

**For Immediate Release****ACPA Announces Awards  
for Distinguished Service**

**Skokie, Ill.**—The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) announced the 2006 recipients of the annual distinguished service awards. These awards recognize projects, public works officials, academicians, and representatives that have demonstrated the best of the best in the concrete pavement industry.

ACPA's distinguished service awards and honors recognize the commitment, focus, and achievements of some of the most forward thinking, innovative, and determined professionals in the transportation community, as well as the high quality highways, airports, and streets & local roads they build and rehabilitate.

The recipients of the 2006 ACPA Distinguished Service Awards and Honors are:

**Marlin J. Knutson Award for Technical Achievement** — presented to the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Just five years ago, a national center for concrete pavement technology did not exist. Nor was there a national plan for future concrete pavement research.

Thanks to quick mobilization of the staff and advisors of the Center for Portland Cement Concrete Pavement Technology, now the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center, or CP Tech Center, there is now a Concrete Pavement Road Map to bring focus and significance to national concrete pavement research and the facilities for these activities to take place.

For transportation industry leaders, this means a streamlined approach to undertaking national concrete pavement research. For the traveling public, this means more efficient use of research

dollars to directly improve the highways, streets, and roads that serve as our industrial backbone and carry the most important of cargos – the people of this great nation.

The Marlin J. Knutson Award for Technical Achievement is presented to an individual or group who has made significant contributions to advance the development and implementation of innovative technical and best practice approaches in the design and construction of concrete pavements.

**Lifetime Pavement Achievement Award (Airports)** – presented to Storm Lake Municipal Airport for Runway 13/31 at Storm Lake Municipal Airport in Storm Lake, Iowa.

In 1971, the Iowa Department of Transportation adopted a process of resurfacing that was, at the time, considered unique. Little did they know that “whitetopping” Runway 13/31 would start a revolution. The overlay included no real preparation of the existing asphalt surface before placement of the new concrete. The concrete overlay was 5” thick with a width of 50’ and length over 3000’. In all, nearly 20,000 SY were overlaid on the existing asphalt surface.

The 1971 overlay of Runway 13/31 is still in use today with minimal maintenance and no major rehabilitation whatsoever. Over the course of the last 35 years, 19 other previously asphalt runways in Iowa have been whitetopped with concrete overlays. The whitetopped runway at Storm Lake has served as a testament to the effectiveness of concrete overlays, especially on general aviation runways, and could be argued to be the birthplace of the whitetopping revolution.

**Lifetime Pavement Achievement (Highways)** – presented to Iowa Department of Transportation for the original concrete pavement segment on I-29 in Monona County, Iowa.

A 14-mile stretch of Interstate 29 in Monona County built during 1961 has stood the test of time, requiring little to no maintenance and carrying an estimated 12 million ESALS per day.

Originally let as two different projects, the 56 lane miles have never undergone any major patching or rehabilitation projects. This project is two years older than the asphalt segment celebrated as the only original section of interstate paving to remain in service.

This award recognizes I-29 as the original perpetual pavement, carrying the load and providing the motoring public with a very inexpensive and durable surface.

**Lifetime Pavement Achievement (Streets & Local Roads)** – presented to Mahaska County for Cemetery Road in Eddyville, Iowa.

Cemetery Road, believed to be the first county road ever paved with concrete, is still in service today. It has never been overlaid.

The first portion of Cemetery Road was built in 1908 at a cost of about \$2.55 per square yard. This section and others built in 1910, 1911, and 1916, connected a local cemetery with the City of Eddyville.

A flood of the Des Moines River in 1903 covered the town of Eddyville and took with it the woodblock sidewalks that lined the town's streets. After the town received successful performance from replacing wooden sidewalks with concrete, a local farmer hired a construction company to pave 500 feet from the local cemetery towards Eddyville. This became known as Cemetery Road.

This award recognizes Cemetery Road for its amazing longevity and successful performance that inspired the paving of three additional sections. May the County of Mahaska be successful in its pursuit of historically preserving this high-performance road.

ACPA is the national trade association for the concrete pavement industry. ACPA's primary mission is to advocate for the use of concrete pavement in highways, airfields, and roadways throughout the United States.

To that end, ACPA and its network of affiliated regional chapters and state paving associations work together to promote the features and benefits of concrete pavements. ACPA's services generally fall into five discrete categories:

- Providing technical service and troubleshooting;
- Facilitating and conducting research, technology transfer, and technology implementation;
- Delivering educational, training, and outreach programs;

- Providing market development, measurement, and promotional support; and
- Using political advocacy and lobbying efforts to create a favorable business environment and to assure adequate funding.

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- [www.pavement.com](http://www.pavement.com) ... ACPA's official technical and informational site.
- [www.pavements4life.com](http://www.pavements4life.com) ... A website aimed at satisfying the general public's requirement for the truth about highways, roadways, and airfields.

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