

# North Carolina Masonry News

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**National Masonry Winners** Shown at Kansas City, (front row L to R) Secondary winners: Bronze Medal, Nathan Price, Pennsylvania; Gold Medal, Cody Alward, Mount Pleasant High School, and Silver Medal Winner, Andrew Miller, Alabama. (Back row L to R) Harry Junk, National Concrete Masonry Association with postsecondary winners: Bronze Medal-Justin Ries, Iowa, Gold Medal, Michael Pickels, Pennsylvania; Silver Medal, Luke Balsingh, Florida, and Brian Light, Southern Brick Institute.

## Alward is National Champ!

KANSAS CITY- David Cody Alward, a June graduate of Mount Pleasant High School in Cabarrus County, is the 2003 SkillsUSA / VICA High School Masonry Champion. Alward competed against 30 state champions and finished with a score of 185 points out of a possible 200, winning the Gold Medal.

"Second Place" went to Andrew Miller of Alabama, followed by Nathan Price of Pennsylvania in third.

Cody was instructed at Mount Pleasant High School by Doug Drye, who accompanied Cody and his entire family to the championship competition.

Alward's win makes the eighteenth VICA Championship for North Carolina masonry students. The win made the sixth national masonry medal win for instructor Drye and Mount Pleasant High School, five of which have been for "First Place" finishes. (See page x)

NC also brought home the 2003 Gold Medal for plumbing with a win by Christopher Cox of Lee County High School in Sanford.

Winners of the thirty-ninth annual SkillsUSA Championships were announced June 27th at the awards session of SkillsUSA-VICA National Leadership and Skills Conference at the Kemper Arena and Bartle Hall in Kansas City, Missouri. Some 4100 students participated in hands-on competition in seventy-five different trade, technical, and leadership fields.

Cody's national championship winnings included a laptop computer, two sets of tools, a scholarship and an embroidered championship jacket.

The son of Martha and Don Alward of NCMCA member firm Alward Masonry in Rockwell, Cody, 18, is working with his father this summer. He will be attending Rowan-Cabarrus Community College this fall, possibly planning a transfer to the Construction Management curriculum at East Carolina University in the future. He recently completed a ten-day mission trip with his Mount Pleasant United Methodist youth group to Costa Rica, where he had

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**Chimney Repairs** President McAdams (*in the bucket*) used an 88 foot bucket-truck to make repairs to five chimneys on an historic home at Haw River during June. The house was constructed in 1896.

## A Word from the President

In June, I had had an experience that has helped me better appreciate the life we have here in the United States. I was among fifty-three folks from St. Mark's Church in Burlington, who went on a seven-day mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico, just south of McAllen, Texas.

I never wear a hat, but I put one on in Mexico. Everyday, the temperature reached 110 to 115 degrees. Forty-three of our group were age fourteen to sixteen. Other than myself, our group of adults included one construction person. The rest were folks mostly unaccustomed to regular work outside. Because of the heat, one young lady ended up at the hospital at McAllen, but besides that, our group did well.

It was my first time, but this marked the second year our church has worked with the Reynosa church group through an ongoing mission project started by a fellow from Michigan. Groups rotate in and out, staying at a mission camp he built on five acres donated locally. The camp has a large dining hall and five air-conditioned dormitories, so it has nice accommodations. A group from Louisiana was scheduled to come in after us to put a roof on the walls we constructed.

We built a 30 by 50 foot, one-story block church building about thirteen courses high. The church planned to take an existing church building and turn it into a hospital, moving the existing hospital from a building we would consider little more than a storage building here at home. The kids and the women dug a footing by hand and built a block retaining wall around the entire compound and then did most of the block-laying on the building itself. I sat the corners and the line, kept the mortar workable and directed the masonry, but the

kids did most of the work.

I'll never complain about our local materials again. At least not for a while. We laid six-inch block with mortar made from basically the same aggregate used to make the block. In that heat, you can just imagine how tough that stuff was to work. It was aggravating!

I was surprised at how important it was to the local folks that the work for their church be done right. They grouted the walls and pilasters with steel and concrete and formed a bond beam around the entire perimeter.

Life is a struggle in Reynosa. The best jobs pay about eighty cents an hour and there is a long line of folks waiting for any opening. There are lots of manufacturing plants in Reynosa. Most of them used to be in the United States.

