

PDCA 2009 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF COST-EFFICIENT PILES CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
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The PDCA has scheduled the 10TH Annual Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Piles (DICEP) Conference on Thursday, November 19, 2009. PDCA is proud to announce that the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California (SEAONC) is a cooperating sponsor for this year's conference. PDCA is excited about SEAONC's participation and thanks them for their support.

This year's premiere engineering and contractor-focused driven pile conference will be held at the Walnut Creek Marriott, Walnut Creek, CA on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

The DICEP conference will focus on engineering issues relevant to pile driving. The theme for this year's DICEP conference is:

1. Increasing useable pile capacity to reduce project foundation costs, and
2. Optimizing dollars per ton of pile bearing to reduce project foundation costs

The DICEP conference will include five-50 minute presentations on these two topics.

The conference is intended to provide practical and relevant information on driven pile design that can be used by structural, civil and geotechnical engineers. The conference also contains important information that will appeal to contractors, owners, developers, government employees and those connected to the driven pile industry.

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities will also be available on a limited basis.

Further information on the DICEP conference, registration and Walnut Creek Marriott contact the PDCA at 888-311-PDCA (7322) or email us at steve@piledrivers.org for more immediate information.

PDCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – MAY 6-8, 2010

The PDCA has selected Coeur d'Alene Golf and Spa Resort, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho as the site for the PDCA 2010 International Conference and Expo. This will be a conference you will not want to miss. Along with exceptional educational presentations, some of the conference highlights are listed below:

Executive Committee Meeting and Outing
President, Past President, Committee Chair
& Spouse's dinner
Opening Reception
Expanded Continental Breakfast Every Morning
3rd Annual Golf Tournament at Coeur d'Alene
Dinner Cruise – Lake Coeur d'Alene
PDCA Awards Luncheon
Project of the Year Presentations
Themed Dinner on the Beach at Lake Coeur d'Alene

Companion's Program: Including
Expanded Continental Breakfast Every Morning –
In the Presidential Suite (a must see)
Off-Site Lunch and Shopping, tours, outdoor activities
Cooking with the Chef's – Beverly's Restaurant
Spa Treatments – a PDCA Tradition

Band and Dancing

Remember, the cost of the conference includes all of this and more, excluding golf. It's a program that no others can match, so mark your calendar and prepare for - the conference of the year – PDCA at Coeur d'Alene 2010!

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS

Continuing Education will now be required for all registered architect, engineers and land surveyors who are licensed in the state of Virginia. The Virginia General Assembly passed a bill during the 2006 legislative session which mandated the Board of Architects, Professional Engineer and Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) implement a mandatory continuing education program (16 hours of continuing education activities) for architects, **professional engineers**, and land surveyors (HB 1054). The law became effective on July 1, 2006, and the Board initiated the process to promulgate the necessary regulations for the program on September 7, 2006. The new regulations became effective April. 1, 2009; there is a one year delayed enactment clause. PDCA has been told that all professional engineers who renew their license after March 2010 will be required to have completed the 16 hour requirement.

PDCA is planning on conducting an educational program in Virginia in early 2010 in an effort to help Virginia state licensed engineers met this new requirement. The PDCA program will meet the criteria established by the law for continuing educational units.

PROFESSORS' DRIVEN PILE INSTITUTE PRESENTATIONS, SPONSORS AND GALLERY AVAILABLE ON PDCA WEBSITE

The PDCA has uploaded all 43 presentations and collected data from the Professors' Driven Pile Institute, which can be viewed or downloaded at your discretion. On the PDPI page is also a list of sponsor and a picture gallery. To view the PDPI information, go to www.piledrivers.org/pdpimain.php and select Presentations, Sponsors, or Gallery.

CHAPTER UPDATES

PDCA of Florida Chapter: On July 16, members of the PDCA of Florida represented the PDCA at an Icebreaker event hosted by the East Central Florida Branch of ASCE. The event was held at the Farmer's Market in Winter Park, FL. Over 200 people attended the event. The PDCA was represented by PDCA of Florida members Sara Harrison and Tim Dittmeier (Hammer & Steel), Mike Carter (Giken America), Keith Waugh (Leware Construction), Walter van Zuthem and Brent Kearney (Skyline Steel) and Van Hogan (Ed Waters & Sons Contracting). A table top display was provided and the members present had the opportunity to discuss the benefits of driven piles and the PDCA with a number of engineers in the Greater Orlando area.

