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In keeping with the times and as a cost-savings measure, the Concrete Conveyor is now being delivered via e-mail. Welcome to the first e-issue! If you have any comments or suggestions, ideas for articles, or need to update your subscription info,

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CPAM Moves Office and Adds 2 New Faces

CPAM's former Engineering Director, Matt Zeller, started off his new position as Executive Director in September at a hard run. In addition to his new duties, he also filled the shoes of Engineering Director and Executive Assistant — three in one. Amazing! Realizing that no one could survive that hectic pace forever, Matt initiated several necessary changes with the full support of CPAM's Board of Directors.



Matt first decided to increase the number of productive hours in his day by eliminating the long commute to and from the CPAM office in Brooklyn Center. The office search ended at Weston Woods Office Park in White Bear Township, just 15 minutes from home. CPAM's address is now 4517 Allendale Drive, Suite A, White Bear Township, MN 55127. The phone number is 651.762.0402 and the fax number 651.762.0638.

Next, Matt brought an Executive Assistant on board full time to manage the administrative and bookkeeping/accounting aspects of the

Association. Deb LaValle joined CPAM on November 22 with over 25 years of experience in various office settings and a degree in psychology and sociology. While that may not be helpful in understanding concrete, she may be able to analyze those of us involved with it! Deb hit the ground running preparing for CPAM's annual membership meeting held on December 7 and the office move on January 6, followed quickly by the annual concrete paving workshop.



After the office move, the search began in earnest for a new Engineering Director. We are pleased to announce that Bradley Skow, P.E. has accepted this challenging position. Brad joined CPAM on March 1 with more than 23 years of experience in the consulting/transportation industry in the areas of preliminary and final roadway and highway engineering. He is a skilled Civil Engineer with expertise in leadership, project development and project management. He has served as Senior Manager of Design Services since 1998.



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CPAM Welcomes New Members



**Kimley-Horn
and Associates, Inc.**

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is an engineering, planning and environmental consulting firm with offices nationwide, including the Twin Cities.

Kimley-Horn is a full-service consulting firm offering comprehensive services to public and private clients in the following practice areas: Airports/Aviation, Environmental Services, Forensic Engineering, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Land Development, Transit, Transportation, Urban Planning/Landscape Architecture, Water Resources and Wireless Communications.

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Constructive Intelligence

Engius was launched in January 2004 to promote the IntelliRock temperature profiling and maturity system. With high-tech products and a growing worldwide distribution pipeline, Engius is now poised to take construction technology into the 21st century.

The construction industry is starving for innovation and recognizing that the benefits of having the right information at the right time can have a substantial impact on project schedules, budgets, and safety. Engius' vision is to provide those technologies along with the training, services, and distribution needed to support our growing worldwide customer base.

Based in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Engius has 10 offices across the United States. We are currently growing our direct sales force to provide the most efficient and responsive distribution and support channel in the industry. We're dedicated to building long-term relationships with the construction professionals that are pushing innovative technologies forward.

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Diamond Vantage, Inc. was founded in January 2003 with the simple goal to present to the professional concrete sawing and drilling contractor a better option in their selection of diamond saw blades and drill bits. The company mission is clearly stated, "Expect the Best." Diamond Vantage expects the best of itself and is committed to encouraging our customers to expect the best value, best selection, best delivery, best performance, best quality and best service from us!

The company is headquartered in the metropolitan Kansas City area, and has premier distribution in most of the key cities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas, as well as many other major USA and Canadian cities.

Jeffrey Shermo, based in Minneapolis, is the regional sales manager for the Upper Mid-West. The company was started by Carl Roemmele, President and CEO. The USA Executive Sales Manager is Mark Broderson, Lisa Lucas is Finance Manager, and Steve Christianson is Executive Manager of Customer Service.

The range of very high quality diamond saw blades and drill bits is among the broadest in the industry. Diamond Vantage prides itself on not only having the best products, but also the most highly qualified people to professionally serve the construction market.

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Upper Plains Contracting, Inc. was founded in 1993. UPCI is a heavy highway construction contractor engaged primarily in concrete paving, asphalt recycling, and milling. Projects include construction of airports, state and county highways, and city streets. The company continues to grow in volume each year. Work is performed primarily in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota.

UPCI builds a concrete surface to provide for a strong and stable future. We focus on implementing education, safety and determination — creating a team oriented approach to our organization.

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Welcome!

CPAM and Mn/DOT Present Merit Awards for Concrete Paving Excellence

The 2004 Merit Awards for Concrete Paving Excellence were presented by the Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota (CPAM) and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) at this year's 44th Annual CPAM Concrete Paving Workshop Awards Banquet on March 16, 2005.

The awards honor those contractors, highway agencies and consultants who contributed to outstanding concrete construction projects around the state of Minnesota. Award winners are selected by a panel comprising Mn/DOT and CPAM staff, as well as city and county engineers.

CPAM would like to congratulate the following award winners! Visit www.concreteisbetter.com to view award and project photos.

