

2nd Annual ICRI Kick-Off Party—Fun for All!

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Around 200 ICRI members and guests recently enjoyed ICRI's 2nd Annual Kick-Off Party, held at the ESPN Zone in the New York-New York Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Like last year, the event coincided with World of Concrete, and was held the evening before the exhibits opened at the 2008 show.

The entire second level of the ESPN Zone was open exclusively to ICRI attendees, who enjoyed three hours of hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, and all the games they could play! Much excitement was generated throughout the evening by the basketball and the air hockey tournaments, as well as the other racing games (see photos).

The tournaments are great fun for all participants, but take quite a bit of work to keep organized and running well. ICRI was fortunate to be able to recruit 15 students from three universities in the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) Program to be our guests at the party, and in exchange, the students ran

the tournaments for us. They were a great help, and were able to enjoy networking with many of the members as well.

Events like these are enhanced by the support of our sponsors. ICRI extends a special thanks to all of our generous 2nd Annual Kick-Off Party sponsors:

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ICRI members and guests have given us a lot of positive feedback on keeping our WOC event as a party held the evening before exhibits open. We are busy planning next year's event, and will have more details soon. See you next year!



Bud Earley gets ready to take on the competition in the basketball tournament



ACI President Dave Darwin (left) and ACI Executive Vice President Bill Tolley enjoy a race



ICRI President-Elect Randy Beard shows his trick-shooting talent!



ICRI events are always a great place to network and catch up with friends



Contestants wage fierce battles in the air hockey tournament



(From left) Garth Fallis, Dennis Pinelle, and Matt Sherman in a heated Wave-Runner race!