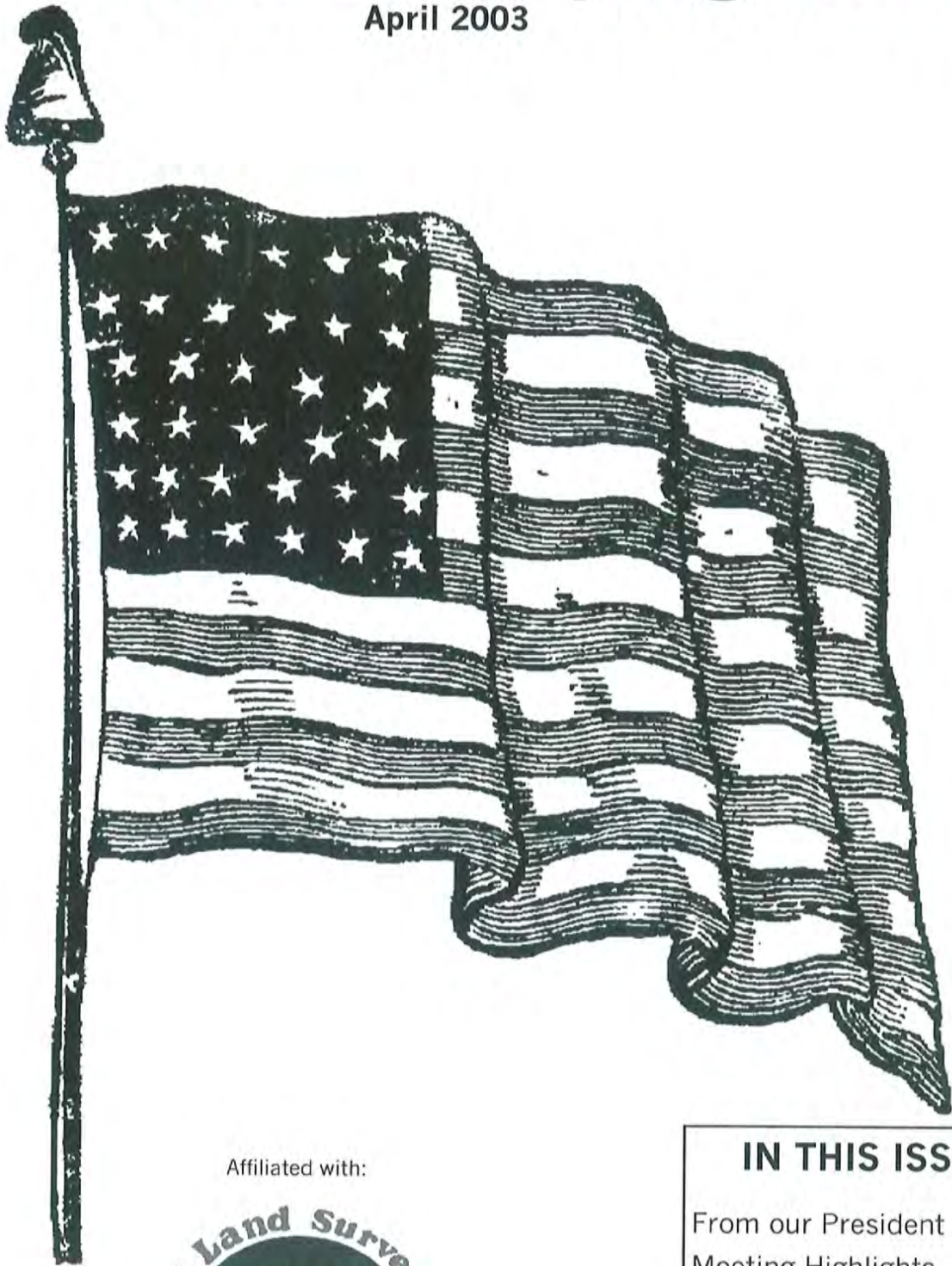


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## March 24, 2003

The February meeting at Brendan O'Neill's Pub in Westlake was both informative and tasty. The food was quite filling and the presentation by Mr. Andrew Scheneman of the Lorain County Auditor's Office gave everyone a better understanding of the information available on the Lorain County GIS system. For those of you who were not able to attend, a 2002 Lorain County GIS data disk is available on CD for \$50.00. Data layers include Land Parcels, 2' Contours, 1990 Census Tract/Blocks, Lorain County Points of Interest, Street Centerlines, Taxing Districts, Political Boundaries, GPS Monuments, Subdivisions, and 1999 Color Digital Orthophoto Aerials. For more information, contact the Office of the Lorain County Auditor, Mark Stewart, at 440/329-5207 or visit their website at [www.LorainCounty.com/auditor](http://www.LorainCounty.com/auditor).

In Cuyahoga County, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) Re-observation Program will begin the third week of May. The NGS Re-observation Program, or the Federal Base Network (FBN) re-observation, is a nationwide effort in support of the readjustment of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) comprised of geodetic survey control points across the nation. The NGS initiated this project by state in the mid 1990's with the ultimate goal of upgrading or modernizing the accuracy of the NSRS. Six monuments throughout Cuyahoga County will be observed at a cost of \$1,200.00 each. Local funding for this project will be provided by the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office. Woolpert, LLP has been contracted by the National Geodetic Survey to complete the program.

As an update to my last message, the gas tax passed the Ohio House Representatives on March 12<sup>th</sup>. This bill is now being discussed in the Senate and must be concluded by March 31<sup>st</sup> in order to meet the deadline of the Transportation Budget.