The next chapter meeting will be held on August 27, 2009 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza, SR 50 in Orlando, FL. The evening's topic will feature a panel discussion focused on pile design. For more information or reservations, contact Kylie Williams (Skyline Steel), via email at kwilliams@skylinesteel.com.

PDCA of Mid-Atlantic Chapter: On July 16, members and guests of the PDCA of Mid-Atlantic chapter held their quarterly dinner meeting at Seacret Restaurant in Ocean City, MD. The guest speaker was Fernando Garcia, Hillis-Carnes. The meeting was well attended to hear Fernando discuss aspects of value engineering. This was the first time the chapter held a dinner meeting at Seacrets, which is located with the Isle of Wright Bay to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter: The next chapter meeting will be held on August 20, 2009. Contact Mike Kelly at 504-834-7791 for more information.

PDCA of South Carolina: On July 10, 2009, PDCA of SC hosted a group of 10 students from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Their Professor, Dr. Brian Anderson, had attended the PDCA Professors' Driven Pile Institute at Utah State. During that time, Dr. Anderson spoke with PDCA President John King (Pile Drivers, Inc. – Hollywood, (Charleston area), SC) regarding a field trip to Charleston, so his graduate and undergraduate engineering students could become more familiar with driven piles through the manufacturing and pile driving processes.

The field trip began at 9:00 AM on July 10. Dr. Anderson and his students began the trip at Palmetto Piledriving for a tour of their prestressed concrete plant. The tour was conducted by Scott Nigels. Then Greg Canivan (S&ME, Charleston) made arrangements for a Cone Penetrometer Testing (CPT) Unit and a Pile Driving Analyzer (PDA) to be set up onsite for demonstrations. The technicians demonstrated the use of both the CPT and PDA, giving the students some insight into the geotechnical side of testing driven piles. The class then moved to a Pile Drivers, Inc. jobsite to witness the installation of 12"x 75' prestressed concrete piles. Michael McCormick (Pile Drivers Inc.) gave a tour of the jobsite and answered questions regarding the project and driving operations.

PDCA of South Carolina treated the group to lunch after the demonstrations. The students left Charleston with a greater understanding of the quality control and quality assurance that goes into pile manufacturing and pile driving through strict manufacturing standards and testing; along with a greater understanding of deep foundations with which to approach their profession upon graduation. PDCA of South Carolina has another student visit planned for the fall and is intending upon making this tour a regular event.

Below is a picture of the group at Palmetto Piledriving's yard.



MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

M. G. Forge: Gene Merlino (President of M.G. Forge) and his wife, Kelly were blessed with a baby boy, Eugene Rider Merlino, born on July 15, 2009, at 1:38 a.m. Eugene weighed in at 6 lbs. 12.2 oz. Although baby Eugene was delivered one month early, everyone is doing fine with Kelly and Eugene resting comfortably.

Palmetto Pile Driving: Herbert "Herb" H. Jessen III has retired from Palmetto Pile Driving in Charleston, SC. "Old pile drivers never retire...the just keep bangin' away". Just look at some of the pile driving mentors within the PDCA who still show up at the office early in the morning and leave after everyone else is gone! Well, Herb has broken new ground. He has retired at the young age of 62. He worked at Palmetto Pile Driving, Inc. as Assistant Manager for 14 years. His responsibilities included quality control oversight and inventory control of their prestressed concrete pile manufacturing plant. On the pile driving side of Palmetto's business, he served as project manager. He also worked as an estimator.

Prior to joining Palmetto, he worked for many years in the prestressed concrete business as a production coordinator. Herb and his wife Carolyn, a retired educator, will keep busy working their farm, camping, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending quality time with their grandchildren.



CONGRATULATIONS, HERB! JOB WELL DONE!