December 20, 2018

MCAC Remembers Industry Icon, Perry O'Laughlin

It is with great sadness and shock that we say goodbye to PTS Masonry owner, Perry O'Laughlin. Perry had a fatal heart attack Sunday, December 16 while at his duck club.

Perry's affiliation with MCAC dates back to 1989 and he was always a resource when needed generously sharing his vast experience in the masonry industry. He volunteered to be a technical advisor during two rounds of silica regulation hearings and often served as a judge at local apprentice and bricklayer competitions helping to guide young masons. Perry was also a skilled mason that displayed his talents when he competed in the Basalite "Seniors Fastest Trowel" contest and won 1st place every time he competed...but remained humble despite his impressive resume. He was also an avid softball player and hunter that loved the outdoors -- especially the camaraderie with fellow sportsmen. His accomplishments and interests are too many to enumerate, but when your friends describe you by saying,

"His friendliness was contagious and you just appreciated his honesty and bright outlook. Everyone liked Perry, how could you not."
Then, I would say you have done something very right.

MCAC extends our heartfelt sympathy to Perry's family, friends, and everyone at PTS Masonry.

Perry will be missed, for sure, but remembered fondly.

Contractor's Alert: What is f'm?

In hollow Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) design and construction, the term f'm has been perceived as meaning different things, such as the actual strength of masonry, the tested strength of masonry, or even the strength of the CMU. The term, f'm, is defined in TMS (The Masonry Society) 402, Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures as:

Read More

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Members Are Asking MCAC!

A Member Asked - Is MCAC holding a meeting at the World of Concrete in 2019?

Answer: No. MCAC meets at the World of Concrete in the even-numbered years. The next MCAC State Meeting is scheduled for March 4-6, 2019 in Kauai, HI. Registration information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Diesel Deadlines for On-Road and Off-Road Fleets

January 1, 2019 - On-Road Vehicle Retirement Deadline
Light vehicles (14,001-26,000 lbs GVWR) with Engine Model Year 1999 need to be replaced or repowered to a 2010 or newer model year engine.

January 31, 2019 - On-Road Fleet Changes and Flexibility Options Reporting Deadline
On-road diesel fleets are required to report bought or sold vehicles, installed filters, and upgraded engines within 30 days of the change. Fleets seeking flexibility compliance options like those listed below must renew that compliance option and report mileage (if applicable) by January 31, 2019.

- NOx Exempt Area Operation
- Low-Use
- Manufacturer Delay (Must email trucrs@arb.ca.gov to opt in. See Online User Guide for details.)
- Heavy Crane Phase-In Option
- Low Mileage Work Truck Option w/ PM Filter (Only applies to vehicles with pre-1996 engines until replacement deadline)
TRUCRS is the online reporting system for the On-Road (aka Truck & Bus) Diesel Regulation. View the TRUCRS User Guide.

March 1, 2019 - Off-Road Reporting Deadline
Off-road diesel fleets are required to complete annual reporting and submit a Responsible Official Affirmation of Reporting (ROAR) form or e-ROAR by March 1, 2019. You can complete this requirement starting January 1, 2019. If you need a refresher, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is offering two webinars in January. Register at the links below. *DOORS is an online tool designed to help fleet owners report off-road diesel vehicle inventories and actions taken to reduce vehicle emissions to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), as required by the Off-Road Diesel Regulation. View the DOORS User Guide.

- **January 9, 2019 | 1:00 - 2:00pm | *DOORS Annual Reporting Webinar**
- **January 31, 2019 | 9:30 - 10:30am | *DOORS Annual Reporting Webinar**

Click here for additional CARB training opportunities.

Want help with fleet monitoring and reporting? Contact CleanFleets.net | (916) 520-6040 Ext. 103 | service@cleanfleets.net for assistance with:

- Regulatory Compliance & Smoke Testing/Smog Check
- Compliance Monitoring
- Regulatory Reporting
- Enforcement Resolution and more.

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**MCAC Members Receive National Safety Award in 2018**

The MCAA Safety Advantage Awards are based on a mason contractor’s incident rate. Awards are given to the top companies with greater than 100,000 hours worked by all employees and the top companies with less than 100,000 hours worked by all employees. The goal of the Awards is to help draw attention to the need and benefits of performing safely.

California contractors John D. Wait Masonry of Lodi and Stonelake Masonry, Inc. of Elk Grove were part of an 8-place tie for first place in the Less than 100,000 Hours category. Congratulations! View the complete list of 2018 winners here.

Entries for the 2019 Safety Advantage Awards will be accepted beginning March 1, 2019. Entry is FREE for MCAC/MCAA members. Winners will be announced at the MCAA Midyear Meeting.

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**MCAC Mission Partnerships: The One and Done Solution for You?**

Based on our research from executives, "Companies are interested in three things: (1) business development opportunities; (2) brand differentiation as a top supporter of the association; and (3) to be positioned as a knowledge leader." What if you could be a company that writes one check to MCAC, crosses those three things off the wish list...and be done for the year? Let us bundle a customized Mission Partnership good for an entire calendar year.

Here’s what one Mission Partner had to say:
"This association has proven to be not only profitable but continues to grow our masonry business! One check and done is simpler, easier. We like giving to worthy causes, and MCAC is worthy because it is full of customers."

Curious?
California Apprentices Head to Las Vegas! 
Masonry Madness January 23, 2019

Congratulations to California’s competitors that qualified to compete in the 2019 National Masonry Skills Challenge Contest at World of Concrete January 23 in Las Vegas. We know you will represent California well!

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**
- Mason Temple 1st Year
  - Stoney Masonry, Inc.
  - Madera, CA
- Jose Diaz 2nd Year
  - John D. Wait Masonry, Inc.
  - Lodi, CA
- Alexander Morua 3rd Year
  - Townsend & Schmidt Masonry
  - Sacramento, CA

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
- Daniel Hernandez 1st Year
  - Largo Concrete & Masonry
  - Tustin, CA
- Anthony Gomez-Rodriguez 2nd Year
  - Ramirez Masonry, Inc.
  - Azusa, CA
- Norberto Alvarado 3rd Year
  - NuWay Masonry, Inc.
  - Riverside, CA

MCAC is proud to sponsor the registration fees of our member company apprentices to the national contest...but that's just part of the story. Getting the apprentices to the contest (transportation, hotel, meals, etc.) is up to the employers and other supporting organizations. THANK YOU employers and donor organizations for encouraging the next generation of masons!

Registration is Open! MCAC 163rd State Meeting | March 4-6, 2019 | Kauai, HI

Our host hotel has new ownership and a new name...and we believe it’s a good thing.

The property transitioned to SH Group management from Marriott effective November 16th. SH Group has several beautiful properties and they have all claimed spots on Conde Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards lists.

- 1 Hotel South Beach placed #7 out of the top 10 Hotels in the U.S. and #2 in Miami
- 1 Central Park, 1 Brooklyn Bridge and Baccarat Hotel New York all placed in The Top Hotels in New York City at #3, #5 and #8 respectively

MCAC 163rd State Meeting
March 4-6, 2019
MCAC FEATURES MEMBER BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR YOU!
See If You Can Save on Insurance and Fuel Costs

**MCAC Insurance Program**

- General Liability
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- Workers' Compensation
- 25% -50% of MCAC membership dues paid by Saint Moore
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Chris Moore | chris@stmooreinsurance.com | (909) 793-2151

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- Save 5 cents per gallon on the CFN and Pacific Pride networks
- Use retail locations with the Flyers Fleet Card
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Sincerely,

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