I had a chance to work with some great people on the mission trip, both among those we met in Mexico, and the folks who went with me from my church. It was a good experience.

I was able to make the trip because my right-hand man, Jarrett Allison, was here to look after my business. Jarrett has really become important to my company. I mention that because Jarrett won the Annual State Fair Apprentice Contest a few years ago and it's coming up again in a few weeks. Make sure your up and coming apprentices participate. It's good experience for these young fellows.

We have an important board meeting coming up September 10<sup>th</sup> in Fayetteville. It will be a convenient opportunity for the folks in our new Sandhills Chapter to participate in the business of NCMCA. I hope your chapter representatives will be there too.

**- Red McAdams**



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Dear NCMCA Members:

## Re: *Taking Control of Your Health Care Costs*

Controlling health care costs has become a losing battle for many businesses, especially small business. The days of 100% coverage for everything are gone. Under today's managed care system, employers are experiencing large premium increases. They are being forced to pass these increases on to their employees by reducing or eliminating benefits and/or raising deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance levels. Employees are also being asked to pay a larger share of the premium.

These alternatives are not without consequences in terms of employee morale and employee retention. However, the health care expense problem must be attacked on two fronts: (1) We must look at and consider the new consumer driven health care plans and (2) we must communicate the seriousness of the health care situation to our families, as well as to all those who work with and for us. We all must become more involved in solving the problem than we have been in the past.

Believe it or not, there are some positive alternative solutions. These solutions, however may require an "attitude adjustment" if we are to accept them as ways to take control of our health care costs. We will try our best to help you do that!

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## Be Aware of Potential for Changes in Vocational Training Funding

by Steve Miller

As a masonry contractor or member of a related brick, block or concrete industry you must be concerned with the quality of your future workforce. According to NC Department of Public Instruction follow-up surveys of students who took masonry courses in high school, the numbers reveal that many students are now in the industry as a result of taking and completing a masonry course.



Steve Miller

In addition to working directly after high school, significant numbers of students who have begun either a community college or four-year college education also respond that their continued schooling relates to their high school masonry courses. High school career and technical (vocational) training have not only given them technical skills, but also knowledge of a viable career option.

This conduit from the classroom to the job site is in jeopardy! If Career-Technical Education changes take place as proposed, there is a very good probability that the conduit from masonry classrooms to careers in the masonry industry will be severed.

Since the Smith Hughes Act of 1917, there have been federal categorical dollars for vocational education, now called career technical education, in America's high schools. These dollars, known since 1998 as Carl D. Perkins III funds, have been provided to states with the mandate that they be used to provide students with technical skills and career exploration opportunities. Many of the students being served by Perkins III funds only remain in school because they have an opportunity sometime during the school day to spend an hour or two working with their hands learning a trade.

According to Donna Harris-Aikens, Director of Government Relations, National Association for Director's of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), Career Technical Education (CTE) was designed to provide learners with opportunities to explore career paths and gain technical skills. We have learned that a strong CTE system that integrates technical and academic skill attainment can help sustain America's economy, which now depends on having a highly skilled workforce, coupled with workers having the capacity to adapt as jobs evolve with emerging technologies. CTE is growing and improving to meet these demands. In fact, communities and states around the nation are meeting these demands, in part, by implementing the rigorous provisions of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act (Perkins Act). The last time Congress updated this law was in 1998, and legislators

plan to revisit this statute in the near future.

Unfortunately, the President unveiled a Perkins reauthorization proposal in early February that does not appear to value the benefits of the CTE system infrastructure, which currently serves as the springboard from which innovative and quality practices grow. Currently, the plan recommends not only a substantial cut in funding (from \$1.33 to \$1 billion), the proposal appears to severely limit students' access to secondary CTE programs. The other major change proposed in the Administration proposal is that interested schools would have to complete a grant application in order to compete for the money, hampering their ability to do long-term planning (*Harris-Aikens, NASDCTEc, 2003*).

While the proposal talks about providing grants for innovation, it is impossible to keep our current masonry programs functioning on grants. This means that the nearly 70,000 students who are taking a high school Trade and Industrial Education Course, or the 4,180 students who are taking masonry courses in North Carolina will not have any opportunities to learn technical skills or explore careers before walking onto your job sites!

