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## 2009 Annual Asphalt Awards

This year marks the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for both the Minnesota Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists' (MAAPT) Asphalt Conference and the Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association's (MAPA) Annual Meeting, which were held Dec. 2-4 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, MN.

On the evening of Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, awards were given for Work Zone Safety, Asphalt Paving (a.k.a. Merit Awards), and Ecological Commendations. The projects that were nominated and the projects that won the awards were the result of excellent teamwork and dedication to improving Minnesota's infrastructure in a safe, efficient, and economical manner.

The Merit Award program was initiated in 1961 and has had a significant effect on the quality of construction by publicly honoring the elite projects in a variety of categories each year. Nominations were

received this year in the categories of Re-Construction, Re-Surfacing High or Low Volume, Federal Aid Secondary, Urban State Aid, Rural State Aid, County Road – Local Funds Only, and Key Airports.

Merit Award projects are rated by an agency-industry panel on ride, joints, appearance, complexity, and adherence to specifications.



The Ecological Commendation Awards recognize hot-mix asphalt (HMA) production facilities that best demonstrate safe and responsible environmental practices.

This issue of *Paving Progress* contains the photos from the Awards night.

***Thank you to all the raters and presenters of this year's awards, and congratulations to all the winners!***

## MAPA's 2010 Board of Directors



Front (L to R): Blair Bury, Midwest Asphalt Corporation (Past President) and Don Hall, Hardrives, Inc. (Vice President).

Back (L to R): Jason Duinick, Duinick Inc., Doug Muyres, Knife River Materials (Treasurer), Kent Peterson, Bituminous Roadways (Secretary), Tim Mueller, Wm. Mueller & Sons, Inc., and Chad Sauer, Commercial Asphalt Co. (President).

Not Pictured: Brent Carron, Valley Paving, Inc. and Mike Stennes, Minn-Dak Asphalt, Inc.

## 2009 Asphalt Work Zone Safety Awards



### STATIC HIGH-VOLUME WZS AWARD

TH 23 from west of Washington Memorial Drive in St. Cloud to west of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

*L to R: Mike Robinson, Mn/DOT; Clint Christians, Landwehr Construction, Inc.; Richard Borgen, Geyer Signal; James Labo, Mn/DOT; Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT.*



### DYNAMIC LOW-VOLUME WZS AWARD

TH 18 to TH 210 and TH 210 from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Ironton to east of TH 6 in Crow Wing County.

*L to R: Mike Robinson, Mn/DOT; Joe Cameron, Mn/DOT; Mike Niemi, Anderson Brothers Construction Co.; Kevin Schmidt, Mn/DOT; Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT.*

## Calendar of Events

- **NAPA Annual Meeting**  
January 17 - 20, 2010 • Grand Wailea Resort • Maui, HI
- **North Central Asphalt User/Producer Group HMA Technical Conference**  
February 2-4, 2010 • Sheraton Conference Center • Overland Park, KS
- **Flagger Train the Trainer Course - 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 available sessions**  
February 12, 2010 from 8 AM to Noon • Mn/DOT Arden Hills Training Center, MN
- **World of Asphalt Conference**  
February 15-18, 2010 • Duke Energy Convention Center • Cincinnati, OH
- **54<sup>th</sup> Annual Asphalt Contractors' Workshop/Quality Initiative Workshop**  
March 3, 2010 • Earle Brown Center • Brooklyn Center, MN
- **AAPT 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
March 7-10, 2010 • Hyatt Regency • Sacramento, CA
- **Flagger Train the Trainer Course - 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 available sessions**  
April 16, 2010 from 8 AM to Noon • Mn/DOT District 3 Office - St. Cloud, MN

# 2009 Annual Asphalt Paving Awards



## RE-CONSTRUCTION

TH 32, Norman & Polk Counties  
from TH 102 to TH 200.

*L to R: Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT; Mark Gerardy, Mn/DOT; Randy Aamodt, Mn/DOT; Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT; Steve Larson, Mn/DOT; Kailey Kangas, Knife River Materials; Jess Frenzel, Knife River Materials; Jim Cass, Knife River Materials.*



## RE-SURFACE - HIGH VOLUME TRAFFIC

TH 10, Wadena & Todd Counties  
from the end of 4-lane east of Wadena  
to west city limits of Motley.