Divided Highways - Rural

S.P. 2510-30, TH 58 in Red Wing
 Owner/Agency: Mn/DOT District 6
 Contractors: Hoffman Construction Company (Prime);
 Progressive Contractors, Inc. (Concrete Paving)

Divided Highways - Urban

S.P. 2786-115, TH 94 from TH 169 to Zane Ave
 Owner/Agency: Mn/DOT Metro Division
 Contractor: Shafer Contracting Company

State Roads

S.P. 5401-29, TH 200 in Ada
 Owner/Agency: Mn/DOT District 2
 Contractors: Spruce Valley Corporation (Prime);
 Northern Improvement Company (Concrete Paving)

Urban Arterials and Collectors

S.P. 6915-123, TH 53 in Duluth
 Owner/Agency: Mn/DOT District 1
 Contractors: Ames Construction (Prime);
 Progressive Contractors, Inc. (Concrete Paving)

County and Township Roads

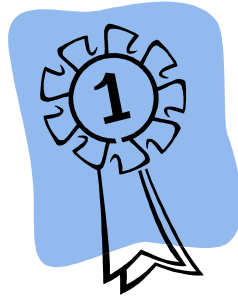
S.P. 62-696-10, CSAH 96 Lexington to TH 10
 Owner/Agency: Ramsey County
 Contractor: Shafer Contracting Company

Municipal Streets and Intersections: 2-Lane

S.P. 83-612-16, CSAH 12 in St. James
 Owner/Agency: Watonwan County
 Contractors: GM Contracting, Inc. (Prime);
 Hoffman Concrete, Inc. (Concrete Paving)

Municipal Streets and Intersections: 4-Lane

S.P. 5509-69 / 55-620-02
 CSAH 20 / 48th St in Rochester
 Owner/Agency: Mn/DOT District 6
 Contractors: Ames Construction and
 Edward Kraemer & Sons (Prime);
 Progressive Contractors, Inc. (Concrete Paving)



Municipal Streets and Intersections: Complex

S.P. 141-201-02, Richfield Road (Calhoun Pkwy)
 Owner/Agency: City of Minneapolis
 Contractor: Shafer Contracting Company

Commercial Service and Military Airports

MAC 106-1-178, Deicing Pad of Runway 12R
 at MSP International Airport
 Owner/Agency: Metropolitan Airports Commission
 Contractor: Progressive Contractors, Inc.

Concrete Pavement Restoration (CPR)

S.P. 2783-104, I-35W in Minneapolis
 Owner/Agency: Mn/DOT Metro Division
 Contractor: Progressive Contractors, Inc.

Concrete Overlays

S.P. 6680-96, SB I-35 from TH 19 to CSAH 2
 Owner/Agency: Mn/DOT District 6
 Contractor: Shafer Contracting Company

Highway Support Facilities

(Ramps, Rest Areas, Parking Areas, Etc.)
 S.P. 0502-89, TH 10 and CSAH 33 in Sartell
 Owner/Agency: Mn/DOT District 3
 Contractors: Riley Bros Construction (Prime);
 Progressive Contractors, Inc. (Concrete Paving)

Special Award -

Restoration of Historical Concrete Roadway

2003 S.I.P., Granitoid street on 7th Street in Duluth
 Owner/Agency: City of Duluth
 Contractors: Northland Constructors of Duluth (Prime);
 Hovland, Inc. (Concrete Paving)

Congratulations!

CPAM Hosts 44th Annual Concrete Paving Workshop

Over 170 people attended the 44th Annual Workshop held on March 16-17, 2005 at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Bloomington. This year's theme was "Concrete...Safe & Sound" and featured more than 20 well-versed speakers from across the country.

Representative Dan Larson of District 63B in Bloomington addressed the group with a few opening remarks followed by the traditional "Passing of the Hard Hat." The Keynote Address was provided by Carol Molnau, Mn/DOT Commissioner / Lt. Governor followed by six general sessions:

- Tomorrow's Concrete — Emerging Technologies & Methods
- Critical Updates
- Recent Concrete Projects
- Slag Cement Revisited
- Research & Reconstruction

After a welcome from CPAM Executive Director, Matt Zeller,

- What's All the Noise About? Pavement Texture & Noise

A majority of the presentations are available on our website: www.concreteisbetter.com

Gary Aamold Receives 2005 Arnie Laingen Award



Gary Aamold of Highway Services was named the winner of the 2005 Arnie Laingen Award at the Annual Concrete Paving Awards Program on March 16. This award is given annually to the individual who exemplifies Arnie's commitment and integrity in promoting quality and excellence in the concrete paving industry of Minnesota. Congratulations to Gary, and thanks again for many years of hard work and success!

Photo: Gary Aamold (right) receives award from John Ericson, 2004 recipient.

New Faces . . . Continued from page 1

As the Engineering Director, Brad will develop and increase the concrete share of the county, city, and airport paving markets in Minnesota by focusing his time and effort on the decision makers of these markets. He will also work with local consultants and geotechnical firms to inform them of industry changes and assist them as needed during the pavement selection process, design and construction phases.

And how is Matt doing these days? With all these changes in place, Matt is back to his smiling self – rising to the challenge of his new position – and grateful to be filling only one pair of shoes!



