Charter Member, being active in 1976 at the time of the Chapter formation, but his father M.A. Meyn didn’t want to pay for his meal at the inaugural dinner when the national representatives came down to install the chapter. Don has been everything else however;
- President in 1990
- “Permanent” Treasurer of the Certification Committee
- Treasurer of the Convention Committee in 1995, 2005 and 2009
- Regular attendee at Chapter seminar luncheons
- Chairman of the Bylaws Committee
- Always ready to give advice and leadership when asked

He was CEO of Delta Testing and Inspection, Inc until they were acquired by Southern Earth Sciences in 2006. He now is a board member of Southern Earth Sciences and is in charge of their offices in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Mandeville and Houma.

Don Meyn made an emotional speech to accept his Distinguished Chapter Member Award. He recounted the milestones of his long term as a member and that his father was a key charter member. He has also relocated to Baton Rouge, so his current involvement with the chapter is regrettably less that in the past.
CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AWARD
BERNIE GATEN

Bernie Gaten expressed his sincere appreciation to the Chapter Board and Awards Committee for his selection to receive the coveted Chapter Activities Award. His high esteem for the award was evidenced by his presence at the banquet seeing that he now resides in Miami, Florida.

In well chosen words, he expressed his high regard for his fellow Chapter Members and complimented their energy and ambition in engaging in so many challenging and beneficial activities which improve the concrete industry locally and improve the ability of members not only in chapter related work but in all their undertakings.

He said it was a difficult decision to leave the New Orleans and Louisiana area but that the Miami area was too attractive to him and his wife Carrie to turn down the opportunity. It was obvious he will miss us as we will miss him.

Bernie came to the New Orleans area ten years ago. He became active in the Louisiana Chapter shortly after his arrival. He became a Board member in 1998 and became President in 2004. He contributed greatly to the Chapter. He attended almost every Board meeting since 1998. He arranged for about 50% of our luncheon speakers since 2002. He also became active in the CAAL organization and arranged many joint seminars with them. He volunteered to be the Chapter Treasurer for 2007 when the need arose. He did a great service as treasurer using the ‘invoice’ system to the fullest extent. Bernie was also very active in the certification committee showing up for the test procedures on Saturdays and spearheaded our tests in Shreveport. He also was chairman of our ‘Kits for Kids’ program for the last few years.
ACI Certification of
"Concrete Field Testing Technicians, Grade I"

The Louisiana Chapter of ACI will conduct a Certification Exam at ABC's Education and Training Facility located in St. Rose (see map below) on **June 28, 2008**. The program will begin with registration at 7:00 a.m. and will consist of a brief videotape review of test methods followed by a Written Exam beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 9:30 a.m. The program will continue with the Performance exam being administered until 12:30 p.m.

Candidates should come **prepared to perform the tests** as specified by ASTM in the standards listed below. The Written Exam will also test the candidate’s knowledge of these standards. Successful candidates will receive a certificate and wallet card attesting to their certification, which will be valid for 5 years.

- C 31 - Making Cylinders
- C 138 - Unit Weight
- C 172 - Sampling
- C 143 – Slump
- C 173 - Air Content by Volumetric Method
- C 231 - Air Content by Pressure Method
- C 1064 – Temperature
- C 143 – Slump

The cost of the complete program will be **$195.00** if payment is received 8 days prior to the exam. Cost will be **$225.00** there after. Full refund will be made up to seven days prior, after then the refund will be 75%. Substitution of candidates is acceptable if necessary. Companies providing supplemental examiners will be credited **$100.00** for one candidate for each examiner attending. Partial retests either written or performance cost **$115.00** per test. Attending a training class or purchasing a CP-1(08) workbook is strongly recommended. Workbooks can be ordered from the ACI Bookstore at [http://www.concrete.org](http://www.concrete.org) or by phone 248-848-3800. See the included flier regarding training classes.

Coffee and donuts will be provided for breakfast, and finger sandwiches and soft drinks for lunch. Candidates should bring a pocket calculator and 2 each no. 2 pencils.

**Registration will be limited to 40 people, so please register early.** You must register by mailing this form or a copy with a check, payable to ACI Louisiana Chapter, to Mr. Brian S. Moore, 62505 Hwy 11, Pearl River, LA 70452 (985-960-1386).

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Not Pictured: Jesse Hemeter, Sadi Torres, Jose Rodriguez, Craig Marks, all board members
2008 Awards Dinner
FUN FOR ALL

New Chapter President Greg Richards with his wife Stephanie

Tom Smith with his wife Sammy (Center) and Ernie Fontenot (Bottom Right)

Lafarge had a full table, B.J. Eckholdt with his wife, and Joe Roach with his wife, are in center
ACI Chapter
Upcoming Events

May 29th – ACI Luncheon, Cannon’s Restaurant on St. Charles, New Orleans

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