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(Always on-line [HERE](#))

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'Asphalt Pavement 101' training class
Wednesday, June 21, 8 a.m. to noon
City of San Jose, 1661 Senter Road, Building G, San Jose
Register [HERE](#).
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044

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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.

→ Industry news: Well-wishers gather at historic mission in San Juan Capistrano to mark retirement of Valero's Len Nawrocki

Family, friends and well-wishers gathered Friday at the historic San Juan Capistrano mission to salute another historic figure in the asphalt pavement industry in California on the occasion of his retirement: Valero's Len Nawrocki.

Several members of the CalAPA Hall of Fame were in attendance to salute Nawrocki and note his many contributions to the success of the industry, his company and his co-workers.

Don Goss, who recently retired from Valero, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening program, and CalAPA Life Member Juan Forster regaled the gathering with tales about his own family connection to the rancho that played an integral part in California's history.

Nawrocki thanked those in attendance and took time to remember those who supported him during his long and storied career. His wife, Myra, represented his extended family, which included fond recollections of Nawrocki's first wife, Patty, who passed away unexpectedly July 24, 2013, and the couple's three daughters and numerous grandchildren.



Len Nawrocki, left, and Don L. Daley Jr. with California Commercial Asphalt in Washington, D.C. to meet with lawmakers about industry issues.

Pete Grass, executive director of the Asphalt Institute, flew in from Lexington, KY, to honor Nawrocki for his many contributions to the industry in leadership positions and also for his good humor and unmatched story-telling abilities.

Nawrocki was also recognized for his leadership of CalAPA and longtime advocacy on behalf of the industry in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., which was credited with playing a pivotal role in building support for SB1, the comprehensive, \$52 billion transportation funding bill that was passed by the Legislature earlier this year. Nawrocki was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of CalAPA, and most recently served on the Executive Committee and chairman of the CalAPA Political Action Committee.

City of Santa Rosa, UFO Building, Room A, 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa
Register [HERE](#).
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SIGN UP NOW!
CalAPA "Day at the Races" at Del Mar Race Track
Saturday, July 22
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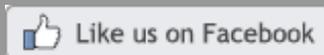
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SAVE THE DATE!
CalAPA Annual Golf Tournament
Thursday, Sept. 21
Pacific Palms Resort, Industry Hills
Details soon!
Contact: Sophie You (916) 791-5044

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SAVE THE DATE!
CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo
Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 25 & 26
Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento
Details soon!
For sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities, contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044.

SOCIALIZE



Nawrocki's military service to his country during the Vietnam War was noted, as was his heart-felt reading at a CalAPA Annual Dinner of a passage from a novel by John Steinbeck extolling the virtues of asphalt pavements.

Most of all, however, his many well-wishers remarked about Nawrocki's integrity, work-ethic, genuine concern for his co-workers and customers, and for his good humor over the years that made him a joy to be around.



Len Nawrocki, center-front, led the CalAPA delegation to the Capitol in Sacramento for this year's Legislative Fly-in.

→ CalAPA newsletter FAQ

Editor's Note: We pause from delivering our regular newsletter content to offer up answers to the most frequently asked questions we receive about this publication.

Q: How many people subscribe to the newsletter?

A: Currently, about 2,500.

Q: Who gets the newsletter?

A: Generally it is people who are interested in asphalt pavements, including CalAPA members, non-members, agency personnel and policy-makers. Most of the subscribers are located in California, but the newsletter is also sent to subscribers in many other states and countries.

Q: How often does the newsletter come out?

A: The newsletter is weekly, is sent out every Monday morning throughout the year, 52 weeks a year.

Q: Why does it come out so early in the morning?

A: We want to have the newsletter available for people as they start their workweek first thing on Monday morning. Because many of our subscribers are on the East Coast, we send it at 4:25 a.m. Pacific Time so that it is in their mailboxes when the business day starts at 8 a.m. on the East Coast. Previous surveys of our readership identified Monday morning as the most preferred time to receive the newsletter.

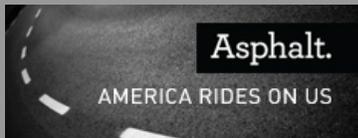
Q: Must I be a member of CalAPA to get the newsletter?

A: No, the newsletter is produced as a service to the industry and our agency partners. Anyone can receive it at no cost. However, the

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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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newsletter is underwritten by dues-paying members of CalAPA. If you enjoy the newsletter, but are not a member of CalAPA, contact the association and inquire about joining to support this publication and other industry-advancement activities.



Q: Can I place an ad in the newsletter?

A: The newsletter currently does not accept advertising. There are, however, ample advertising opportunities available in the association's magazine, *California Asphalt*, our annual directory, and associated with CalAPA events. Click [HERE](#) for information about the bi-monthly magazine, including a link to an advertising rate sheet.

Q: Can I place a job notice in the newsletter?

A: Notices about jobs are printed in the newsletter on a space-available basis. This free service is available to CalAPA members only.

Q: What if I see something wrong in the newsletter?

A: The editor of the newsletter strives for fairness and accuracy in all reports, but when factual errors occur a correction will be printed in the newsletter.

Q: Can I submit a story or story idea for the newsletter?

