



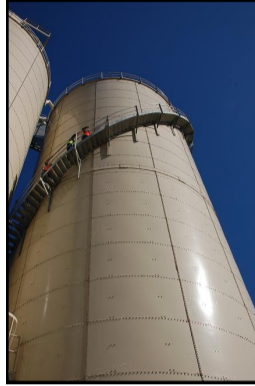
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ARPA Member Blast February 13, 2009

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County Officials Tour ARPA Facilities

Members of ARPA including Salt River Materials Group, CEMEX, Lehigh/Hanson, Vulcan, Gila River Sand and Gravel brought County officials out to better understand our industry in light of Rule 316. The purpose is to create a training program for county inspectors and permitting engineers in the future. Officials included Lawrence Odle Director of Air Quality for Maricopa County and Dan Blair Director of the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality



The first location we visited was SRMG facility is on Southern and 67th Ave. Mining Operations Manager Dan McQuade of Salt River Materials Group gave Maricopa County inspectors and Members of the Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality (GRIC-DEQ) an overview of the mining operation, crushing, screening and how the wash plant operates. Dan discussed general functions, dust and emissions controls as well as challenges with the Rules recently discussed in a meeting with Maricopa County and members of ARPA on February 3rd.

Batch Plant Operations Manager Bob Anderson of RMI gave County and GRIC-DEQ personnel a tour of the concrete batch plant on site and then it was off to CEMEX's Gomez Asphalt Plant located at approximately 37th Ave. and Broadway. There Environmental Manager, Agustin Figueroa of CEMEX gave an overview of the general processing functions of an asphalt plant. The tour concluded with a trip to the Lehigh Cement Terminal on 5402 W. Buchanan Street in Phoenix. Pat Neilio of Lehigh Cement explained how the sophisticated trans-loading facility operated including pneumatic transfer of material from rail cars, cement storage controls and automated truck loading.

The Next ARPA Board Meeting is Wednesday February 18th.

Community Service:

We have a Winner!



Bryan Freed is the winner of the "Aggregates in Society" essay contest sponsored by Southern ARPA. He is seen here along with the department head, Dr. Mary Poulton. The contest was held by the U of A's School of Mining and Geological Engineering. Southern ARPA members, supported the efforts of the college by offering winners scholarship money.

ARPA Members Contribute to New Veterans' Memorial

With Rusty leading the effort, ARPA members contributed labor and materials to build the new Veteran's Memorial Flagpole at the State Capitol.



Here's how the Republic Covered the story.

"Eyes were riveted upward at the state Capitol today, as Rep. Jerry Weiers and his band of fix-it guys worked to erect the new Veterans' Memorial.



The memorial, to be dedicated Monday, will consist of three flagpoles, which will display the U.S. flag, a POW/MIA banner and the Arizona state flag, respectively. Two pieces of petrified wood are being moved from elsewhere on the Capitol grounds to sit at the base of the memorial.

The big attraction Thursday was the crane what was brought in to remove the old flagpole and help erect the three new ones. Yellow police tape cordoned off a broad swath of the courtyard between the House and Senate buildings, as well as the lawn. Working away at the base of the old flagpole was **Rusty Bowers, of the Arizona Rock Products Association** and a former state lawmaker himself.

Weiers, R-Glendale, spearheaded the creation of the memorial and collected \$30,000 in contributions to pay for it. The old flagpole has been hit by lightning, and has a slight tilt after weathering last August's microburst, which contributed to the decision to pull out the towering mast."

Thank you for feeding the Hungry



The At last December's Steak Fry, ARPA took up a donation for the local food bank. Members made generous donations and ARPA has received this certificate of appreciation from the Saint Mary's Food Bank. Thank you to all the ARPA members who took the time and made the effort to make life a little easier for those in need.

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