



Mr. Topper's News

May 2002

Volume 2, Issue 2

QUALITY PAYS

What's Inside?

- Board Elects Secretary
- Know Your Legislators on the Transportation Committees

Individual Highlights:

Annual Meeting in TX	2
LA Diamond Award	3
Asphalt Alliance	4
144 CLUB Questions	5
Upcoming Events	6
APA Marketing	7

DEO VINDICE

We support the efforts of President Bush and the Administration in the War Against Terrorism. Our thoughts & prayers go out to those who serve in the Armed Forces and their Families.

Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association

4815 Jamestown Ave., Suite 103

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Phone: 225-927-9737 Fax: 225-927-9738

Web Page: www.lahotmix.org

E-mail: jdweathers@lahotmix.org

E-mail: lane4815@lahotmix.org

DOTD Hall of Honor

Induction Ceremonies were held in December for the LA Highways and Transportation Hall of Honor. *Quentin Dastugue* was inducted. He served four consecutive terms as a Louisiana State Representative and as Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, was largely responsible for the passage of the Louisiana Transportation Trust Fund. (TTF) He was given one of eleven prestigious "Legislator of the Year" national awards in 1994. One of the founding partners of Property One, Inc., Dastugue is CEO. His twenty years in commercial real estate have included property management, leasing,

investment sales, development, construction, project management and consulting. He earned a Civil Engineering degree from Georgia Tech and also graduated from Loyola University, Institute of Politics. He was a Republican Candidate for Governor in 1995. *John Stevens*, former LAPA Executive Director, a 2000 inductee of the Hall of Honor, said of Dastugue, "He not only understood the importance of Louisiana's roads for commerce but also for the economic development of the state." John also added that it's unfortunate that the original intentions of the TTF have been eroded by every Administration since its passage.



Make your plans to attend the Asphalt Show of Shows at the Nashville Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee March 18-20, 2003. Co-Owned by NAPA and ConExpo-Con/Agg Show Management and held in conjunction with the Asphalt Pavement Alliance's Asphalt Conference, March 17-19, and NAPA's People Plants & Paving Training Program, March 18-20, the show will feature over 150 exhibits presenting the latest equipment products and services for the Asphalt Industry. There will be an expanded education program including a live demonstration area and outdoor classroom. This conference is a must for the HMA Industry.



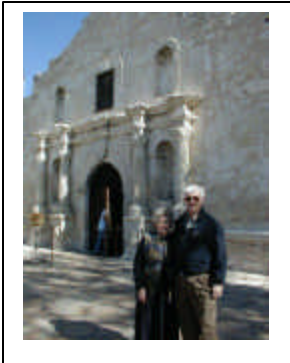
Register Now – 43rd LAPA Annual Convention

June 12-16 – LAPA's 43rd Annual Convention!!!!!!!

Don't Miss It! Visit the Alamo! Meet Your DOTD Officials

The Hyatt Regency in San Antonio is a Four-Star/AAA Four-Diamond Resort that has just added a full-service *spa*! This is truly one of San Antonio's premier resort and golf destinations. We hope that you will take this opportunity to experience an unforgettable trip and help make this convention our most memorable one yet.

For more information, please call Glenyss Naro at LAPA (225) 927-9737. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Peter Wilson, Barriere Construction was elected **First Vice Chairman, NAPA at the March Annual Meeting & Convention in San Francisco.**

Courtney Fenet, R.E. Heidt Construction was elected **Senior Vice President, Louisiana AGC.**

Chris Abadie, LTRC, was promoted to **Materials Research Administrator**

Luanna Cambas, DOTD, was promoted to **Bituminous Construction Engineer.**

Don & Susan Weathers, LAPA report that oldest son, Brian & wife Amber had twin girls, Makaela & Makenzie Weathers on March 7 in Okinawa, Japan.

