
Mr. Topper's News

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We're Back!

Mr. Topper's News is back!

The first newsletter since early 1993. This is a trial run for our newsletter that will be published every three months. We will be offering the news of our industry. We will have technical and political issues, as well as humorous articles and personal and industry-related announcements. We will update our members on legislative issues as they arise. NOW, more than ever, as our industry is growing, LAPA feels that our members need to be aware of the changes happening in the asphalt industry!

PAVECOOL - Asphalt Pavement Cooling Tool

The Federal Highway Administration has distributed a program called PaveCool. This program was developed by the University of Minnesota.

The PaveCool program has been reviewed by members of AASHTO Subcommittee on construction and was found to be an effective application for providing accurate information on effective compaction time.

LAPA has distributed programs to some of our members for evaluation. If you did not receive a copy of the program, you may contact our office or Jim Sorenson at 202-366-1333 or e-mail at jamesorenson@fhwa.dot.gov.

In this issue... Upcoming conventions, announcements, jokes, quote of the day, etc.

Louisiana resident realizing that he is going to drive on a cracked, rough-riding Portland Concrete section of highway. Mr. Louisiana resident realizes that this 40 year life design of Portland Concrete pavement is only ten (10) years old.

Mr. Louisiana resident is thinking, please design our roads with smooth, long-lasting, low maintenance asphaltic concrete pavement that also saves about 1/3 the cost of Portland Concrete pavements.

LIGHTWEIGHT PROFILER DEMO

The LADOTD and LAPA sponsored a demonstration of a lightweight profiler. International Cybernetics Corporation, Clearwater, Florida and Ames Engineering, Ames, Iowa demonstrated their lightweight profilers for engineers and contractors in Baton Rouge recently. Both units measure the smoothness of the pavement using sensors and both are equipped with on-board computers for calculating and printing the data for the user. Mr. James Little, State Construction Engineer stated that the units could be used in lieu of the currently required profilometer. The units are mounted on a four-wheel tractor with travel speeds around 30 MPH. The sensor units may also be mounted on a pick-up truck for more flexibility for the contractor. This method also eliminates the need for a trailer to move the tractor from project to project. Approximately 30 attendees representing DOTD, FHWA and LAPA were present for the demonstration. The speed of operation and the safety features look very promising for use by the members of LAPA. (SEE INSERT)

Upcoming Conventions



LAPA's 41st Annual Convention is being held in beautiful, sunny, Orlando, Florida this year. We are very excited about this convention. LAPA promotes family as well as hot mix - and we believe that this convention will be a chance for families to be together and create wonderful memories, and, at the same time - educate our members on the hot mix industry.

The **Wyndham Palace Resort & Spa** is a luxurious 5-star hotel located in Lake Buena Vista (adjacent to Walt Disney World). The dates of the convention are **June 14-18, 2000**.

Registration will begin on Wednesday, June 14, 2000 from 2 - 5 pm in Cloister Lobby 4. Upon arrival and check-in at the hotel, please make sure to come by the registration desk to register with Kristi and receive your registration packet. I know many of you will be there before the convention dates and ask that you make a point to come by on Wednesday to register. We want to make sure everyone is registered for all the functions. We will have a special guest from the spa at our registration desk on Thursday to talk about the spa services. I recommend a relaxing massage while you are there! Also, Ms. Anna McKenzie with Successful Meeting Sites will be at the registration desk on Thursday. I encourage everyone to stop by and say hello. She has been a tremendous help with the convention. She is also a travel connoisseur and if you need information on restaurants, future vacation sites, etc., she is the one to see.

The LADOTD is hosting **SASHTO 2000**, the 59th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials on August 25-30, 2000 in New Orleans, Louisiana. LAPA is an industry sponsor and is participating on the program. SASHTO states

include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

State Asphalt Pavement Association Executives' Summer Meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on **August 5-9, 2000** at the Hotel Monteleone located in the heart of the French Quarter. Barry Moore was elected Chairman of the State Asphalt Pavement Executives and was honored at NAPA's annual convention in Hawaii this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

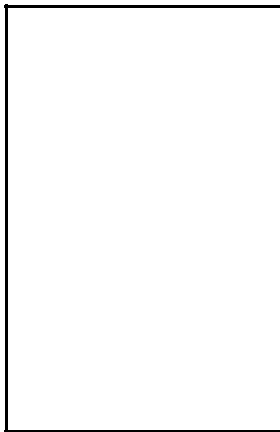
Six LSU Students Receive the Asphalt Technology Scholarships Sponsored by Industry

Six civil engineering students attending LSU, Andree Fakier, Jacquelyn Martin, Rachel Gossen, Phillip Gardner, Stephanie Pace, and Thomas Hart, were recently named the recipients of the 1999-2000 George H. Wilson Scholarship, Ashton and Brent Fenet Scholarship, A.L. Buck Barber Scholarship, and Charles E. Milner Scholarship. These scholarships were sponsored by Barriere Construction Co., R.E. Heidt Construction Co., Barber Brothers Construction Co., and Coastal Bridge & Asphalt Co., respectively.

