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OLDEST PAVING FORM CONTEST
MFC invites all concrete professionals to help us celebrate our 100th Anniversary by locating the oldest paving form manufactured by the company. The production of steel paving forms by MFC began in the early 1900’s in response to the growing popularity of concrete roadways.

Entries will be judged on the authenticity and details surrounding and verifying either:
(a) The oldest existing MFC paving form
OR
(b) The oldest or longest continual “in use” MFC paving form.

Grand prize will be two (2) round trip tickets to Milwaukee, two (2) nights lodging, a Brewer game and a night on the town with the MFC folks. Multiple 2nd & 3rd place prizes will also be awarded. All entrants will receive a 100th Anniversary momento.

All entries must be submitted by 9/01/2009 on an official MFC contest form. Call Wanda or Kathy at MFC (414 964-4550) to obtain your form or download from the MFC website: www.metalforms.com.

Mel’s Mettle
As we landed at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas for the World of Concrete this year, I looked out my airplane window and was welcomed by MFC paving forms being used for their new runway expansion. The paving contractors for the McCarran prefer using high quality MFC forms for their strength and durability. It comes as no surprise considering MFC has 100 years of forming experience behind them.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Metal Forms Corp and Tom Miller wanted me to give everyone a heads up on his book honoring this achievement. He has been working night and day gathering history and putting it to pen. If you haven’t seen him around that is the reason.

This year at WOC I had to leave my bride Hilda at home. She wasn’t very happy but my body is getting too old and tired to drag the ball and chain around Vegas. This turned out to be a good call because I ended up getting to know the new Sterling tough guy over the seven days. He has a few good girl friends but he doesn’t show it. I have some good stories but you know what they say about Vegas. Sterling was a big hit this year at our booth. Many of our dealers that stopped by were very interested in learning more about the wheelbarrows and mortar tubs. Everyone was on agreement that Sterling was a perfect fit with the rest of the MFC line of products. Speaking of perfect fits; the Tough Guy found a new girlfriend in Vegas. It ended up that our booth model has an attraction to the strong, long lasting type.

The MFC team wanted me to say thank you for all of you that stopped and checked out our new booth. The overall theme from the show was that the attendance was down but the quality of people there was great. Stay tuned on our website for upcoming events regarding our 100th anniversary and don’t forget to find your customers oldest paving form to win a trip to the brew city. Look on the back cover for details.

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MFC Employee Profile: Tim Fox

In September of this year I’ll have been the controller at Metal Forms for 15 years. I’m responsible for various operational aspects of the company including accounting and budgeting, finance, credit, information systems, regulatory compliance, payroll and benefits and insurance.

I’ve developed many relationships with people whose companies help us grow and thrive in our business. These include our bankers, insurance agents, ERP providers and many of the other critical components to the business. At the end of the day, it’s these relationships that not only make the job enjoyable but help keep our company vibrant and on the right path to success.

I think the best part of working at Metal Forms is that all of the employees really care about their jobs and work together to make the company successful. Everybody has a role and produces great products, which makes them easy for us to sell. Their Speed Screeds® are a customer favorite. “We started with a market that had never seen the Speed Screed® before and now it’s the screened choice in our area”, says Jeff Barnes, President.

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Recently the firm received major contracts to install the new curb ramps in several Ohio cities with a special truncated dome pattern that improves accessibility for people with disabilities. At the crosswalks where they are installed, it is necessary to create curbing that is adjacent to the ramps and will also blend in with the adjacent straight curbing. Previously, the company used wood and Masonite® to construct the curved forms, but these had some shortcomings. Superintendent Terry Perry explains, “Wood was inflexible, and on the tight curves, where we had to use Masonite, we had to pin it every six inches. It was hard to clean up, and we were constantly piecing it back together because it would break.”

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