Joe Meyer, Retired, Long time

- BUCKHORN SALOON & MUSEUM
- CASA NAVARRO STATE HISTORICAL PARK
- GUADALUPE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
- IMAX THEATRE
- JAPANESE TEA GARDENS
- KIDDIE PARK
- KING WILLIAM HISTORIC AREA
- LA VILLITA
- MAJESTIC THEATRE
- MARKET SQUARE/EL MERCAD
- THE ALAMO

- SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDENS
- SAN ANTONIO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS & AQUARIUM
- SOUTHWEST SCHOOL OF ART AND CRAFT
- SPANISH GOVERNOR'S PALACE
- SUNSET STATION
- TEXAS ADVENTURE
- TOWER OF THE AMERICAS
- VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL
- Mission Trails



BARRIERE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY EARNS DIAMOND ACHIEVEMENT

Lanham, MD – The National Asphalt Pavement Association announced that Boutte Plant, Barriere construction company, L.L.C. of New Orleans, Louisiana has earned NAPA's Diamond Achievement Commendation for Excellence in Hot Mix Asphalt Plant/Site Operations. The commendation is designed to recognize Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) production facilities that operate in an exemplary manner. "Earning the diamond Achievement commendation serves as a signal to neighbors

that an HMA facility is a good neighbor," commented NAPA Chairman, R. Wayne Evans. "The self-assessment process addresses six aspects of the plant/site: appearance, operations, environmental practices, safety, permitting and compliance, and community relations. By earning the Diamond Achievement, Barriere Construction Company, L.L.C. has shown the community that it will go the extra mile for excellence."

The Diamond Achievement Commendation is earned

through a self-assessment process, which is open to all in the Industry. **Congratulations!**

For More Information on qualifying for NAPA's Diamond Achievement Award:

Contact LAPA



Now Available

Transportation Research Board (TRB) **Circular 503, Perpetual Bituminous Pavements**. The 116-page document is a compilation of the papers presented at the Perpetual Pavement session at the 2002 TRB Annual Meeting.

Available from: publications@AsphaltAlliance.com cost \$ 2.00 per copy

"**America Paves the Way**" is a CNN style video annual report that was showed at the opening general session at NAPA's Convention in San Francisco. It gives an overview of NAPA and the Asphalt Pavement Alliance activities over the past year. Available from LAPA.

"**Atlanta I-285 Beltway**" promotional four page full color reprint of the January 2002 issue of Public Works magazine cover story on the Beltway reconstruction focusing on the "speed of construction"

Available from publications@AsphaltAlliance.com cost \$0.50 per copy



WHY

ASPHALT?

- *SMOOTH*
- *QUIET*
- *DURABLE*
- *SAFE*
- *SPEED OF CONSTRUCTION*

Asphalt Pavement Alliance At Work

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance trade show booth was exhibited at the Louisiana Transportation Engineering Conference held recently in Baton Rouge. Don Weathers and Sidney Pujol were present to visit and meet with many of the over 1000 attendees to the conference. They were

joined by Alliance Partners Gary Fitts, Asphalt Institute and David Newcomb, National Asphalt Pavement Association. The next exhibit was at the Louisiana Police Jury Convention in Monroe, LA followed by the ASCE Statewide Conference held in Lafayette. Again Don Weathers was assisted by Gary

Fitts, Asphalt Institute and also Steve Hackworth with D & J Construction. The next sighting of the APA will be at a HMA Seminar to be held in Lafayette, LA for the Public Works Department of the Lafayette Consolidated Government, local Consultants and the DOTD.

Nelson Roth Elected LAPA Secretary

Longtime LAPA member, Nelson "Snoop" Roth was elected Secretary of the Association replacing George Bruce who had

served as Secretary for many years. Mr. Roth is with Super Associate Member Vulcan Materials Company and has been very supportive

of the Association's efforts by donating his time and financial support. You can contact Nelson at:

rothn@vmcmail.com



Answer: Old Logo



TIMED Program Bonding Plan Doesn't Need Law Change

According to recent remarks from the Commissioner of Administration, Mark Drennen, there are no longer concerns about exceeding bond debt limits involving the TIMED Program. Bonds will be repaid with money from the 4

cents per gallon gas tax. The state might issue \$ 125 million in highway bonds for the next FY beginning July 1, \$ 325 million the next FY and \$ 515 million the following year. Amounts might vary if gasoline tax revenue fails to meet

expectations. There are other hurdles remaining before the DOTD can begin the Program. The final decisions should be made soon, most likely during the Regular Session beginning on April 29. Several agencies are reviewing the plan.



