

PAVINGtheWAY

A PUBLICATION OF THE PLANTMIX ASPHALT INDUSTRY OF KENTUCKY AND THE KENTUCKY ASPHALT PAVEMENT ALLIANCE



Asphalt Institute rolls over the competition at Lexington Awards

AI receives top honors for web site and calendar entries

On a night when excitement and prestige are normally reserved for the advertising industry in Lexington, one organization stood out above the rest. The Asphalt Institute raced by agencies competing for top honors at Lexington Advertising Club's 2005 Awards.

Representing the asphalt industry with several entries, the Institute ended the night taking six gold, silver and bronze awards, as well as Judge's Choice and Best in Show accolades for the new Asphalt Pavement Alliance Web site www.quietpavement.com. PAIKY's own Brian Wood was involved with the committee that developed the Quiet Pavement website.

Brian Clark, AI's Director of Marketing and Membership commented on the Institute's recognition.

"We were surprised and pleased to have done so well at the Addys," said Clark. "It was a great way to remind people that we—the asphalt industry as a whole—are here and working for them."

Check out the award winning site at www.quietpavement.com.

Asphalt takes a day at the Races

Keeneland boasts state-of-the-art track



This April, Keeneland Race Track in Lexington, Kentucky, will once again open its doors to an enthusiastic crowd during the spring meet. Some will come seeking a relaxing afternoon. Others will come searching for the big win on a wager. Yet others, particularly in the asphalt industry, will come to see a new state-of-the-art addition to Keeneland's grounds: the racecourse's newest training track.

That's because part of the inspiration for the track's new surface, Polytrack, is the same innovation that provides safe driving conditions for motorists on roadways and safe landing surfaces for airplanes landing at major airports across the country and around the world: asphalt.

Inventor Martin Collins of England was a frequent traveler

who noticed that asphalt on runways was able to stand up to tremendous stress. He wondered if that nature would not also benefit horses as they raced. After a development phase, Collins installed the first Polytrack in the late 1980's for English trainer Richard Hannon.

One reason Polytrack has proven desirable is that it stands up to weather conditions, resisting erosion and allowing runoff in a way

Continued on page 3

THIS ISSUE:

Asphalt goes to the ADDYs 1

Asphalt at the races 1

Asphalt sets the pace 2

A new president for Whyne 4

Asphalt Sets the Pace

The 19th Annual PAIKY Winter Training School set an ambitious pace for the industry's coming year. Industry leaders from across the commonwealth gathered to learn more about the industry while sharing ideas during specified breakout sessions.

Monday's rousing opening assembly kicked off with a presentation by Barry Bronson of Ashland Communications on NASCAR sponsorships, followed by Bill Pine of the Heritage Research group, speaking on a recent high-profile repaving project at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Both affirmed the importance of asphalt pavements in racing and encouraged the industry to continue to seek new technology.

"NASCAR is concerned about safety, good races, good driving. We want a lot of input from drivers [on the racing surface]," said Bronson. "NASCAR is always looking for newer and better."

Though learning more about asphalt's applications for racing was a crowd favorite, Winter Training School covered many important topics including updates on the Economic Transportation Alliance for Kentucky. In addition, several top officials from the Transportation Cabinet made

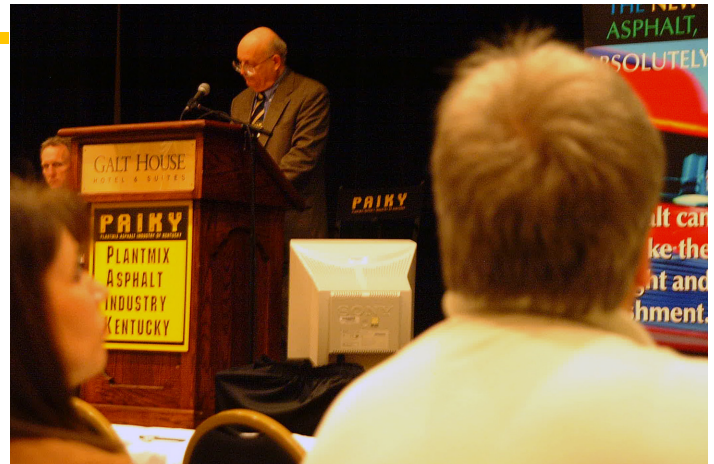
remarks to the group. Those included the Commissioner of Highways, Marc Williams, Commissioner of Intergovernmental Programs, Bill Nighbert, and State Highway Engineer, Sam Beverage.

PAIKY Winter Training School also looked to the future of the asphalt industry as Dale Decker, a Colorado-based consultant addressed the participants on newer technology for warm mix asphalt.

Breakout sessions and segmented classes on Tuesday and Wednesday provided a time for more specific training as well. Participants were divided into groups such as quality control, plant operations and paving and compaction.



PAIKY member businesses exhibited products and services and talked with attendees during breaks between sessions.



Jack Fish updates attendees on the state of the Economic Transportation Alliance of Kentucky at Winter Training School sessions Monday, February 7.