My hope is that after reading where the current administration proposes to take Career-Technical Education in the Carolinas, you are now asking, "What can I do as a business partner of Career-Technical Education to assure that this does not happen?"

There are several steps. The first step is to go to [www.careertech.org/petition.asp](http://www.careertech.org/petition.asp) and complete the resolution affirming the value of continuing to fund career technical education as it is, plus adding ad-

ditional funds for innovative programs.

The next step would be to contact your congressional representatives and let them know you are not in support of the reauthorization of Carl D. Perkins bill as it is currently written. The third step is to continue to support your local masonry programs.

Sources: Harris-Aikens, Donna (May 2003) Draft Newsletter Article for the National Association of State Director's for Career Technical Education Consortium  
NC-DPI Career-Technical Education (March 2003) Vocational Education Information Survey (VEIS) Data, 2000-2002

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the opportunity to install a few masonry units.

Adding an additional challenge to the contest for Cody, his grandfather, Judson Alward, a mason himself, passed away three hours before Cody boarded the plane for Kansas City. He was obviously able to rise to the challenge and commented that the win was in memory of his grandfather.

Cody told us, "I was a little nervous at first because I hadn't built anything (like the project) before, but after the first three courses, it was just 'laying bricks,' and I was okay. It was fun and I had a great time."

Cody was also the winner of the 2002 NC Department of Labor State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest and placed seventh in the Annual NCMCA Apprentice Skills Contest last May.

The next SkillsUSA Championships will be held on June 23-24, 2004 in Kansas City. North Carolina's representatives will be determined at the NC SkillsUSA Conference in Greensboro April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.



**NCMA Officers** The NC Masonry Instructors Association elected new officers for their 2003 – 2005 term at the July NC DPI Trade & Industrial Education Conference. (Left to right) Ronnie Woods, West Caldwell High School, President-Elect, Todd Hartsell, Central Cabarrus High School, President, and out-going president Gary Connor from the Career Education Center (Asheville).

## New NCMIA Officers Elected

The North Carolina Masonry Instructors Association elected new officers at their annual association meeting held during the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Annual Summer Conference for Trade and Industrial Education at the Koury Center in Greensboro during July.

Officers for the 2003-2005 term are Gary Conner of the Career Center in Asheville, Past President, Todd B. Hartsell of Central Cabarrus High, President and Ronnie Woods of West Caldwell High, President-Elect. (Picture Page #4)

Vice-president is Michael Perry, Warren County High, Secretary is Tim Kidd of West Stanly High, Treasurer is Thurman Davis of North Lenoir High, and Reporter is Ronnie Miller of South Rowan High.

Regional Vice Presidents are Paul Moore, Hertford County High, Region One, Roland Dixon, Pender High, Region Two, Nathaniel Degraffinreaidt, Greensboro Grimsley High, Doug Drye, Mount Pleasant High, Region Four, Jesse Fox, Hickory High, Region Five and Dennis Griffin, West Henderson High, Region Six.

New President Todd Hartsell has taught at Central Cabarrus High School in Concord for five years and was recently named New Vocational Teacher of the Year at the NC DPI Summer Conference.

He has lived in Georgeville near Concord all his life and took masonry at Central Cabarrus High when Louis Suther was the instructor there.

Todd laid brick for eleven years with his father's company, Carl Edward Hartsell Masonry, before becoming a teacher.

He has been to the National SkillsUSA Masonry Championship twice in his short career and his student, Garrett Hood, brought home a Gold (2001) and a Silver Medal (2002.)

Todd has been married to Robbie for nine years and they have a son, Stephen, age seven. He teaches Sunday School, grades ten through twelve, at St. Stephen's Wesleyan Church in Georgeville where he also serves on the church board and is co-youth director.

He enjoys working with young people saying, "I teach quality first, not just throwing them in the wall. My goal is to get as many apprentices into the industry as possible and not just win the contests. I'd like to see more emphasis placed on getting high school kids into apprenticeships."

Hartsell says his main reason for being president of NCMIA is, "To get involved to see our instruction in line with industry and to help grow all the masonry industry. I want to get all the state's instructors involved."

