

Design Installation Systems, Inc.
8110 River Drive
Morton Grove, IL 60053



Vol. 3, No. 2

Exceeding the Expectations of the Construction Industry Since 1982

June 2005



DESIGN INSTALLATION SYSTEMS, INC.

re:news

8110 River Drive • Morton Grove, IL 60053 • 847-470-8100 • www.disrestoration.com

IN THIS ISSUE:

- **RACING SPONSORSHIP**
- **PROJECT PROFILES**
- **EMPLOYEE PROFILE**
- **DIS SERVICES**



DESIGN INSTALLATION SYSTEMS, INC.

re:news

8110 River Drive • Morton Grove, IL 60053 • 847-470-8100 • www.disrestoration.com

AT DESIGN
INSTALLATION
SYSTEMS,
OUR
REPUTATION
IS IN OUR
WORK.



JUNE FEATURES

- **RACING SPONSORSHIP**
- **PROJECT PROFILES**
- **EMPLOYEE PROFILE**
- **DIS SERVICES**

INTRODUCTION

Over the years things change, and the construction industry is no exception. At Design Installation Systems Inc. we have seen innovations that have changed the way we bid jobs, the way we complete jobs and just about everything in between. Staying current is a full-time occupation. Looking back, we are hard pressed to find any of these changes that have not benefited the industry. With everything from computers to cold-weather materials, we are working faster and better than ever before, and at the same time ending up with longer-lasting and more aesthetically pleasing repairs than we could have imagined 20 years ago.

DIS has accepted most of these changes and endeavors to stay on the leading edge of innovation. However, no matter how much everything else is different from the way it once was; one thing will never change. We feel that it is our responsibility to keep building owners and managers informed. Our supervisors and office staff spend a good portion of each workday communicating with our clients, helping to ensure that any outstanding issues are resolved and that no one is surprised by the flow of work. Keeping the lines of communication open does nothing if those lines are

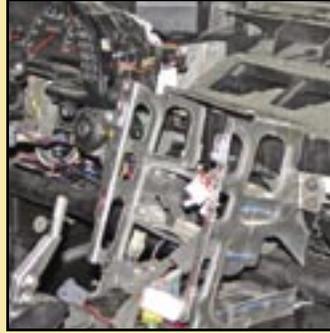
not in use. Periodic progress meetings and regularly updated schedules help keep owners from feeling as if they are out of the loop.

Expanding one's knowledge base on any subject allows for better decision making. We recently had the opportunity to address a number of building management professionals in a brief, seminar-like setting. We were grateful for the invitation to make our presentation and happy with the response. In the newsletter, we try to expose readers to as much about DIS as we can. Not only are we out there and ready, willing and able, but we also try to communicate the care we take with our work and the satisfaction our clients experience.

For those of you new to this newsletter or unfamiliar with our company, we invite you to visit our Web site at www.disrestoration.com, where you can review past issues of the newsletter and learn about DIS, from jobs completed to company capabilities. In addition, we have a CD-ROM slideshow available; this stand-alone CD can be played on any PC and is available at our office. If interested, please call our office at (847) 470-8100.

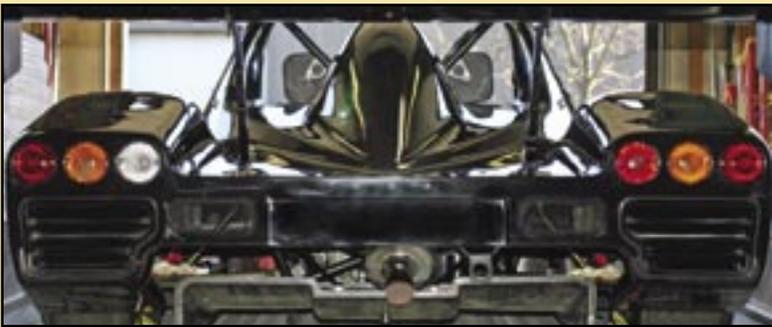
FOUNDATIONS: DIS SPONSORS ZERO-TOLERANCE RACING

Design Installation Systems is proud to announce its new sponsorship with Zero-Tolerance Racing. The racing team is involved in the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) central racing division, competing in the Touring (T1) category and C-Sports Racer (CSR). The vehicles competing are a Corvette Z06 and a Radical SR3 1500.