A popular session on road surface management, which PAIKY offered for the first time last year, allows city and county road officials to become trained on road surface management and brought a new local government crowd to PAIKY.

Webster County Road Supervisor, Linda Wilson attended Winter Training School for the first time, and though she is already trained in road surface management, she says knows there is always something new to be learned.

"It was interesting. I enjoyed myself and it brought some things to the surface," Wilson said. "I think it's beneficial for any of the county employees, especially department heads to attend."

Fourteen-year participant John Peek, an Asphalt Supervisor with Jim Smith Contractors in Paducah also attended with a contingent from his workplace, commenting that for contractors, an important part of the school was during the opening sessions.

"When the state employees talk to the group, that is a good way to get updated information from the state on what they expect, what we need to know about work for the coming year so that we can do a quality job," he said. "Info from seminars on Tuesday was also helpful so that we can know what to look for on quality control."

Another session of PAIKY Winter Training School has passed, but attendees left revved up for the coming year in Asphalt.

Keeneland boasts state-of-the-art track continued from page 1

traditional tracks can't. That is where the porous macadam (another name for asphalt) layer comes in.

In the racing industry it is unheard of for asphalt to be used in the construction of a track because of the common notion that it can be damaging to a horse's health to run on a hard surface. But, as Dr. Mark Buncher of the Asphalt Institute notes, the function of this porous layer is



The spring meet of Keeneland will be the second round of testing for Polytrack on the practice track.

to allow drainage and act as a protective barrier between the specially designed drainage system and soft, forgiving Polytrack surface itself. The layer, several inches below the top surface, keeps the Polytrack surface from getting into the drainage system.

Buncher also recognizes this as a new and unique application of asphalt.

"Specialty asphalt mixtures have been used for recreational running tracks and NASCAR race tracks for years, and now we even see an application for horse tracks."

Polytrack has undergone testing for nearly 15 years and the combination of synthetic and conventional materials has proven to be safer for horses and require less maintenance. It reduces kickback, is highly adaptable for various training regimens, maintains uniformity in various weather conditions, is dust free and ready to use almost immediately after installation.

Nick Nicholson, Keeneland's president and CEO, sees room for the new track in the future of racing.

"We want to solicit first-hand feedback from owners, trainers, jockeys and other industry experts exposed to the track surface here at Keeneland," Nicholson said. "Through this collaborative effort, we hope to fine tune the surface to where it might gain widespread acceptance throughout North America."

That could mean a whole new business segment for asphalt contractors to look forward to. This new use of the pavement shows asphalt to be a behind-the-scenes worker in addition to its more common role out front. The construction of the track is in layers.

The top layer, visible to onlookers and perceptible to the horses is Polytrack surface, a combination of polypropylene fibers cut at various lengths and mixed with other materials including recycled rubber and silica sand that are then covered in a wax coating. Just under the Polytrack surface is the macadam layer, which serves to drain the track and protect the Polytrack components. Next there is a limestone clean stone layer followed by dense grade aggregate and a drainage pipe at the bottom.

The asphalt layer work was completed at the track by Central Kentucky Asphalt along with the Polytrack manufacturing, which was also done on-site under the close supervision of Collins, Rogers Beasley, Keeneland's director of racing, and track superintendent Mike Young.

"Specialty asphalt mixtures have been used for recreational running tracks and NASCAR race tracks for years, and now we even see an application for horse tracks."

Whayne Supply Announces New President

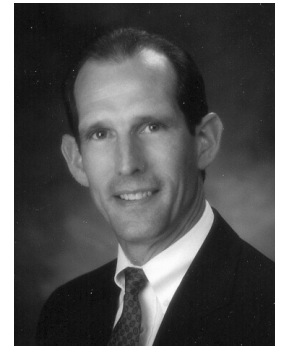
Louisville-based Whayne Supply, a PAIKY member business, announced February that after 20 years as President of the company, Bill Pullen will retire. Pullen came to Whayne with a background in sales management at Caterpillar. Under Pullen's direction, the company demonstrated marked growth and expansion - customer service was a high priority for Pullen.

Monty L. Boyd has been elected by the board of directors to take over the post of President and CEO of Whayne Supply. He has served the company since October of 1984 in positions from Regional sales manager to Executive Vice President - Operations. Before joining Whayne, Boyd worked with Caterpillar and earned a B.S. from the University of Nebraska. He also earned an MBA from the University of Louisville.

Whayne Supply Company is a dealer for many well-known brands of construction, industrial, mining and agricultural equipment and has branches across the Commonwealth from Paducah to Pikeville and one in Evansville, Ind.



Bill Pullen



Monty L. Boyd

PLANTMIX ASPHALT INDUSTRY OF KENTUCKY

P.O. Box 286
119 W. Broadway, Depot Place
Frankfort, KY 40602

PRESORT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LEXINGTON, KY
PERMIT NO. 01

Tel (502) 223-3415
Fax (502) 223-2370
e-mail: info@paiky.org
www.paiky.org

Serving Kentucky Since 1938