

Pennsylvania Parking Association Offers Education, Camaraderie

History

The Pennsylvania Parking Association (PPA) held its first meeting in December 1985, and hosted its first conference four years later in Harrisburg. Since then, the conference has travelled the state, landing in State College, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Scranton, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Today, PPA boasts over 100 active members. The association is active at the national level, hosting an annual conference, golf outing, a meeting at each IPI Conference & Expo, and annual Parking Innovations Awards. This year PPA added a Spring Training event in April, pairing education with networking and a few rounds of golf — strong member support indicates that Spring Training is the start of a new tradition for members.

Awards Program



PPA began hosting a formal awards and recognition program in 2001 to recognize outstanding parking-related projects in the industry. Members and non-members are invited annually to submit the best of their parking projects and programs for consideration. Recently the organization opened the competition to projects beyond the state's borders. Categories range from New Parking Structure to Restoration and Parking Equipment. All submissions are recognized in a presentation program during the conference banquet highlighting the best attributes of each project. This fall's conference will mark the 10th Annual Awards Program, and PPA looks forward to its best response ever.

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Fender Bender Open and Luncheon



The annual Fender Bender Open golf tournament kicks off PPA's fall conference each year. This signature event always features a little friendly competition and makes for great conversations and a few fish stories. Golfers gather the morning of the first day of the conference to hit the greens to defend — or compete for — the coveted championship trophies of the Fender Bender Open ... a set of hubcaps for the



winning foursome! These hubcaps from a late model car are also featured in another contest — to guess the year, make and model during exhibits. The next day, the conference features the Fender Bender Open Luncheon to honor winners and runners-up!

Membership



PPA continues to be a thriving organization of long-devoted members, as well as new ones joining each year. In April, the association hosted its first Spring Training event featuring educational sessions followed by a friendly round of golf.

Last year, PPA launched a brand new Web site — www.paparking.org. Come be a part of PPA! ■

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Awards of Excellence 2009

New Design, Less than 1,000 Spaces

Grant Street Transportation Center
Pittsburgh, Pa., Pittsburgh Parking Authority

The Grant Street Transportation Center was the answer to the shortage of available sites for possible additions to parking capacity in the downtown core. That restriction led the Pittsburgh Parking Authority to approach the management of Greyhound Lines and commit to lease space in a combination 991-space parking garage/terminal facility built by the Authority.

New Design, More than 1,000 Spaces

Annapolis Towne Centre
Parole, Md., Timothy Haahs & Associates Inc.

This project is a signature example of this type of town center mixed-use development. The center is located on 34 acres near the Chesapeake Bay town of Annapolis, Md. The Centre includes over 350 luxury apartments and condominiums, numerous restaurants, a high-end grocery store, retail shops, and an entertainment complex.

Addition/Improvement

Towson Town Center Garage Expansion, Towson, Md., Timothy Haahs & Associates Inc.

General Growth Properties recently planned and implemented a major renovation and expansion of the Towson Town Center in Towson, Md. The owner sought to transform the major retail establishment into a premier destination in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C., market. The expansion included the reconstruction and remerchandising of two of the mall's four levels, as well as a complete renovation of the food court.

Parking Structure – Restoration

Morris Corporate Center III Garage, Parsippany, N.J., Wardle Engineering

The Morris Corporate Center III Garage in Parsippany, N.J. includes a 1,100-space parking garage built in 1989. The three-level structure is a pre-topped precast double tee system atop precast columns and beams with cast-in-place concrete pour strips. The garage faced typical challenges, including concrete deterioration, aging of sealants, coatings and sealers, tee flange connection failures and water leaks.

Parking Equipment

City of Akron Superblock Parking Deck, Akron, Ohio, PSx

The City of Akron Superblock Parking Deck Restoration and Expansion project consisted of a design-build project including a total restoration of the 710-space deck with a five-level, 319-space expansion to the existing garage.



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