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SIGN-UP NOW!
'Asphalt Pavement 101' training class
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
University of Phoenix, 755 Breakthrough Way, First Floor Room 120/123, Las Vegas, Nev.
Lunch included!

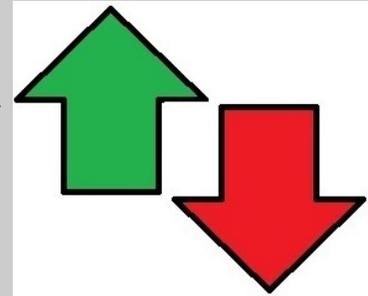
Greetings!

This weekly bulletin contains the latest news and information of interest to the asphalt pavement industry in California. Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to others who may be interested in asphalt pavements.

→ Last chance! Take our annual 'Better-Worse' survey

It's that time of year again -- time to take our brief "Better-Worse" survey. Click [HERE](#) to tell us what you think.

The 1-minute survey, in its ninth year, asks a simple question: Do you think 2019 will be better or worse than 2018 for your company or organization? In recent years we've added an optional bonus question that has proven to be popular: What is the No. 1 challenge you face at work? You may add written comments if you wish.



The results from this non-scientific poll of our readership will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Asphalt Insider*, as well as in the annual forecast issue of the official CalAPA magazine, *California Asphalt*.

To read the newsletter story reporting the results from last year's survey, click [HERE](#). The 2018 forecast issue of *California Asphalt* magazine can be found on-line [HERE](#).

→ Registration open for CalAPA's Annual Dinner Jan. 10 at the Jonathan Club in Los Angeles

Registration is now open for the most prestigious asphalt industry event of the year -- the CalAPA Annual Dinner, which will take place on Thursday, Jan. 10 at the elegant Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles. This exclusive event is open only to CalAPA members and invited guests. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register on-line.

The evening's program promises to be the most memorable yet, capping an eventful 2018 that saw a number of historic firsts for the industry, including the passage at the ballot box of a transportation funding protection measure and defeat of a potentially ruinous transportation funding repeal.



The historic Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles has been frequented over the years by heads of state, business titans, Hollywood luminaries, astronauts and other notable figures.

The evening program will also include an installation of association officers for

Register [HERE](#).
Contact: Sophie You (916)
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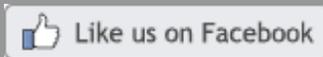
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REGISTRATION OPEN!
CalAPA Annual Dinner
Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019
5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Jonathan Club, 545 S.
Figueroa St., Los Angeles
Details [HERE](#).
Contact: Sophie You (916)
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SAVE THE DATES!
Spring Asphalt Pavement
Conference & Equipment
Expo
Wednesday & Thursday,
March 20-21, 2019
DoubleTree Hotel, 222 N.
Vineyard Ave., Ontario
Details soon!
For exhibitor and sponsorship
information, contact Sophie
You at (916) 791-5044

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Asphalt is used on about 93 percent of paved roads in California and across the U.S. Why? Because it's smooth, quiet, safe, durable and 100 percent recyclable. Visit the [Asphalt Pavement Alliance](#) website learn more about why asphalt is the right choice now more than ever.

2019, recognition of industry leaders, and inductions into the CalAPA "Hall of Fame" of legendary industry figures as well as honors for longtime public agency representatives.

A reception begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the dinner. A meeting of the CalAPA Board of Directors will also be held at the Jonathan Club starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the event.

The Jonathan Club is located at 545 S. Figueroa St. in downtown Los Angeles. There are a limited number of sleeping rooms available at the historic venue. Contact the Jonathan Club directly at (213) 624-0881 to make a reservation and mention "CalAPA." The Jonathan Club has a strict dress code and business attire is required and enforced. Click [HERE](#) for details about the dress code.



Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom spoke at the CalAPA Annual Dinner in 2015.

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, visit the CalAPA 2019 Annual Dinner website [HERE](#) or contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044.

→ Call for presentations: CalAPA Spring Conference April 20-21 in Ontario

Preparations are well underway for the 2019 CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo, which is scheduled April 20-21, 2019 in Ontario, Calif. The event planning committee is soliciting presentation topic ideas to be considered for the program.

The annual event features the latest information on asphalt specifications, technology, construction best-practices, regulation, legislation and more. The conference is popular with the asphalt industry as well as public agency representatives.

Suggested presentation topics and presenters should be sent to CalAPA's Director of Technical Services, Brandon Milar via e-mail at: [bmilar\(at\)calapa\(dot\)net](mailto:bmilar@calapa.net).

For a sponsorship or exhibitor information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

Electronic copies of all presentations delivered at previous CalAPA conferences and events can be viewed and downloaded via CalAPA's SlideShare page [HERE](#).

Editor's Note: In the e-mail address above, the "@" symbol has been replaced by "(at)" and the period has been replaced by "(dot)" to deter malicious e-mail spam software.



Steve Healow of the Federal Highway Administration speaks at a previous CalAPA Spring Conference in Ontario.

→ Popular 'Asphalt Pavement 101' training class to be held in Las Vegas Dec. 18

Many CalAPA members also do work in Nevada, which is why the association is proud to bring its popular "Asphalt Pavement 101" class to Las Vegas on Dec. 18. Anyone may attend the class (CalAPA



GET TECHNICAL

Are you an engineer, designer or technical professional who makes decisions on pavement type selection? The DriveAsphalt website has technical reports and other resources may be just what you're looking for. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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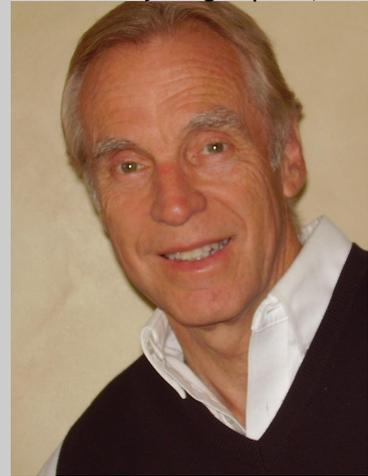
BACK ISSUES

Did you miss an issue of the *California Asphalt Insider*? No problem! Past editions of the newsletter are available at the CalAPA newsletter [archive page](#).