Louisiana Legislative Regular Session Starts April 29, 2002

JOIN THE 144 CLUB TODAY

What is the 144 Club ?

The 144 Club is a political action committee supported by contractors and construction related firms working in Louisiana's highway, heavy and municipal markets.

Why 144 ?

This is the total number of legislators in state government (39 Senators and 105 Representatives).

Cost of Membership ?

\$200 tax-deductible per year per membership. More than one individual per firm may join.

Where does my Contribution Go ?

A vehicle of pooled resources from the membership of LAPA, Louisiana AGC and CAAL with just one purpose-to financially support those Legislators who support the Transportation Industry and to help keep them in office.

Does the 144 Club take a position in the Governor's Race?

No. The 144 Club is limited to supporting members of the House and Senate.

Can a company check be used to support 144 Club ?

Yes. All legally chartered and registered state PAC's like the 144 Club can accept company checks.

Your Support is important and makes a difference.

Your Construction Industry Partners speak with a common voice at the Legislature while seeking adequate Funding for Louisiana's Highway Program and are working to prevent attempts at diverting funds from the Dedicated Transportation Trust Fund.

An Important Way to Support Your Industry

**LAPA is currently involved with our Industry Partners- Louisiana AGC and CAAL to work together to secure additional funding for Louisiana's Highway System and it is imperative we all be involved. While the short term may seem less than desirable, we must invest our time, effort and financial support for the long term in order to meet our goals, an adequately funded highway program.*

For More Information, Call: Don Weathers

Meet Your Legislators on the Transportation Committees

House of Representatives Districts

Juba Diez, Chairman, Gonzales 59

Roy Quezaire, V Chair, Donaldsonville 58

Israel B. Curtis, Alexandria 26

Dale Erdey, Livingston 71

Mike Futrell, Baton Rouge 66

Nita Rusich Hutter, Chalmette 104

Kay Iles, DeRidder 31

Kay Katz, Monroe 16

Donald Ray Kennard, Baton Rouge 65

Leonard Lucas, Jr., New Orleans 99

Thomas H. McVea, Jackson 62

Loulan J. Pitre, Jr., Cut Off 54

Henry "Tank" Powell, Ponchatoula 73

Cedric Richmond, New Orleans 101

Patrick Swilling, New Orleans 100

Jim Tucker, Terrytown 86

Senate Districts

Francis Heitmeier, Chairman, New Orleans 7

Joel Chaisson, Vice Chair, Destrehan 19

Ron Bean, Shreveport 38

Donald R. Cravins, Lafayette 24

Arthur J. Lintini, Metairie 10

Joe McPherson, Woodworth 29

J. "Tom" Schedler, Slidell 11

If you need E-Mail or phone numbers for these and other Legislators, contact LAPA. We have them on file. Make your voice heard by contacting your elected officials.