Todd enjoys fishing and has a new passion for golf, thanks to an introduction to the game by CCMA's Paul LaVene two years ago.



**Recognition** Masonry folks were recognized at the July NC DPI Trade & Industrial Education Conference in Greensboro. Instructor Doug Drye (*second from left*) was recognized by fellow instructors and by the masonry industry for his student, Cody Alward, winning the National Skills USA Masonry Championship and for his six successful trips to the national masonry competition. Jack Glass, retired from the Brick Association of the Carolinas (*third from the left*) was awarded "Lifetime Membership" in NC Skills USA / VICA for his years of service to state and national VICA programs. Instructor Todd Hartsell (*not shown*) was presented "New T & I Instructor of the Year for 2003." In the photo (*left to right*) Paul LaVene, CCMA, Drye, Glass, Pete Cieslak, Brick Association of the Carolinas, Jack's wife, Jo, and Butch Hardy, Adams Products Company. Previously with the Federal Housing Administration, Glass began work with the Brick Association of the Carolinas in 1959 as a home building consultant and first participated in the national masonry competition in 1969 at Memphis.

### Board of Directors Meeting

The NCMCA Board of Directors will meet at 10:00 AM Wednesday September 10, 2003 in Fayetteville. The location is the Fairfield Inn, 1925 Cedar Creek Road at I-95, exit #49. The phone number is (910) 433-2666 for anyone who might want to secure an overnight room reservation. All members are welcomed to attend.



**Summer Camp** Metrolina Chapter President Chris Bruner (right) demonstrates masonry techniques to middle school students at the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College "Camp Discover" during June at Salisbury. Masonry was one of several construction occupation possibilities presented to the students from schools in Rowan County.

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**NC VICA SkillsUSA  
Annual  
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# NCMCA's Eleventh Annual State Golf Tournament

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Questions? Call tournament chairman Bill Reed: (919) 272-6510

**What does OSHA Say?**

**Tongue Weight & Trailer Balance is Critical**

*By Bob Parrish*

What does OSHA have to say about pulling trailers? Not much, really.

OSHA is concerned only with death and/or injury to employees, not the general public. Most of the time OSHA lets DOT handle traffic accidents. However, if serious violations are discovered by DOT, OSHA can step in and cite for those normally non-OSHA violations under their General Duty Clause claiming they are recognized safety hazards the employer should have known about and taken steps to prevent exposure to his people.



**Bob Parrish**

However, trailers are an important tool for masons and their proper use is always an important safety concern.

Tom Joyner (NC DMV Enforcement Officer) recently helped us at McGee Brothers weigh a truck and Bobcat trailer to help in our training efforts. He weighed the truck without the trailer and truck/trailer unit with the Bobcat in a neutral or centered position on the trailer. Then the Bobcat was moved all the way forward on the trailer and the unit was re-weighed. Finally the Bobcat was moved near the back of the trailer (as sometimes happens when material is stacked in front of the loader on the trailer) and the unit was weighed again.

In addition, the distance between the truck's rear bumper and the ground was measured in each position. This measurement can be a really important indicator of your trailer's tongue weight. The safe driver will measure the bumper height measurement on level ground before the trailer is hooked up and use it as a guide.

The table gives the weights and measurements obtained and should demonstrate the differences in weight distribution with the load in different positions on the trailer. Those differences are critical to your safety on the road.

Too little trailer tongue weight and the trailer will actually lift the rear of your truck a little. That lift can allow your truck to lose traction in a curve and cause a jackknife or allow your trailer to fishtail and cause a wreck. It will also allow your truck's rear tires to lock and slide before your front tires fully engage.

Too much tongue weight can do a lot of the same things. It is really hard on your truck's rear tires and can cause a blowout. It can also contribute to fishtailing the trailer and robbing you of control. Too much tongue weight will allow your front tires to lock and skid without your rear tires braking properly.

Proper tongue weight makes the trailer an extension of your truck. Truck brakes will work the way they are designed to work and the trailer brakes will work with your truck brakes to stop you smoothly in the least possible distance. The tendency to fishtail will be minimized and your move will be much safer. To pull a trailer safely, you must have tongue weight but not too much and not too little.

Total trailer weight with load forward is 11400

lbs adding 2200 lbs to your truck. With the weight to the rear, total weight is 13700 lbs subtracting 100 lbs from your truck. Loaded properly the trailer weighs 12500 lbs adding 1100 lbs to your truck.