MAGAZINE

members, non-members and agency personnel), but space is limited and advance registration is required. Click [HERE](#) for details and to sign-up on-line.

"Asphalt Pavement 101" is a good overview of everything asphalt, touching on how asphalt pavements are designed, constructed and maintained. It is taught by Roger Smith, a former senior materials engineer with the California Department of Transportation and the Asphalt Institute, as well as a former executive director of CalAPA.



Roger Smith

Although the class is just a half-day it is packed with loads of useful information for contractor and agency paving crews, quality control specialists, lab personnel and others who interact with asphalt pavements. The class will cover pavement structure and terminologies, asphalt binders, aggregates, asphalt mixes, plant operations and mix delivery, paving and rolling, acceptance specifications and testing.

Because so much is changing in the world of asphalt pavements, the class is an excellent refresher course for veterans in the industry as well as providing a good overview for those new or just returning to asphalt pavements. The class is constantly being updated with new information as specifications, test methods, best practices and technology changes.

"Asphalt Pavement 101" is a recommended prerequisite for other CalAPA technical classes, such as "Caltrans Section 39 Specifications," "Essentials of Pavement Smoothness," "Understanding the Job Mix Formula" and "Quality HMA Paving."

All class attendees will receive a handy reference booklet that includes copies of the slide presentation, key acronyms, glossary and other essential information for future reference. Attendees will also receive a handsome certificate of completion documenting that they have completed four (4) Professional Development Hours (PDH) of technical instruction.



Roger Smith (at left) conducts a recent "Asphalt Pavement 101" class.

The class will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Phoenix, 3755 Breakthrough Way, First Floor, Room 120-123, Las Vegas, Nev. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

To view a flier for the class, click [HERE](#). For additional information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

→ Welcome aboard: Albina Asphalt

CalAPA is pleased to welcome its newest supplier member: Albina Asphalt.



CalAPA produces a highly regarded magazine, *California Asphalt*, and an annual membership directory. To view current and past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#). For advertising sales information, click [HERE](#) or call Kerry Hoover with Construction Marketing Services at (909) 772-3121.

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GET CERTIFIED!



The Caltrans-industry Joint Training & Certification Program (JTCP) for materials technicians is holding classes in Northern and Southern California. Click [HERE](#) to visit our JTCP resource page to learn more.

Albina Asphalt is a manufacturer and distributor of asphalt products in California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington. They are a fourth-generation, family-owned and operated company that traces its history back to 1903. The company mission is to provide superior products and services with integrity, in a fashion that represents exceptional value.



In addition to the company's four terminals located in Vancouver, Wash., Madras and Klamath Falls, Ore., the company has state-of-the-art, AASHTO-certified testing laboratories that have trained technicians to assure products are high-quality, specification-grade materials.

For more information, click [HERE](#) to visit the company website, or contact Kevin Jeffers, Albina Asphalt Operations Manager, at (360) 816-8014.

→ Tech Term of the Week

Each week we highlight a word, acronym or other reference commonly used in the asphalt pavement industry in California.

DESIGN THICKNESS: The total pavement structure thickness above the sub-grade.

→ Paving Pointer of the Week

Each week we highlight a key point or best practice of interest to asphalt paving crews, inspectors and others working in the field. We welcome suggestions. More tips can be found in our Asphalt Parking Lot Construction Checklist [HERE](#).

DURING THE PAVING OPERATION: Ask yourself: What is the specified compacted thickness in inches? How thick is the crew laying the mixture prior to compaction? A rule of thumb is that a loose mat compacts a quarter inch per 1 inch of thickness. Is the finished mat smooth with no deviations greater than 1/4 inch over 10 feet?

→ Quote of the Week

"You can waste your life drawing lines, or you can live your life crossing them."

Shonda Rhimes

We hope you enjoy CalAPA's *Asphalt Insider*. We are committed to providing you with the most up-to-date information on technical issues, regulation, news, analysis, events and trends in California that may impact the asphalt pavement industry. Click [HERE](#) to contact us with any comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Snyder, CAE
Executive Director

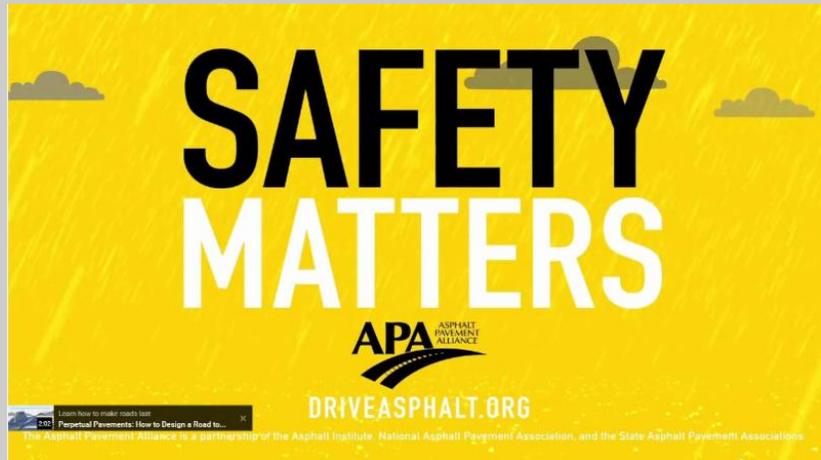
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