jdweathes@lahotmix.org

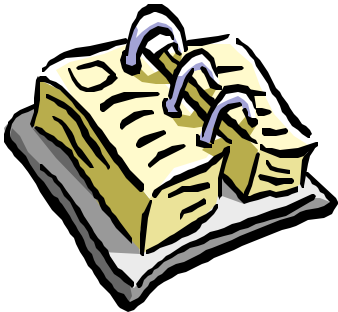
OR

lapa4815@lahotmix.org

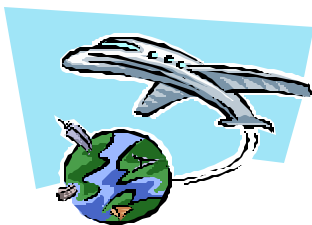


UPCOMING EVENTS 2002

- April 10-12: ASCE Louisiana Conference, Holiday Inn- Holidome, Lafayette, LA
- April 14-16: Asphalt Institute Spring Meeting, The Woodlands Resort, Woodlands, TX
- April 29-June 12: Louisiana Legislature Regular Session, Baton Rouge, LA
- June 6-7: Louisiana Parish Engineers & Supervisors Assn., Post Oak Pavilion, Westlake, LA.
- June 12-16: LAPA Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency- Hill Country, San Antonio, TX
- June 30-July 2: Tri-State (AL-AR-LA) Engineering Societies Meeting, Point Clear, AL
- July 13-18: AASHTO Maintenance Subcommittee, Perdido Resort, Orange Beach, AL
- July 31- August 2: NAPA Committees & Board Meeting, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, NYC
- August 8-10, 2002: Louisiana Municipal Association Convention, Lake Charles, LA
- August 11-13, 2002: State Asphalt Pavement Associations, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC
- August 21-25: Texas Asphalt Pavement Association, Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX
- September 6-6, 2002: Louisiana Parish Engineers Association, Undecided
- September 28-October 1: SASHTO Conference, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN
- October 9-11: Asphalt Institute/ FAA Airport Workshop, Westin -Beechwood, Ft. Worth, TX
- October 11-15: AASHTO Annual Meeting, Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska
- October 27-30: Mississippi Transportation Conference, Pearl River Resort, Philadelphia, MS
- November 20-22, 2002: Southeast Asphalt User Producer Group, Lexington, KY
- 2003**
- January 11-17: NAPA 48th Annual Conference, San Diego Marriott, San Diego, CA
- January 12-16: Transportation Research Board, Washington, DC
- March 10-12: AAPT, Marriott Resort Hotel, Lexington, KY
- March 18-20: World of Asphalt, Nashville Convention Center, Nashville, TN



**Mark your
calendar for
these Industry
Events....**



**Planning A Trip
Look On
www.fhwa.dot.gov**

**Please Take Time Out To Visit Our
Asphalt Pavement Alliance Partners
Websites:**

**www.asphaltalliance.com
www.hotmix.org
www.asphaltinstitute.org**



APA Marketing Committee News

Quality continues to be the primary emphasis for LAPA members and DOTD. At the request of LAPA, two additional members were added to DOTD's Asphalt Construction Committee- Steve Hackworth, D & J Construction, W. Monroe and John Victory, Barriere Construction, New Orleans. The committee also includes Jay Winford, Prairie Construction, Opelousas. Our APA Marketing Committee Chairman, Steve Hackworth continues to say to everyone in the HMA Industry, "Demand the best of your producer, supplier, and materials. Demand the

best of your people and make **QUALITY** the leading part of the process." **Quality** is the long-term solution to successfully promoting and marketing HMA and making it the decision makers' pavement type of choice. LAPA is involved daily with DOTD and other Engineers seeking ways to improve on specifications, save the DOTD dollars on "value engineering" ideas and respond to their requests for help and information. It would be helpful to our efforts to report any concerns on projects as soon as they appear. Let LAPA participate in your concerns.

Industry Will Miss Him

Mr. James A. Little, State Construction Engineer, DOTD, will be retiring this month after 35 years with the Department. After his many years in the Industry, he will always be remembered as the Ambassador of Lower Livingston Parish. LAPA wishes the best for Jimmy, Elaine and their family and thank them for sharing their lives with the Louisiana Construction Industry. We anticipate his retirement will be short lived and he will again be active. Au revoir, mon ami!

LAPA FIRMS PRESENTED NAPA QIC Awards

This past March found representatives of LAPA Member Firms' D & J Construction Co., West Monroe, LA and Gilchrist Construction Co., Alexandria, LA in San Francisco, CA to pick up their well deserved NAPA Quality in Construction (QIC) Awards at a

presentation ceremony during NAPA's Annual Meeting & Convention. Both projects were located in the Lafayette DOTD District.