*L to R: Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT; Paul Konickson, Mn/DOT; Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT; Pat Ringstad, Knife River Corporation - North Central; Vince Pikula, Mn/DOT.*



## RE-SURFACE - LOW VOLUME TRAFFIC

TH 6, Crow Wing County from TH 18 to  
TH 210 and TH 210 from 6th Avenue in  
Crosby to TH 6.

*L to R: Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT; Joe Cameron, Mn/DOT; Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT; Mike Niemi, Anderson Brothers Construction Co.*

*Happy New Year!*

# 2009 Annual Asphalt Paving Awards



## FEDERAL AID SECONDARY

CSAH 4, St. Louis County from west Arrowhead Road to Martin Road.

*L to R: Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT;  
John Samuelson, St. Louis Co.;  
Lance Robertson, St. Louis Co.;  
Lori Bjerklie, Ulland Brothers, Inc.;  
Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT;  
Ross Benedict, St. Louis Co.;  
Julie Skallman, Mn/DOT;  
Ryan Swanson, Ulland Brothers, Inc.;  
Dan Klun, Ulland Brothers, Inc.*



## URBAN STATE AID

Lee Boulevard, Blue Earth County, City of North Mankato from Belgrade Avenue to Lor Ray Drive.

*L to R: Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT; Marion Haayer, City of North Mankato;  
Mitch Wolff, W W Blacktopping;  
Dennis Wolff, W W Blacktopping;  
Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT; Brian Malm, Bolton & Menk;  
Julie Skallman, Mn/DOT;  
John Voigt, Bolton & Menk;  
Dale Schmit, W W Blacktopping.*



## RURAL STATE AID

CSAH 30, Wadena County, from CSAH 2 north of Staples to the Crow Wing River.

*L to R: Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT;  
Jeff Adolphson, Wadena Co.;  
Tim Miles, Anderson Brothers Construction Co.;  
Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT;  
Julie Skallman, Mn/DOT.*

# 2009 Annual Asphalt Paving Awards



## COUNTY ROAD - LOCAL FUNDS ONLY

CSAH 8, Wright County from TH 12 to the south county line, south of Waverly.

*L to R: Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT;  
Wes Workman, Wright Co.;  
Ron Hall, Knife River Corporation - NC;  
Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT;  
Wayne Fingalson, Wright Co.;  
Julie Skallman, Mn/DOT;  
Virgil Hawkins, Wright Co.*



## KEY AIRPORT

Flying Cloud Airport, Hennepin County, City of Eden Prairie.

*L to R: Tom Ravn, Mn/DOT; Brandon Twedt, SEH, Inc.; Brent Thompson, Midwest Asphalt Corp.; Andy Peek, SEH, Inc.; Tim Mueller, Midwest Asphalt Corp.; Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT; Chris Roy, Mn/DOT; Bridget Rief, Metropolitan Airports Comm.; Brian Shay, Midwest Asphalt Corp.; Randy Huiras, Mathiowetz Construction; Bryce Luthens, Mathiowetz Construction.*



## Asphalt Pricing Declines

According to the Engineering News-Record (ENR) Dec. 7, 2009 issue, asphalt binder (PG 58) paving prices fell this month and are down 3.9 percent for the year.

Prices for ready-mix concrete increased at the end of the year leaving prices between 3.2 and 4.9 percent above Dec. '08's level.

# 2009 DIAMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS/ INDUSTRY ECOLOGICAL COMMENDATIONS

*“Earning the Diamond Achievement Commendation serves as a signal, to the employees and neighbors, that an HMA facility is a good neighbor.”*  
National Asphalt Pavement Association



**BITUMINOUS ROADWAYS,  
INC.**  
**Inver Grove Heights &  
Shakopee Plants**  
*(L to R): Todd Smedshammer and  
Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT.*



