

Director's Notes

Greetings Epoxy Interest Group!

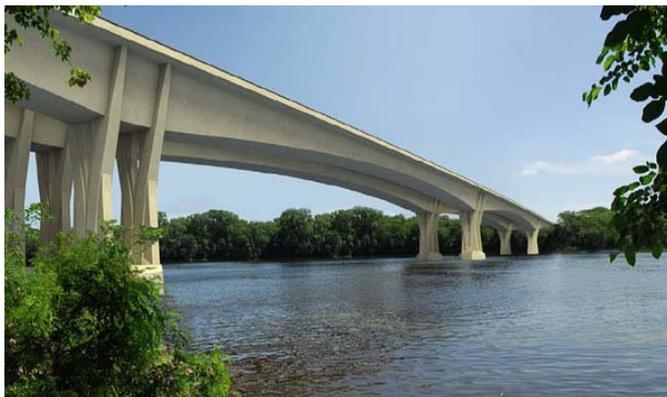
We had an informative and productive CRSI Spring Meeting in Tempe last month and I really enjoyed getting to know more EIG members better than I had previously.



I am excited to see the commitment of EIG members to EIG and to CRSI as a whole. We have a great group of dedicated individuals working toward the common goal of promoting epoxy-coated reinforcing (ECR) steel. Together we are making an impact in the marketplace as evidenced by owners that continue to use ECR as their reinforcing steel of choice, despite repeated appeals from alternate materials. I am a big proponent of teamwork and, to that end, one focus of mine in the coming months will be coordinating these efforts in order to maximize their impact. Stay tuned!

Illinois Department of Transportation Epoxy Training

An EIG-sponsored training program was held in Skokie, IL on March 30, 2016. This meeting was attended by approximately 40 people, including one from the Illinois DOT, several powder supplier companies, and many CRSI and EIG member companies. Scott Hughes from Illinois DOT and Dr. Danielle Kleinhans from EIG gave morning presentations while afternoon presentations were given by Tom Greenfield, Freddie Rocha and Oscar Ramirez from ABC Coating. This training is one requirement to be qualified with IDOT as an epoxy coating plant. Thank you to all that attended and made the program a success!



Dresbach Bridge Opens to Traffic

Last week crews were expected to place the final concrete and open the East-bound span of the Dresbach Bridge to traffic. The bridge used epoxy coated reinforcing steel and was mentioned in the Epoxy Training presentation as a current project under construction.



For additional information please see:

http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/dresbach-bridge-closes-construction-of-new-mississippi-river-interstate-crossing/article_188ff75a-5ab4-5969-9e45-5f9935f2d32d.html

West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) Materials/Construction Seminar

EIG presented at the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) Materials/Construction Seminar held in Daniels, WV between March 8 – 10. A presentation entitled "State of the Practice: Reinforcing Steel Bars" covering current reinforcing steel trends and research was given in three separate sessions to an engaged audience of nearly 100 WVDOH employees.

CRRB Seminars make their way to Oklahoma

EIG presented on the benefits and performance of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel in Stillwater, OK on April 7 at the latest of the Corrosion Resistant Reinforcing Bar (CRRB) seminars hosted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The day consisted of individual presentations by several types of reinforcement. Sandra Goebel gave the majority of the presentation with Danielle Kleinhans covering portions as well. Brice Wager and Marcelo Acuña also attended the seminar. The next seminar has not yet be scheduled.

During the morning session, Oklahoma DOT's Walt Peters reported that they are happy with the performance that ECR ais providing in their structures and their current policy is to use ECR for national highway system bridges and piercaps. Excellent news!



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SR520 Opens as the World's Longest Floating Bridge

At 7,710 feet in length the SR520 bridge in Seattle opens as the world's longest floating bridge – and it uses epoxy-coated reinforcing steel and has an expected service life of 75+ years!

For additional information please see:

<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/transportation/weekend-party-to-mark-publics-first-chance-to-try-out-new-520-bridge/>

ASTM gallops into San Antonio

I look forward to seeing many of you at the ASTM meetings to be held in San Antonio during the first week of May. I look forward to getting involved in the A01.05.04 Subcommittee on Coated Reinforcement specifically. Please make me aware of any issues with the materials specifications that we may need to address together as an industry.

Quote

Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

Vince Lombardi

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
April 17 – 20	ACI, Milwaukee, WI
May 2 – 5	ASTM, San Antonio, TX
May 9 – 11	NTPEP, Grand Rapids, MI
June 7-10	International Bridge Conference, National Harbor, DC
June 26-30	AASHTO Bridge, Minneapolis, MN