

IN THE NEWS

GLENWAY "BOOTS" MAXON



Glenway "Boots" William Maxon III, founder of Maxon Industries Inc. of Milwaukee, Wis., died May 26, 2014. He was 82.

After attending engineering school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., he served in the U.S. Army before returning to Milwaukee to work with his father.

Together they developed and patented numerous products that were instrumental in the rapid concrete paving of the new Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (better known as the Interstate highway system). Products introduced included the Maxon Side Dump Carrier and Maxon Spreader for the transportation and rapid placement of concrete. When larger projects necessitated

long haul times from the central mixing plant to the site, they patented the Maxon Agitor, an open-top concrete haul body with an agitation shaft that kept concrete from segregation during transit. The Agitor was hugely successful in not only the paving industry but also in the civil construction industry.

In one of the last programs for the atomic power industry, the federal government, through the Tennessee Valley Authority, used 50 Agitors to place concrete for its new atomic energy program.

In 1972, after his father retired, Maxon built a factory for production of concrete equipment on the north side of Milwaukee, where it has expanded multiple times. Over the next four decades, he took his extensive knowledge of concrete paving equipment and expanded into new domestic and international markets. Maxon Industries equipment was instrumental in the success of many important international infrastructure projects for bridges, tunnels, highways, and dams, including the Chicago Deep Tunnel Sewer Project, the New York Water Tunnel, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the Toronto subway, and most recently in the expansion of the Panama Canal.

During his tenure, Maxon grew Maxon Industries into a multifaceted construction equipment manufacturer, acquiring multiple product lines, including Seaman Travel Mixer, Parsons Trencher, and Rexworks Pulvimixer. He was an active member of the American Concrete Paving Association (where he served as president of the Equipment Division), the American Concrete Institute, and ASCM. Maxon retired in 2005, and the company continues on today under the leadership of the next generation of Maxons.

—Source: Maxon Industries Inc.

Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute announces new board members



Scott Stevens

The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) has appointed Scott Stevens chairman of the board along with four new officers to guide the institute through its next two years of operations.

In addition to Stevens, the new officers are Matthew Schewe of Commercial Metals Co. as chair of Member Services, Giacomo Acrusci of CFS Steel Co. as Northeast Region director, Preston Sparkman of R&R Rebar Fabricators as Southeast Region director, and David Coker of Gerda as At-Large director.

The full Board of Directors was approved at the business meeting held during CRSI's Annual Conference in April.

—Source: CRSI

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