That 1100 pounds gives your truck needed traction and is well balanced between your truck axles.



**Tom Joyner** NC DMV Enforcement Officer

In the event of a serious accident, especially one that receives a lot of publicity, OSHA may choose to come in and cite you under their "General Duty" clause, which is reserved for situations not specifically covered in the regulations.

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**Photographs and Graphics by Bob Parrish**



Know Your Load	Truck Front Axle Weight	Truck Rear Axle Weight	Trailer Front Axle Weight	Trailer Rear Axle Weight	Bumper to Ground Measure
Truck Alone	Left 1800 lbs Right 1740 lbs	Left 1960 lbs Right 1800 lbs			27 1/2 inches
Trailer Loaded Neutral	Left 1540 lbs Right 1500 lbs	Left 2740 lbs Right 2620 lbs	Left 3560 lbs Right 2840 lbs	Left 3100 lbs Right 3000 lbs	25 1/2 inches
Trailer Loaded Forward	Left 1320 lbs Right 1280 lbs	Left 3560 lbs Right 3340 lbs	Left 3080 lbs Right 2629 lbs	Left 2888 lbs Right 2797 lbs	23 inches
Trailer Loaded Back to Rear	Left 1820 lbs Right 1740 lbs	Left 1860 lbs Right 1780 lbs	Left 3889 lbs Right 3101 lbs	Left 3410 lbs Right 3300 lbs	28 1/4 inches

## Dates to Note

**9/8/03-** Raleigh Chapter monthly meeting (*note change because of Labor Day*)

**9/10/03-** NCMCA Board of Directors Meeting, Fairfield Inn, I-95 exit #49 - Fayetteville

**9/10/03-** Metrolina Chapter Golf Tournament, Rocky River Golf Course - Concord

**9/11-9/13/03-** MCAA Mid-Year Meeting - San Diego

**9/12/03-** Western Chapter Annual Lake James Picnic at Hugh Townsend's cabin

**9/19/03-** Deadline for registrations for 2003 DOL State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest

**9/22/03-** Committee meeting, NC Dept. of Labor State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest, 1:00 PM, NC Fairgrounds Office - Raleigh.

**9/25/03-** Eleventh Annual NCMCA State Golf Tournament, Oak Valley Golf Club - Advance

**10/8/03-** Metrolina Chapter meeting with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, LongHorn Steakhouse - Pineville

**10/9-10/11/03-** AIA South Atlantic Region Conference, Savannah Int'l Trade & Conv. Center - Savannah, GA

**10/20/03-** 50<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Dept of Labor Masonry Apprentice Contest, Fair Grounds - Raleigh

**11/20/03-** NC VICA Skills USA Golf Tournament - Pinehurst

**11/12-11/16/03-** The Masonry Society Annual Meeting, Doubletree Hotel Downtown - Portland, OR

**11/17-11/19/03-** NC School Board Association Annual Conference, Koury Center - Greensboro

**1/16-1/17/04-** CCMA Winter Meeting, Charleston Place - Charleston

**1/23-1/24/04-** CCMA Production Workshop, Holiday Inn - Southern Pines

**1/20-1/21/04-** Brick Association of the Carolinas Forum for Brick Distributors - Greensboro

**2/4-2/8/04-** National concrete Masonry Association Annual Convention, Hilton - Atlanta

**2/16-2/20/04-** World of Masonry, Orange County Convention Center - Orlando

**3/12-3/13/04-** SC VICA / Skills USA Masonry Contests, Fair Grounds - Columbia, SC

**3/21-3/25/04-** MCAA Convention and Masonry Showcase - Las Vegas

**4/1-4/3/04-** BIA Brick Show, Weston Harbor Resort - Savannah

**4/5-4/7/04-** VICA / Skills USA Masonry Contests, Coliseum - Greensboro

**4/22-4/25/04-** NCMCA Convention, Grove Park Inn & Resort - Asheville

**5/22/04-** Annual NCMCA Apprentice Skills Contest, General Shale Brick - Sanford

**6/23-6/24/04-** National SkillsUSA Championships - Kansas City

**10/6-10/10/04-** The Masonry Society Annual Meeting - Baltimore

**4/20-4/22/05-** MCAA Masonry Showcase / Construct America, McCormick Place - Chicago

**4/21-4/24/05-** NCMCA Convention, Sheraton Grand Hotel - New Bern

## Member News

Eastern Chapter President **Gary Manning's** wife Amy is doing fine now after a difficult pregnancy. Darrell Jones Manning was born May 27<sup>th</sup> and makes baby #3.