**COMMERCIAL ASPHALT CO.**  
**All 10 Plants**  
*(L to R): Brad Olson, Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT, Todd Laubis and Brad Paul.*  
*Representing: Jim Clothier (Burnsville Plant No. 2), Yog Cysiewski (Empire Plant No. 3),  
Ed Munn (Maple Grove Plant No. 4), Todd Judge (Red Rock Plant No. 5),  
Bruce Hooker (Ramsey Plant No. 6), Wade Novak (Scandia Plant No. 7),  
Mike Baumann (Elk River Plant No. 8), Terry Elbert (Blaine Plant No. 9),  
Nick Keene (Hastings Plant No. 10), & Terry Thorson (Jackson Plant No. 11).*



**KNIFE RIVER CORP. – NC**  
**Plants 3 & 5**  
*(L to R): Brad Arntson and  
Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT.*



**MIDWEST ASPHALT CORP.**  
**Eden Prairie Plant #1**  
*(L to R): Tim Mueller, Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT  
and Pete Umland.*

# 2009 DIAMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS/ INDUSTRY ECOLOGICAL COMMENDATIONS, continued from page 6.



**SOUTHERN MINNESOTA  
CONSTR. CO., INC. -  
AN OLDCASTLE  
MATERIALS CO.**  
River Bend Plants # 1 and # 2  
*(photo not available)*



**TOWER ASPHALT, INC.**  
Lakeland Plant  
*(L to R) Chad Schmidtke and  
Tom Sorel, Mn/DOT.*

## IRS Mileage Rates for 2010

The IRS mileage rate includes all costs for operating the auto (gas, wear and tear, etc.).

It does not include parking and tolls. If incurred, in addition to "mileage," expenses for parking and tolls can be reimbursed.

### 2010

Business: \$0.50/mile  
Medical/Moving: \$0.165/mile  
Volunteer/Charitable: \$0.14/mile

## MAPA Contractor Members

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Anderson Brothers<br>Construction Co. | Knife River Corp. - N.C.    | Rum River Contracting Co.                |
| Barton Enterprises, Inc.              | Knife River Materials       | Shamrock Enterprises of<br>Rochester LLC |
| Bemidji Bituminous, Inc.              | Mark Sand & Gravel Co.      | T.A. Schifsky & Sons, Inc.               |
| Bituminous Paving, Inc.               | McNamara Contracting, Inc.  | Tower Asphalt, Inc.                      |
| Bituminous Roadways, Inc.             | Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.     | Tri-City Paving, Inc.                    |
| Commercial Asphalt Co.                | Midwest Asphalt Corporation | Ulland Brothers, Inc.                    |
| DMJ Corporation                       | Minn-Dak Asphalt, Inc.      | Valley Paving, Inc.                      |
| Duininck Inc.                         | North Valley, Inc.          | Wm. Mueller & Sons, Inc.                 |
| FPI Paving Contractors, Inc.          | Northland Paving, LLC       | W W Blacktopping, Inc.                   |
| Hardrives, Inc.                       | Northwest Asphalt, Inc.     |  |
| Hawkinson Construction                | Pine Bend Paving, Inc.      |  |
|                                       | Plehal Blacktopping, Inc.   |  |

