Commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of the First Concrete Pavement Constructed in the US - Bellefontaine, Ohio

Organized by the Task Force on Preservation of Artifacts from Historical Concrete Pavements

Co-sponsored by:
Ohio Department of Transportation
American Concrete Pavement Association, Ohio Chapter
American Concrete Pavement Association
National Concrete Pavement Technology Center
International Society for Concrete Pavements

Several organizations are working to coordinate a 125th anniversary celebration of the first concrete pavement in the United States. In 1891, an 8-ft-wide section of the first concrete pavement was placed on Main Street in front of the Logan County Courthouse. A segment placed in 1893 on Court Street remains in service today.

The event will be held in Bellefontaine, Ohio, on Monday, April 25, on the day prior to the Spring meeting of the National Concrete Consortium, which is scheduled for April 26-28, 2016, in Columbus, Ohio.

Master of Ceremony – Larry Scofield, The International Grooving & Grinding Association

Part 1 – Celebrating Evolution of Concrete Pavements
Location: Hyatt Regency-Columbus Hotel, 1:00 to 2:45 pm

An historical perspective and remembering the heritage: Invited presentations on historical highlights of concrete pavement technology developments in the United States and Canada.

- Welcome by the Ohio DOT
- Welcome by Greg Colvin, Executive Director, ACPA Ohio Chapter
- Welcome and Historical Concrete Pavements Explorer by Jerry Voigt, President, ACPA National
- Historical Perspective – Concrete Pavement Technology Development – Mike Darter, Applied Research Associates, Inc. (Tentative)
- Historical Perspective – The Role of the Federal Highways Administration in Supporting Concrete Pavement Technology Evolution – Roger Larson, Retired, FHWA
• **Historical Perspective – Iowa’s Role in Concrete Pavement Technology** Evolution – Gordon Smith, Iowa Concrete Paving Association
• **Historical Perspective – A Contractor's Perspective**, David Howard, Koss Construction
• **The Bellefontaine Project (2:15 to 2:45 pm)**
  o Introduction and Overview – City of Bellefontaine
  o Project Details and Highlights – Mark Pardi, ACPA Ohio Chapter/Dan Miller, Ohio DOT and others

**Part 2 – Site Visit (Buses Depart at 3:00 p.m.)**
• Arrive Bellefontaine at about 4:00 pm
• Reception at the Logan County Transportation Museum, Logan County History Center (4:00 to 4:30 pm)
  o Welcome by Honorable Ben Stahler, Mayor, City of Bellefontaine
• Site visit – Historical concrete pavement section and downtown area (4:30 to 5:15 pm)
• Dinner at a downtown Bellefontaine restaurant or at a restaurant on the way back (Details being finalized)
• Arrive at the Hyatt by 8:00 pm.

(Note: Some of the details are still being worked out, and the tentative program above is subject to change, but the times identified are expected to be remain unchanged).

Attendance at both events, including bus transportation, is free. Dinner cost is $20.00 per person, payable in cash before boarding the bus or at the restaurant.

National Concrete Consortium meeting attendees, please register on the NCC meeting registration: [http://www.intrans.iastate.edu/events/ncc_registration/](http://www.intrans.iastate.edu/events/ncc_registration/)

Others interested in participating in the April 25 event only, please contact Shiraz Tayabji, at stayabji@gmail.com, to register for the bus transportation (if needed) and for the dinner.