

David A. Bramble, Inc. HMA Activities Spring 2007



It has been a very busy year at the plants. The largest amount of work has taken place at the Wye Mills Hot Mix Asphalt Facility. As soon as the 2006 paving season drew to a close, the disassembly of the existing cold feed system started.

Out with the old 4 + 1 feeder system and get ready for a new 6 feeder virgin system with a more in-line aggregate flow pathway which will increase Jack's ability to produce a wider variety of mixes in a shorter time span. It should also reduce aggregate loss and increase control.

Along with the virgin feeders, Wye Mills now features a dual feed RAP system with an in-line clump breaker that takes care of the materials that don't do through the RAP screen deck on the first circuit. Please, don't put your hands or body for that matter into it. I am confident it would win!!



The laboratories have been busy formulating RAP mixes for both the Wye Mills and the Massey facilities. During the first month of production at Massey, we have burned up approximately 3,500 tons of RAP saving the company 3,325 tons of aggregate and 175 tons of liquid asphalt. In the next two weeks, we should burn up another 2,000 tons of RAP. Now we need to find more RAP. Keep an eye out for milling jobs!!!

Has anyone seen Gene Ingram? Gene has been trying to hide until the last bolt is tightened and the juice is flowing. “Gene - When will the plants be ready?”



It's Up!!!! May 23, 2007!!! Mix is coming out of the plant!!

The Thrift team performed the routine maintenance on the Massey facility and relined the HMA silos giving the old Bituma-Store Astec Look-a-Likes new life. The MacGyver's also modified the fuel delivery system with some parts from the ol' Ridgely facility to optimize the use of recycled fuel for the plant. They have really made the Massey Facility a showcase. They were also contributors to the muscle supply needed to get the Wye Mills Facility put together during the cold months of this year. Good work guys!!!

Pete has had his hands full at Easton. Along with preparations for a mineral filler silo addition, he installed a new burner fan and performed the routine maintenance on the Easton facility. He wrestled the Cat ® engine that supplies the draft for the baghouse and dryer drum out and had it rebuilt. Easton has been making state and private mixes this year with out much rest. The weather recently has been great for making and laying Hot Mix Asphalt!!!

June 2007 update!!! Wow- what a start to the year. The Thrift team has had Massey pumping out the mix. In April they set their highest month total of 20,714 tons beating out their previous highest month of 20,514 tons. **THEN** they blew that out of the park with a 30,008 ton month in May, leading us to the highest production May on record with 46,667 tons produced. Pete has had Easton humming with the best start of the year with over 29,000 tons in April and May!! Way to go. He looks like he is off to another record high tonnage year. No wonder we can't keep enough aggregate on the ground.