Did You Know?



What is the only word that consists of two letters, each used three times?

Deeded

What do Paris, France and Cedar Rapids, Iowa have in common?

They are the only cities with their governments on an island.

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

— Milton Berle



Mark your calendars for these up and coming events!

Calendar of Events

Local

May 25	FHWA (CPTP) Best Practices for PCC Pavements	Mn/ROAD
June 6	MSES Spring Golf Outing @ Sundance	Maple Grove, MN
June 7	10th Annual Concrete Open @ Legends	Prior Lake, MN
June 22	2005 Review & Tour of Mn/ROAD	Mn/ROAD
July 21	2005 Review & Tour of Mn/ROAD	Mn/ROAD
Dec 7	MN Transportation Alliance Construction Forecast	TBD
Dec 8	CPAM Annual Membership Meeting	St. Paul, MN

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Jan 17-20	County Engineer's Conference	Brainerd, MN
Jan 25-27	City Engineer's Conference	Brooklyn Center, MN
March 16-17	CPAM Annual Concrete Paving Workshop	Duluth, MN

National

June 20-24	7th Symposium - High-Strength/High Performance Concrete	Washington, DC
July 10-12	TRB 2005 Summer Conference	Boston, MA
Aug 13-18	8th Int'l Conference on Concrete Pavements	Colorado Springs, CO
Sept 11-14	American Public Works Association (APWA) Annual Congress	Minneapolis, MN
Nov 29-Dec 2	2005 ACPA Annual Convention	Palm Springs, CA

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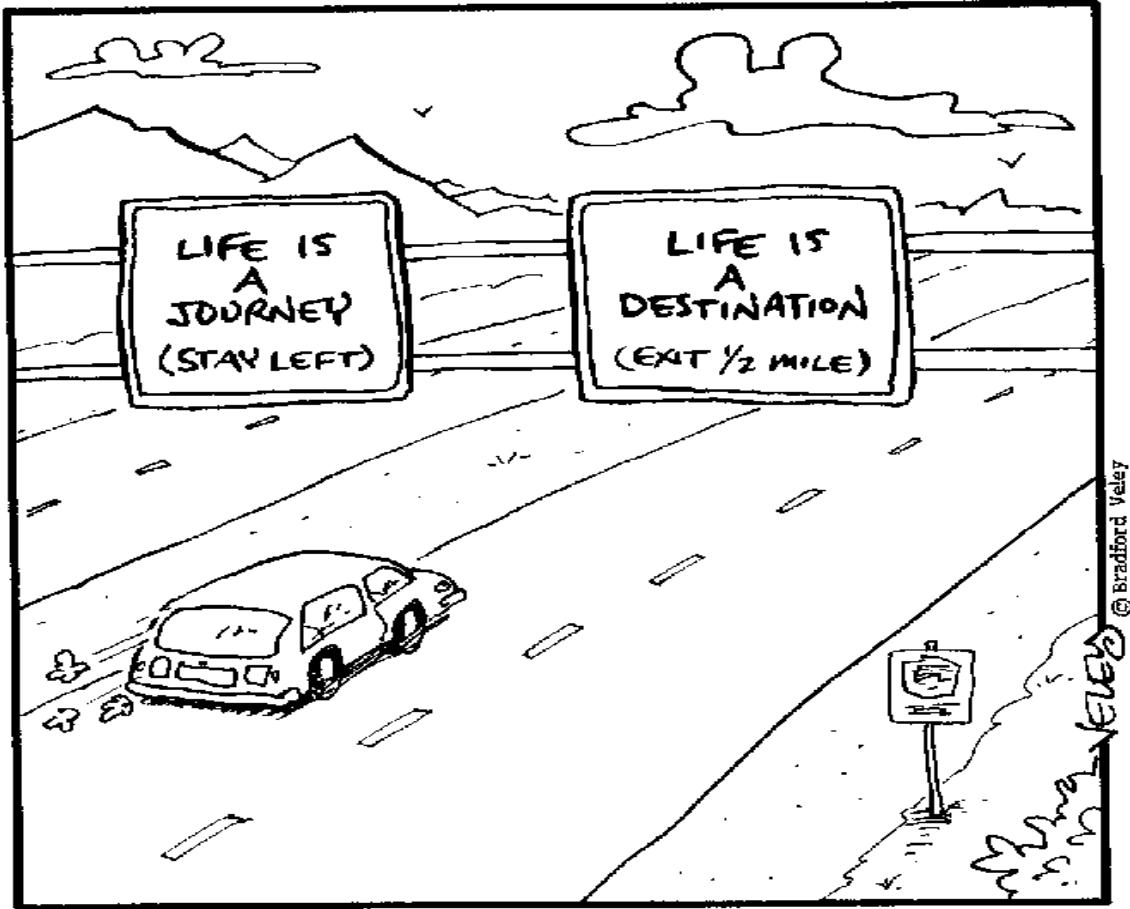
Jan 22-26	85th Annual TRB Meeting	Washington, DC
Jan 17-21	World of Concrete	Las Vegas, NV

If you have items you'd like to add to the calendar, please contact the CPAM office!

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