Congratulations for a job well done.

Awards for DOTD will be presented at the LAPA

Annual Meeting and Convention to be held June 12-16 in San Antonio, Texas.

Contact LAPA for information on how to get your projects nominated for a NAPA QIC Award for next year.

QUALITY is the key to success in our Industry.



2001-2002 Scholarship Report

The NAPA Research and Educational Foundation (NAPAREF) Program is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation established by NAPA to conduct and implement research and educational programs in technical and management areas related to HMA design and construction. The NAPAREF Scholarship Program was initiated to encourage young people to take elective courses in asphalt technology and management and to encourage institutions to make such courses available.

LAPA is proud of the participation of the following member firms' Scholarships:

***Brent & Ashton Fenet Scholarship by R.E. Heidt Construction, Westlake, LA**
Jason Flory LSU 2002 and Michael Moran, LSU 2003

Charles E. Milner Scholarship by Coastal Bridge, Baton Rouge, LA

Kenneth Krefft, Jr. LSU 2003

George H. Wilson Scholarship by Barriere Construction Co., LLC

Sarah N. Paul LSU 2003 and Michael S. Calloway LSU 2002

Contact LAPA for more information on establishing your Scholarship



See the Color Version
LAPA Newsletters on
our Web Site located
at:

www.lahotmix.org

4815 Jamestown Ave., Suite 103
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Phone:

(225) 927-9737

Fax:

(225) 927-9738

E-Mail:

lapa4815@lahotmix.org

Or

jdweathers@lahotmix.org

Smooth Roads

We are on the Web!

See us at:

www.lahotmix.org

Officers

President:

Courtney Fenet

Vice President:

Huey Stockstill Jr.

Secretary:

Nelson Roth

Treasurer:

Steve Strickland

Associate Member Rep.:

Sidney Pujol

Executive Director:

J. Don Weathers

Administrative Assistant:

Glenyss Naro

Construction Members

Angelo Iafrate Construction Inc.

Apac-Mississippi Inc.

Barriere Construction Co. LLC

Benton & Brown

W.E. Blain & Sons Inc.

Boh Brothers Construction

Coastal Bridge & Asphalt Co.

D & J Construction

F.G. Sullivan Construction

Gilchrist Construction

R.E. Heidt Construction

James Corporation

Huey Stockstill Corporation

Super Associate Members

Asphalt Products Unlimited In c.

Scott Construction Equipment

Vulcan Materials Company

Associate Members

Akzo-Nobel Chemistry

All Equipment & Manufacturing

ALMIX

American International Refinery

Arr-Maz Products

Astec Industries, Inc.

AtoFina Oil and Chemical Co.

Blackledge Emulsions, Inc.

Chemical Lime

CMI Terex Corporation

Component Sales & Services, Inc.

Construction Aggregates, Inc.

C.P. Grace & Associates

Davison Petroleum Products LLC

Dixie Materials, Inc.

Donna Fill, Inc.

Dravo Lime Co.

Eagle Asphalt Products

Eckstein Marine Services, LLC

Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions

Falco Lime, Inc.

Head & Engquist

Heckett MultiServ

Ingram Barge Co.

Koch Materials Company

Louisiana Agencies

Lion Oil Company

Louisiana Contractor Magazine

Louisiana Machinery

Louisiana Testing & Inspection

Marathon Ashland Petroleum

Martin Marietta Aggregates

Nortrax South

Pavement Markings Co.

RCS Contractors

Resonant Machines, Inc.

River Mountain Quarries

Roadtec

SMECO Grooving & Grinding

Southland Oil Company

Southwest Materials, Inc.

St. Paul Surety

Terral River Service

TransTech Systems

Troxler Electronics Laboratory

TXI

Wright & Percy

Louisiana Asphalt Pavement
Association

4815 Jamestown Ave., Suite 103
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

**CUSTOMER NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, 00000**