**Tony LaVene** and **Triad Industrial Equipment** are the new dealer for **Anchor Mixers** in

North Carolina. **Anchor Manufacturing Company** of Chicago is a member of NCMCA and donated the "Official NCMCA Mortar Mixer" to the Association in May 2002. The NCMCA mixer remains in the capable care of Triad Industrial Equipment.

Earlier this summer, **President Red** participated in a mission trip to Mexico where they built a church building. Extremely dry, windy and hot with temps between a hundred and a hundred and fifteen degrees everyday, says Red.

Eastern Regional VP and Past State President **Gary Joyner's** son **Chris** married Krista Horne in June. Everyone is expected to recover by the time son number two, Nathan, decides to get hitched.

Sandhills Chapter Vice President **Jimmy Simmons** lost his sister early in July after an extended illness. Karen Allee was 46.

**Buddy Walden** is retiring after operating **MCI Construction, Inc.** for 32 years. Sons Chuck and David will start a new company, Metro Masonry, Inc., which will operate out of Charlotte. MCI stockholder and Vice President Ronny Ghent, along with his son Guy and daughter Christi Dover, will also start a new company, Masonry Contractors, Inc., which will operate out of Lancaster, SC.

Past State President **Alan Griffin** continues to recover from an apparent copperhead snakebite suffered in June. The bite put him in the hospital for a few days. No word on how the snake fared.

**Parrish Hoffman, Adams Products Company,** lost his mother in July after an extended illness. She was 64.

**Don Alward, Alward Masonry** lost his father on June 23rd. Judson James Alward, a brick mason himself, was 77 and had worked with Don in the family business from 1977 to 1990. He was the grandfather of Cody Alward, who left the day of Mr. Alward's death to compete, and ultimately to win, the National SkillsUSA High School Masonry Championship at Kansas City. (*See page #1*)

**C.E. Moser, Metromont Materials,** recently heard from his son, serving in Kuwait, and expects to have him home in November.

Past State President **Freddy Koontz** has another new grandbaby. **Brent and Ashlee** brought "Brent Byrd Moore" into the world August 6th.

State Secretary/Treasurer **Wayne Starr's** wife Linda lost her grandmother on June 20th.

**Craig Koonts, R.C. Koonts & Sons Masonry,** has his first grandbaby. Daughter Jamie gave birth to Wesley Chance Davis on April 28th.

**Danks Burton's Pinnacle Masonry** will soon have a website up: [www.pinnaclemasonry.com](http://www.pinnaclemasonry.com)

**Bruce Davis, RBD & Associates,** is apparently recovering satisfactorily from a bout with throat cancer earlier this year.

**Steve Harrington, East Carolina Masonry,** lost his father at the end of July. Bobby Harrington was 69 and a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel.



**Home-Built** Craig Koonts, R.C. Koonts & Sons Masonry, brought his two-man helicopter to the Central Piedmont Chapter Danny Koonts Memorial Golf Tournament during June. Craig and friends took 371 hours to build the "Rotoway 162-F" at the company shop in Lexington. He has obtained his private license and regularly flies to jobsites and family functions, taking advantage of the aircraft's 200-mile range.



## NC HBA to Recognize Drye

Mount Pleasant High School masonry instructor Doug Drye will be the recipient of the annual North Carolina Home Builders Association Construction Trades Teacher of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the North Carolina Home Builders Association (NCHBA) Fourth Quarter Board Meeting and Installation Banquet December 9 in Charlotte.

The recognition will include a cash award and a plaque.

Drye's nomination for the NCHBA Construction Trades Teacher of the Year was made by the Cabarrus County Building Industry Association.

His accomplishments include six trips to the National SkillsUSA High School Masonry Contest that have resulted in five Gold medals and a Silver (see page #1) and numerous past students who are enjoying successful careers in the masonry and construction business.