The Corvette has been purpose-built in our fabrication shop employing a full roll cage and all the necessary safety equipment required by the SCCA. The engine is required to be stock, but at 400 horsepower, it is still a potent performer.

The Radical is more of an “out of the box” race car. Built in England, the Radical sits less than an inch off the ground. The Radical is powered by a 1,500cc motorcycle engine generating approximately 270 horse power and weighing a mere 1,000 pounds, producing an astronomical power-to-weight ratio.



In the team's first weekend of the season, Zero-Tolerance managed a first place finish in the T1 Class and a second place overall. On the next weekend they pulled off a second and first place at the Rennen Regional at Blackhawk Farms Raceway. In CSR class the Radical placed a second and a third at the Susan Banneau Memorial Race at Road America, in Wisconsin.

Congratulations to the driver and the entire team on a job well done.

ROGER POFFENBERGER

All of us at Design Installation Systems would like to congratulate Roger Poffenberger on his 10 years with the company. Roger is our senior project manager and is responsible for overseeing the office end of most of our bidding and construction.

Roger has a degree in Urban Design and Architecture from Iowa State University, but he admits that there were no building restoration courses in the curriculum. Roger's background allowed him to quickly grasp the concepts and techniques used in this industry. He was a valued asset early on and has become one of the key people we have come to rely on and trust over the years.

Again, congratulations, Roger, and keep up the great work.



PROJECT PROFILES

OLD REPUBLIC BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Client: Inter Capital Realty
Consultant: The Structural Shop
Assignment: Facade Restoration
Duration: Two Years (2002–2003)

Prominently displayed on prestigious Michigan Avenue, this historic terra cotta and masonry building required a comprehensive program to maintain its facade. The magnitude of the project was such that limestone replacements were used in lieu of terra cotta to minimize the financial impact. A major portion of the restoration work was completed at the corners of the building, where deteriorated terra cotta was replaced with limestone replicas the full height of the building. Concrete fireproofing around the structural steel also was replaced to ensure a solid backup upon which to fasten the new limestone. Another aspect of the project was to repair the crumbling terra-cotta columns at the upper floors. These columns also were repaired with new limestone profile pieces in lieu of terra cotta.

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

On June 9, 2005, the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) unveiled two granite statues from the building's original 1885 construction. The rededication ceremony was held in front of the statues, which were placed on new pedestals in the LaSalle Street Plaza. The figures are allegorical representations of agriculture and industry. They mysteriously disappeared during the demolition of the original building 76 years ago. The demolition led to the building of the current structure.

The statues were found in a Downers Grove forest preserve and were in good condition but were in need of a thorough cleaning. Standing 12 feet tall, each figure weighs 5.5 tons. Design Installation Systems was honored to be asked to complete the rehabilitation work. The cleaning work was completed off site, and the statues were placed at the site prior to the unveiling.

The story behind the statues, their relocation and the unveiling is provided in detail at the CBOT Web site. Please visit http://www.cbot.com/cbot/pub/cont_detail/0,3206,1036+28762,00.html to read the full story.



Design Installation Systems can complete any type of inspection or exterior restoration your building requires. We specialize in masonry, concrete, caulking, cleaning and steel repair. Our crews are experienced, efficient and courteous. In addition, most of our projects are completed from start to finish using only our own workers and equipment. This allows DIS to closely control scheduling and quality.

No project is too large or too small for DIS. If you have any concerns regarding the condition of your building or if you feel that work is needed, give us a call. Our project managers will be happy to visit your building and provide a proposal for work. Proposals are provided free of charge, and our staff is always ready to answer any questions regarding the proposal. We feel it is of the utmost importance that everyone we work with be informed and satisfied. Please call our office at (847) 470-8100.