A: The editor is pleased to consider story ideas for the newsletter. Please refer to our submission guidelines [HERE](#).

Q: Where do you get your "Quote of the Week?"

A: The Quote of the Week is a longstanding tradition. You can read a commentary about it [HERE](#). Currently, CalAPA administrative assistant Ritha Nhorn scours numerous sources to put forward a Quote of the Week for consideration by the editor.

Q: What is the source material for the "Tech Term of the Week?"

A: Currently, CalAPA administrative assistant Ritha Nhorn, a civil engineering candidate at California State University, Sacramento, provides the "Tech Term," which is drawn from numerous technical sources, including the glossary of terms that is included in all CalAPA technical training class workbooks. Ideas for future Tech Terms are welcome.

Q: How can I get back issues of the newsletter?

A: CalAPA maintains an archive of recent issues of the newsletter on our webpage. A link to the archive page is [HERE](#). For older issues, contact CalAPA.

Q: Is the newsletter distributed by any other means besides e-mail?

A: The newsletter is also posted to CalAPA's social media feeds: Facebook, Twitter and Linked-in.

Q: Does CalAPA have more in-depth coverage of issues?

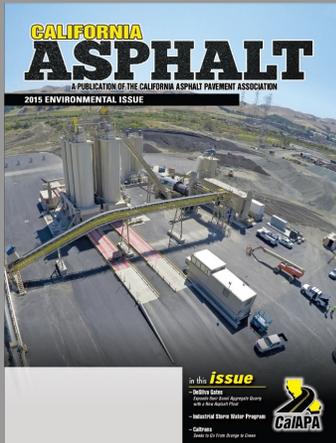
A: CalAPA produces member-only "Member Alerts" that provide additional detail and analysis and are available to CalAPA members only. Some brief newsletter stories may be expanded into in-depth articles for the CalAPA magazine, *California Asphalt*. If you are an employee of a CalAPA member company and are not receiving



"Member Alerts" but would like to, please contact CalAPA to be added

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



CalAPA produces a highly regarded magazine, *California Asphalt*, and an annual membership directory. To view current and past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#).

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to our distribution list.

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A: A self-subscribe tool is available [HERE](#), or contact CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

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Q: I signed up for the newsletter but have not yet received it. What happened?

A: Check your spam folder, and if the newsletter is there, add it to your "safe sender" list. If it is not in the spam folder, it may be blocked by your company's anti-spam filter at the network level. Contact your IT administrator and ask to have the newsletter "white-listed" - added to a list of approved e-mail senders.

Q: If I sign up to receive the newsletter, will you sell or otherwise share my contact information with others?

A: No. It is the policy of CalAPA not to share with third parties member information, or the information of non-members who interact with the association. Read our privacy policy [HERE](#).

→ Don't miss out: Tickets on sale for CalAPA's annual 'Day at the Races' event July 22 at Del Mar

CalAPA is back with one its most popular member-only events of the year: our annual "Day at the Races" at beautiful Del Mar Race Track in Del Mar. Click [HERE](#) learn more and to reserve your spot.

The Southern California Contractors' Committee is once again hosting this gala event on opening weekend for thoroughbred racing. The association has reserved a luxury suite at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Saturday, July 22, at the seaside track, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary. The "Star Fiddle Skyroom" boasts panoramic views from a private balcony close to the finish line, with its own betting windows, VIP access to grounds, a fabulous lunch buffet, snacks and a no-host bar. Tickets for this family-friendly event are \$109 for adults and must be purchased in advance via the CalAPA website. Click [HERE](#) to order.



Catch the racing action at Del Mar at CalAPA's annual "Day at the Races."

Del Mar is not only one of the most scenic race tracks in the world, it's also rich with history, with new and exciting chapters being written each year. In 2014, the CalAPA-sponsored 1st Race was won by Lord Nelson, a 2-year-old thoroughbred trained by Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who joined CalAPA representatives Holly Mendell and John Michalik from California Commercial Asphalt in the Winner's Circle. Baffert is the trainer of last year's Triple Crown winner, American



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Pharoah. The 2016 Kentucky Derby winner, Nyquist, twice won at Del Mar the year before. And who can forget California Chrome, who raced at Del Mar before going on to win the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 2014. To view pictures from last year's "Day at the Races," click [HERE](#) to visit our Facebook page.

Bring your family, favorite customers or best friends to our "Day at the Races" and perhaps you'll see the next superstar thoroughbred in action. For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

→ Asphalt turns up in some unlikely places

One of our more bookish readers pointed out that our national partner, the National Asphalt Pavement Association, apparently was referenced in a fictional mystery novel by Margaret Truman, "Murder at the National Cathedral." The best-selling thriller of a few years ago included a reference to a character giving a speech to the "National Association of Asphalt Contractors." See Page 25-26 if you don't believe us. Spoiler alert: asphalt or NAPA are in no way connected to the fictional murder.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

SOIL SUPPORT: A term expressing the ability of the roadbed material, or sub-grade soil, to support the traffic loads transmitted through a flexible pavement structure.

→ Quote of the Week

"Don't find fault, find a remedy."

Henry Ford

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 and events 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

California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA)

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