



## 2008 Conference Highlights

A record number of people attended the fifth annual Young Leaders' Conference & Tour held in Atlanta, Georgia. Attendees enjoyed the networking opportunities, welcoming atmosphere, and inspiring speakers. **Jay Lemon**, Chairman of the Young Leaders Committee, moderated the two day event.

The conference kicked off with a presentation from **Jimmy Camp** on the state of the asphalt pavement industry in Georgia. Jimmy Camp is the Executive Vice President of E.R. Snell Contractors and also serves as the current chairman of the Georgia Asphalt Pavement Association.

**Howard Marks**, NAPA's Director of Regulatory Affairs, reviewed the state of sustainable asphalt pavements and showed how contractors are greening the pavement and making money too. Marks' presentation can be downloaded [here](#).

**Randy West**, Director of the National Center for Asphalt Technology, gave an inspiring update on the state of green asphalt pavement research currently underway at its test track located in Auburn, Alabama. West's presentation can be downloaded [here](#).

**Jim Dykes** of Dykes Paving & Construction hosted attendees for lunch and a tour of an asphalt shingle recycling facility. Dykes is turning asphalt shingles into a rich binder for use in HMA pavements. Attendees watched as asphalt shingles were loaded into the "Beast" for grinding. As a bonus, attendees also saw first-hand Astec's warm-mix asphalt technology at the facility.

*"When it comes to green business in the asphalt industry, this conference is as good as it gets."*  
Patrick Nelson,  
Lehman-Roberts Co.



Jimmy Camp (front left) gets ready to speak.



Jim Dykes addressing group.



The official Young Leaders 2008 group picture.

### Did you know?

- Using recycled asphalt shingles reduces the amount of liquid asphalt in a mix design by 20 to 25 percent.
- The use of recycled shingles saves \$3 to \$5 per ton of asphalt, according to the Missouri Department of Transportation.

## 2008 Conference Highlights Continued...



Jill Thomas receives a certificate of appreciation from Jay Lemon.

**Mac Badgett**, NAPA's current Chairman of the Board and Senior Vice President for Vulcan Materials Group, captured the audiences' attention with an overview of the asphalt pavement industry's top issues and how NAPA is working to address those issues.

**Jill Thomas** of the Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association shared her state association's experience on using asphalt's sustainability virtues to market asphalt pavement before owners and specifiers in Minnesota. Jill Thomas' presentation can be requested by clicking [here](#).

Finally, **David Okerlund** of Creative Communication inspired attendees with his intimate conversation with corporate giant Warren Buffet, his leadership experiences gleaned from coaching one of the greatest leaders of the Thunderbirds flying team, and his perspectives gained through writing baseball's Hall of Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith's induction speech. It was an incredible way to end a super conference.



## Two Students Receive Young Leaders' Scholarships

*"I believe the event had an excellent format, balancing technical presentations with practical tours showing a local member's shingle recycling operation. The presentations addressed many of the attendees' questions about recycling, warm mix, and other topics." Jay Lemon, Haskell Lemon Construction, Co.*

The Young Leaders annually award scholarships to students in the state where the annual conference is held. The 2008 scholarships were awarded to two students from Georgia Southern University.

One scholarship award winner is a senior Civil Engineering Technology student, **Mathew Bradshaw**. A volunteer fireman in his spare time, Mathew has interned with the Georgia Department of Transportation where he hopes to work after his graduation.

The other scholarship award winner is also a senior Civil Engineering Technology student, **Michael Vickery**. Michael shared with the selection committee how he has truly enjoyed the civil engineering field, including working on a large scale asphalt paving project on Interstate 95.

The selection committee this year consisted of Jay Lemon of Haskell Lemon Construction Co., Jimmy Marvell of Brannan Sand & Gravel, Patrick Nelson of Lehman-Roberts Co., and David Moellering of the Georgia Asphalt Pavement Association. The scholarships were awarded jointly with the Georgia Asphalt Pavement Association.



L-R, Jay Lemon, Jimmy Camp, Mac Badgett, Prof. Junan Shen, Mathew Bradshaw, Michael Vickery, Prof. Brian Moore, and Dave Moellering.

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