# MAPA's Associate Members

<i>Accurate Test Systems, Inc.</i>	<i>T.C. Field &amp; Company</i>	<i>Prinsco, Inc.</i>
<i>Aggregate Industries</i>	<i>Foth Infrastructure &amp; Environment,</i>	<i>QPR (Quality Pavement Repair)</i>
<i>American Agency, Inc.</i>	<i>LLC</i>	<i>R &amp; G Construction Company</i>
<i>American Engineering Testing, Inc.</i>	<i>Gencor Industries, Inc.</i>	<i>RDO Equipment Co.</i>
<i>American Surface Lines, LLC</i>	<i>Grant Thornton LLP</i>	<i>Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (America)</i>
<i>Anderson Industrial Scales, Inc.</i>	<i>Hayden-Murphy Equipment Co., Inc.</i>	<i>Inc.</i>
<i>Antigo Construction, Inc.</i>	<i>Highway Technologies</i>	<i>RJ Ahmann Company</i>
<i>Area Lakes Testing</i>	<i>HTIF Cameron Filters</i>	<i>Road Machinery &amp; Supplies Co.</i>
<i>Arr-Maz Custom Chemicals</i>	<i>Humboldt Manufacturing</i>	<i>Roadtec, Inc.</i>
<i>Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp.</i>	<i>I.R.A.Y. Auction</i>	<i>Rotochopper, Inc.</i>
<i>Bomag Americas</i>	<i>Independent Testing Technologies, Inc.</i>	<i>Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Co.,</i>
<i>Braun Intertec Corporation</i>	<i>Inspec, Inc.</i>	<i>Inc.</i>
<i>Brock White Company LLC</i>	<i>Interstate Engineering, Inc.</i>	<i>RB Scott Company, Inc.</i>
<i>Carlson Paving Products, Inc.</i>	<i>Intex Corporation</i>	<i>SPC Engineering &amp; Testing, Inc.</i>
<i>Carlson Tractor &amp; Equipment</i>	<i>Johnson Crushing, Inc.</i>	<i>Swanston Equipment Companies</i>
<i>Caterpillar Paving Products Inc.</i>	<i>Kennametal Tricon Metals &amp;</i>	<i>TexPar Energy, LLC</i>
<i>Cedarleaf, Cedarleaf &amp; Cedarleaf,</i>	<i>Services, Inc.</i>	<i>Town &amp; Country Fence</i>
<i>Inc.</i>	<i>Klein Agency, Inc.</i>	<i>Tri-State Aggregate Machinery</i>
<i>Century Fence Co.</i>	<i>Kraemer Mining &amp; Materials, Inc.</i>	<i>Troxler Electronic Lab., Inc.</i>
<i>Certainteed Corporation</i>	<i>Laser Control, Inc.</i>	<i>Truck Utilities, Inc.</i>
<i>Clarence Richard Company</i>	<i>Leonard, Street &amp; Deinard, P.A.</i>	<i>Ulteig Engineers, Inc.</i>
<i>Cobb Strecker Dunphy &amp;</i>	<i>L.G. Everist, Inc.</i>	<i>Unique Paving Materials Corp.</i>
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>LHB, Inc.</i>	<i>Vance Brothers</i>
<i>Construction Bulletin</i>	<i>Lubrication Technologies, Inc.</i>	<i>Volvo Construction Equipment</i>
<i>Crysteel Truck Equipment, Inc.</i>	<i>Marathon Petroleum Company LLC</i>	<i>Waddell &amp; Reed, Inc.</i>
<i>Custom Welding &amp; Metal Fab, Inc.</i>	<i>Martin Marietta Aggregates</i>	<i>Wenck Associates, Inc.</i>
<i>Dahl Trucking</i>	<i>Max Steining, Inc.</i>	<i>Wheeler Lumber LLC</i>
<i>Dem-Con Companies</i>	<i>Maxam Equipment, Inc.</i>	<i>Widseth Smith Nolting</i>
<i>Dillman Equipment; a Div. of Astec</i>	<i>Minnesota Laborers - Employers</i>	<i>Ziegler, Inc.</i>
<i>Inc.</i>	<i>Cooperation and Education Trust</i>	
<i>J.D. Donovan, Inc.</i>	<i>Minnesota Petroleum Marketers</i>	
<i>Dresser Trap Rock Company</i>	<i>Assoc.</i>	
<i>Eric J. Anderson, Ind. Agent - AFLAC</i>	<i>Minnesota Trucking Association</i>	
<i>Erickson Engineering Co.</i>	<i>Murphy Oil USA, Inc.</i>	
<i>Esch Construction Supply, Inc.</i>	<i>Northern Balance &amp; Scale</i>	
<i>Ess Brothers &amp; Sons, Inc.</i>	<i>Northwest Process Equipment, Inc.</i>	
<i>EverCore LLC</i>	<i>Nuss Truck &amp; Equipment</i>	
<i>Fabyanske, Westra, Hart &amp; Thomson,</i>	<i>Olson &amp; Price, Ltd.</i>	
<i>P.A.</i>	<i>Partek Supply, Inc.</i>	

## Welcome to Our New Associate Members:

- Patrick Burns & Associates
- PQ Corporation
- Safety Signs
- Shell Oil Products - US



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