

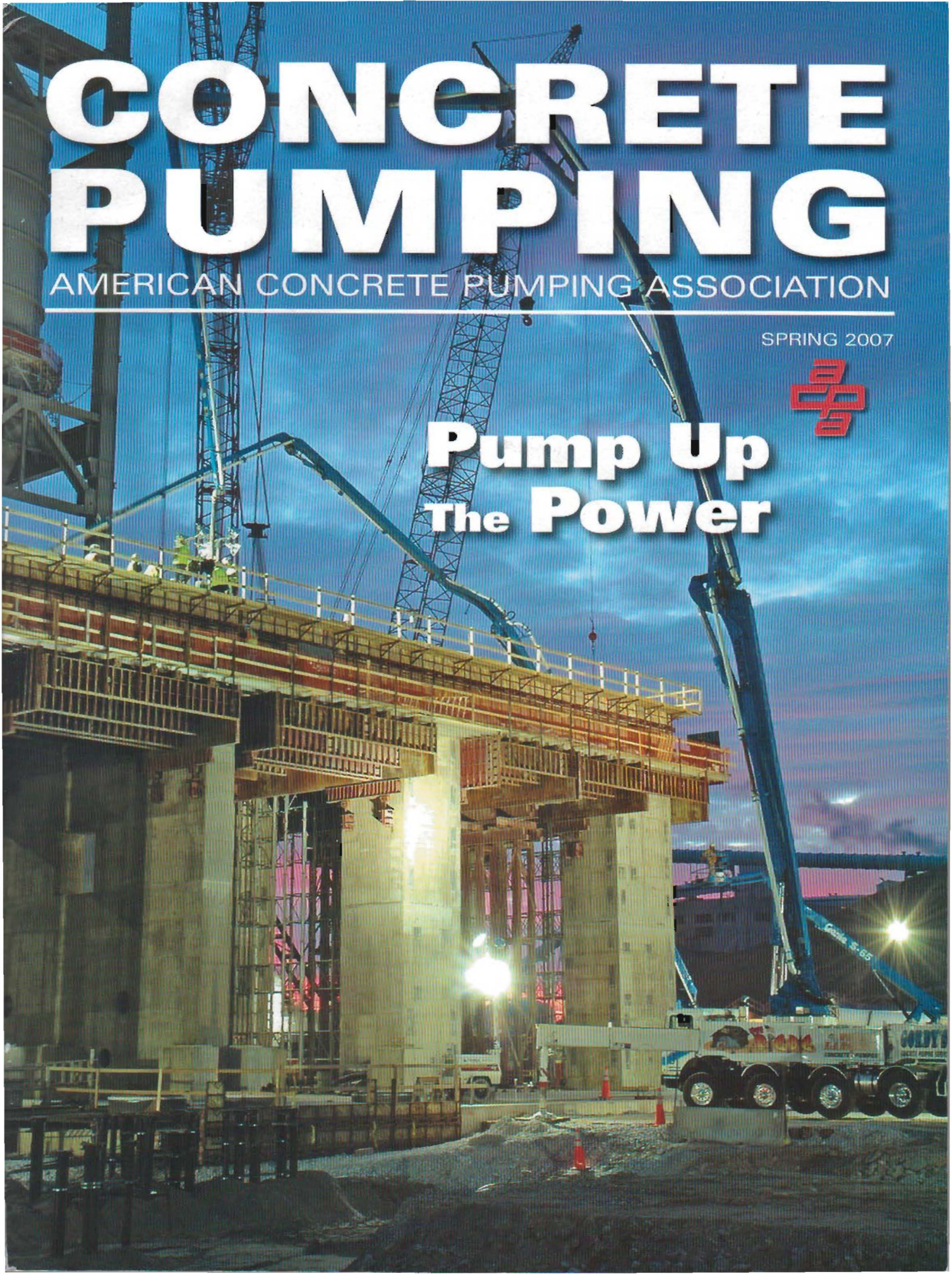
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Pump Up The Power



Industry Champions

Receive ACPA Top Honors

This year, the ACPA presented six individuals with the Pioneer Award. Plaques and biographies were presented during the ACPA's annual meeting held during World of Concrete.

Merriam-Webster describes a pioneer as one who "originates or helps open up a new line of thought or activity or a new method or technical development." All of this year's Pioneer Award recipients are being recognized for their specific or unique contributions to the concrete pumping industry. Below are the criteria to nominate an individual for the ACPA Pioneer Award:

1. They must have fostered and advanced the concrete pumping industry;
2. They must have increased the use of concrete pumping;
3. They must have improved the conditions under which concrete pumping is performed;
4. They must have shared their knowledge and experiences with the concrete pumping industry;
5. They must have promoted good will within the industry and general public;
6. They must have promoted and practiced safety within the industry.

Gary Brown—R.L. McCoy, Inc.

After graduating from his hometown high school in Huntington, Indiana, Gary enlisted in the U.S. Army and served



Gary Brown—R.L. McCoy, Inc., Columbia City, Indiana

2007 ACPA Pioneer Award Winners:

Gary Brown

R.L. McCoy, Inc.

Jim Clark

Schwing America, Inc.

Clifford Freed

Lehigh Concrete Placement, Inc.

Ray Harris, Sr.

Harris Concrete Pumping

Eric Kuntz, Sr

SMECO

David Welstead

Amherst Concrete Pumping, Ltd.

three years of active duty. Upon returning home, he enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard and attended Purdue University, majoring in construction technology. Gary served a total of 22 years in the military before retiring with the rank of first sergeant in 1994. While attending college, Gary worked construction and was first introduced to shotcrete pumps.

Realizing there was potentially a future in this line of work, he and two business associates formed a partnership to pump concrete on residential and commercial projects in the northern Indiana area. Their first pump was a P-40 Whiteman purchased from Cross Concrete Pumping. Unfortunately, the housing market did not fare well in the late 1970s, so the company dissolved and the partners went their separate ways.

But Gary knew there was still a market for concrete pumping, so he contacted Bill Cross about starting a concrete pumping branch in the Fort Wayne, Indiana, area. Cross agreed and later opened another branch in Indianapolis. Gary worked for Cross until 1987, when he left to work for Huber, Hunt, and Nichols, and then later, F.A. Wilhelm Construction. During this time, he pumped many of the high-rise buildings in Indianapolis.

R.L. McCoy was the first bridge contractor Gary convinced to use a concrete pump. His persuasion and their growing

bridge business persuaded them enough to purchase their own pump in 1988. With Gary as their "concrete pump advisor," they were soon adding additional pumps to their fleet. During one of their trips to purchase a new 42-Meter Schwing, Gary was offered the opportunity to expand and manage a second concrete pumping operation for the company. In 1994, Gary developed a new branch for R.L. McCoy located in the Indianapolis area.

Gary has served on the ACPA Board of Directors and has always been an active supporter of the Association and its programs. When the ACPA called upon Gary last year to give a co-worker safety seminar to members of the Concrete Foundations Association, Gary readily agreed. He is always ready to help promote safety and with the help of his wife, Katrina, he regularly organizes safety meetings for all concrete pumpers in his area.

Gary and Katrina have been married 33 years and live in Greenfield, Indiana. They have two adult children, Benjamin and Valerie, and they have three granddaughters.