## Coastal Golf

The Coastal Chapter held a fund raiser golf tournament in June.

First Place winners in the First Flight were the team of Louis North, Jim Murray, Brent Wells and Chris Jarman.

First Place, Flight B: Wayne Tucker, Randy Blanton, Jay Allen and Derek Boone.

Danny Batten and Lafarge North America provided dinner and Bob King Pontiac-GMC Trucks provided the truck "hole-in-one" prize and additional prizes for all par three holes. (The truck apparently went unclaimed...)



**Danny Koonts Memorial Tournament** The Central Piedmont Chapter held their annual Danny Koonts Memorial Golf Tournament June 10th. First Place in the First Flight was the team of (left to right) Jeff Earnhart and Brian Carter of Johnson Concrete, Gray Logan of Williams Construction and Steve Echerd of Bostic-Kenny Construction. First Place in the Second Flight was Scott Kirkland, Mark Higgins, Ronnie Overman and Nick Aldridge. The golf committee was Ricky Sutphin, David Zenns, and Kenny Duncan. Cliff Koonts and Stanley Koontz prepared the after-tournament barbecue.

## Welcome New Member

### Pyramid Cement Products

Michael Yon (A1)  
Fort Mill, SC

Recruited by Jim Yost

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## Executive's Corner

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NCMCA

Executive Vice President

Thanks to Bill Reed, Arrow Equipment, Danny Batten, Lafarge North America and to all the folks who will be participating in our upcoming State Golf Tournament September 25<sup>th</sup>. (Registration form on page #6) Bill is graciously chairing the event for the third year in a row, Arrow is making the Lull "hole-in-one" prize available at "no cost" to NCMCA, Danny and Lafarge are supplying dinner and everyone else will be doing their part to make the day fun and profitable for NCMCA. Remember, half the proceeds go to the NCMCA Sigmon Memorial Scholarship Fund. Join us for a great day of fellowship and golf! Send your registration today.

Also, The Metrolina Chapter is planning an important group discussion with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public School officials for their regular October meeting. School officials have discovered some disturbing problems in masonry walls at several schools. They tell us they still believe masonry to be the preferred method for school construction but are concerned with how to best insure that walls are built to specification and include all imbedded items. The officials have told me they look forward to a frank and informative dialog with NCMCA. Details: 6:30, Wednesday October 8th, LongHorn Steakhouse at I-485 and NC 51 in Pineville.



**NC State Tour** The Raleigh Chapter used their regular August meeting to tour the masonry wall research facility at NC State University. NCSU Professor of Architecture Pat Rand, current President of the Masonry Society, (right) explains the research process to (left to right) Todd Carver, Chapter President Doug Burton and Becky Jones. Rand's recent research has focused on water penetration, weep-hole performance, mortar build-up, and moisture retention in masonry cavity walls.

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**McGee Recognition** Steve Miller (*right*), Construction Consultant for the NC Department of Public Instruction, presents Sam McGee, President of McGee Brothers Company, a "Certificate of Excellence" as the 2003 Recipient of the "NC DPI's Trade & Industrial Education Lifelong Education Advocate's Award." Miller presented the award during a lunch and safety presentation for masonry instructors attending the T & I Summer Conference hosted by McGee Brothers at their facility in Pleasant Garden. McGee Brothers Company Safety Manager Bob Parrish (*not shown*) provided the program.

## State Fair Contest to Celebrate 50 Years in October

The Annual Department of Labor State Fair Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest is Monday October 20, 2003 at the State Fair Grounds in Raleigh. NC-MCA Past State President Calvin Brodie is once again chairing the event.

At the convention annual business meeting in May, the membership voted that each NCMCA chapter should make a \$250 donation to the contest for expenses and for tool prizes. Most NCMCA chapters have made the \$250 donations in previous years. Donations are solicited from chapters and member firms alike.

NCMCA members are asked to volunteer as judges for the contest. For information call head judge Doug Burton at (919) 894-8511.

2003 marks the Golden Anniversary of the contest, first started in 1953, and won last year by Cody Alward of NCMCA member firm Alward Masonry in Rockwell. (*See page #1*)

Cutoff date for participant registration is September 19. For information, call the NC DOL Apprenticeship and Training Bureau at (919) 733-7533.