

# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S "TOBOGGEDAN" TEAM CAPTURES 2009 CIRCA AWARD



Competitors witness the Safety Judge's evaluation of their toboggan's design merits at the Technical Exhibition, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

CIRCA's *Award for the Most Effective Use of Fly Ash in Concrete* drew plenty of interest at the Annual Great Northern Concrete Toboggan Race, held February 6 & 7, 2009 in Red Deer, Alberta.

The University of Calgary hosted GNCTR at Red Deer College, bringing the event "home" to Alberta for its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

As always, GNCTR 2009 offered aspiring engineers from across Canada valuable, hands-on experience in the design and realization of a toboggan with a concrete running surface. The Technical Exhibit (left) featured spirited University and College team displays. This year's "Green theme" made for an especially fitting forum to highlight the sustainability benefits of Fly Ash in concrete.

CIRCA Member Judges met with representatives of all teams competing for the CIRCA Award, who represented more than 70% of this year's competitors.



CIRCA Member Industry Representatives were on hand to Judge CIRCA Award entries (left to right) Dennis Wong (Lehigh), Todd Sherman (Lafarge) and Walter Dobslaw (Lehigh).

GNCTR is a long-standing Canadian tradition that CIRCA is proud to support. We are already looking forward to GNCTR 2010.



Teams loaded up for each of their 3 runs under the watchful eye of GNCTR's Safety Officer and University of Calgary alumna, Frankie Feckleton.



Creativity and team spirit are a big part of the show at the Tech Ex. (above, left), while last minute tweaks and no-nonsense instructions are reserved for Race Day: "Get in, Sit Down, Shut Up & Hold On!" (above right).

An ecstatic University of Toronto team (lower left) made their way to the podium to accept the CIRCA Award's \$2000 Prize cheque and Trophy from CIRCA Executive Director, Anne Weir, as University of Calgary's Dr. Lynne Cowe-Falls looks on..

Composed for posterity (above, centre), UofT's Toboggedan crew was all smiles, celebrating their victory with a post Awards Ceremony photo op.