This scholarship program was developed in an effort to encourage young men and women to choose HMA technology courses as a part of their curriculum. An example of partnership among academics, government and industry, this scholarship is intended to not only benefit the

HMA industry by providing a trained workforce in HMA technology, but also benefits the individuals who choose careers in the public sector at the federal, state, or municipal levels. The scholarships, each \$2000, are presented yearly to college sophomores or juniors who are U.S. citizens and already enrolled in a full time civil engineering curriculum. To be eligible for the scholarship, the students must take at least one course on HMA technology at the university. It was through the efforts of Dr. Louay Mohammad, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering and Director of LTRC's Engineering Materials Characterization Research Facility, that the scholarship was brought to LSU.

Asphalt Institute Appoints New District Engineer for Louisiana



Ronnie Goree joined the Institute on May 1, 1997 and will cover the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana providing engineering services and educational training programs. Prior to joining the Institute he was with the Georgia DOT in the position of Bituminous

Construction Engineer. In this capacity he served as principal consultant to project engineers and contractor's representatives for production and roadway paving operations of hot mix asphalt. He also administered the Asphalt Concrete Pavement Evaluation Program for the DOT. This involved performing non-destructive test by the Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) and performing an analysis based on this data. He supervised GDOT inspectors on construction projects and planned activities to assure that all contractors' work was in compliance with DOT

specifications. He is Vice President of Epsilon Tau. He received his BS CE T from the University of Alabama in 1988. His address is 845 Bell Road, #201, P.O. Box 756, Antioch, TN. Phone number 615-731-0053 or e-mail rmgoree@aol.com.

DEATHS: Mr. Bruce Granger passed away in May. He was 62 years old. He was employed with Louisiana Industries for 42 years.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WOULD DIRECT DOTD TO TAKE ALTERNATE BIDS

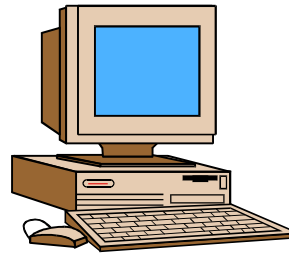
A Concurrent Resolution: To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to take alternate bids on pavement type during the competitive bidding process for highway projects. Whereas, the Louisiana Revised Statutes require public bidding on public work projects, including highway construction; and whereas, highway projects generally call for the use of asphalt concrete or Portland cement concrete for paving; and whereas, bid packages from the Department of Transportation and Development for highway projects specify whether asphalt concrete or Portland cement concrete is to be used for paving; and whereas, a number of other states employ life-cycle costing as a part of their pavement management and selection programs which helps determine the type of paving needed on each road; and whereas, a number of other states including Oklahoma and California, require alternate bids on pavement types; and whereas, early government studies show that asphalt concrete and Portland cement concrete are comparable in quality and life cycle studies; and whereas, alternate bids on pavement types promotes competition among contractors and results in

significantly lower construction costs; and whereas, government studies as early as 1954 show that after asking for alternates on cement and asphalt, succeeding competitive bidding on airstrips resulted in a drop in some cement bids of approximately four percent under the then current market price and saved taxpayers millions of dollars; and whereas, asking for alternate bids allows contractors, who are all willing participants in the process, the opportunity to utilize the market system upon which our economy is based, thereby passing on any cost savings to the state. Therefore, be it resolved that the Legislature of Louisiana directs the Department of Transportation and Development to solicit alternate bids on pavement types for highway projects. Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

INTRODUCING LAPA STAFF & OFFICERS:

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LAPA's website is www.lahotmix.org Please be patient while our website is still under construction. Thank you.

MEMBER LISTING

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Angelo Iafrate Construction, LLC
APAC-Mississippi, Inc.
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R.E. Heidt Construction Company
W.E. Blain & Sons
Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC
Coastal Bridge & Asphalt Company
Construction Specialists, Inc.
D&J Construction Company
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SMECO Grooving & Grinding
Southern Industrial Gas Corp.
Southland Oil Company
Southwest Materials, Inc.
St. Paul/Seaboard Surety Insurance Co.
Troxler Electronic Laboratories, Inc.
TXI
Vulcan Materials Company
Wright & Percy

Welcome Aboard!
New Associate Members

CMI Corporation
Pavement Striping Specialists
SMECO Grooving & Grinding
Wright & Percy

Quote of the Day

Do business where business is being done!

Joke of the Day

Fran' (Frank)'s uncle, Laurent', a lawyer died and Fran' went to see Father Begin (Bay Zan) about the funeral arrangements and Father Begin told Fran' that the Catholic Church had just changed the rules on burying lawyers.

The Church now requires all lawyers to be buried 12 foot deep instead of 6 foot deep. The reason is that deep down lawyers are really nice persons.

NEWS-WORTHY INFORMATION



We would like to publish any news-worthy articles that would be of interest to our members. If you have articles that you think should be published, please call Barry Moore, Don Weathers or Kristi Smith at 225-927-9737 or e-mail us at lapa4815@earthlink.net.



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