Sincerely,

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The Cleveland Chapter March General Membership Meeting was held March 6, 2003 at Brendan O'Neill's in Westlake. There were 21 members in attendance.

Andrew Scheneman of the Lorain County Auditor's Office gave a presentation on the various tax maps, aerial photographs and other products of the Lorain County Auditor available to the public via the internet.

Some of the topics discussed during the meeting were as follows:

- Tom Snezek requested that members submit comments to him in writing regarding the continuing education requirements prior to the March 14<sup>th</sup> state meeting. Tom also mentioned that Express Map will be discussed at the state meeting.
- Jack Hoy reported that the April membership meeting will be held at Alexander's restaurant in Euclid.
- Louise Veverka reported that Barb Jones was not happy with the price of the exhibition space at the Renaissance Hotel and is now negotiating with both the Renaissance Hotel and the Sheraton Hotel.
- Tom Snezek reported that Cuyahoga County will be participating in the upcoming NAD83(2005) readjustment by performing GPS observations on six monuments in the county.



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There is always a question around as to what constitutes "ethics or "ethical practice." The State Board of Registration has a paragraph dealing with this subject, but that is driven by political realities, whatever that is. The Federal Trade Commission hates the terms "Ethical Practice" and construes it to mean restraint of trade.

Ethics is defined as the study of the standards of conduct and moral judgment of the philosophy of the system or code of morals of a particular person, religion, group or profession. "Morals" is defined as "relating to, dealing with, or capable of making the distinction between right and wrong."

So far this is a no-brainer. If you can determine the difference between right and wrong and always do the right thing, you are an ethical and moral person. But life is very seldom in black and white. It is usually some shade of gray.

As a surveyor, is it morally or ethically correct to take on a project, and then fail to complete it? What happens if you underestimate the project and it runs over the budget and there is still work to be done? Should you walk away from it? Should you cut corners to complete it? What kind of corners do you cut? What if you do complete it but not to the **best** of your professional ability?

If you did any of the above, would you consider this as being ethical or moral? Would you jeopardize your professional and business standing to do something like this? You probably would not.

Now let us change the situation a little bit. What if you volunteer to take on a project for your church, your community association, your local sports organization or your professional society? How seriously should you take this commitment? Would you accept it and then not follow through?

This is another question of morals and ethics. This is a case where you have chosen to serve someone else. You have the same responsibility here that you have in your professional career, possibly even more. It is a responsibility that you have accepted, so you have to complete it, no matter what the personal cost.

Your time and talent are as important here as they are in the business world. The people you have chosen to **serve** depend on you to do the right thing, and to the best of your ability.

There is also no place in this life for "situational ethics" that change with the current conditions. You either act responsibly and ethically all the time or you cut the corners and hope you don't get caught.

Your Mother would tell you that being ethical and moral is doing the right thing even when no one is looking. And you know that Mom always knows best.

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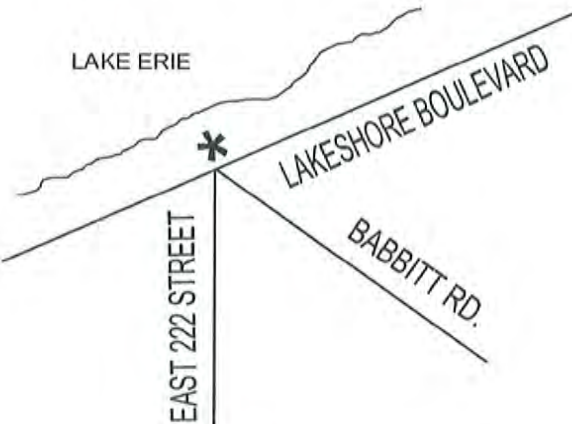
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**Many Thanks for hosting the  
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**Cleveland Chapter PLSO  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Thursday April 3, 2003**

Location	Menu
<p><b>Alexander's Restaurant</b> 22305 Lakeshore Boulevard Euclid, Ohio</p>  <p>A hand-drawn map showing the location of Alexander's Restaurant. It features a wavy line representing Lake Erie at the top. A diagonal line represents Lakeshore Boulevard, running from the top-left towards the bottom-right. A vertical line represents East 222 Street, intersecting Lakeshore Boulevard. Another diagonal line represents Babbitt Rd., intersecting Lakeshore Boulevard further down. An asterisk (*) is placed at the intersection of East 222 Street and Lakeshore Boulevard to indicate the restaurant's location.</p>	<p>Choice of:                      Roast Beef w/Oven Brown Potatoes                      Boston Scrod w/Oven Brown Potatoes                      Chicken Parmigiana w/Spaghetti</p> <p>Fruit Cup, Salad with assorted dressings                      Vegetable medley, Rolls &amp; butter,                      Beverage and Sherbet.</p> <p><b>Cost: \$ 18.00 includes tax &amp; tip</b></p> <p><b>Reservations:</b></p> <p>Call John G. Hoy at (216) 476-3600, during office hours, by Tuesday April 1, 2003. Please call on time. Thank you.</p>
SPEAKER	AGENDA
<p><b>Mr. Mitchell Ferguson, P.S.</b> Chief Surveyor for James R. Giles, P.S., P.E. Lake County Engineer</p> <p><b>SUBJECT:</b></p> <p>The various Survey Information, Maps, Plats, Tax Maps, Aerial Photographs and other products of the Lake County Offices available to the public via the internet.</p>	<p><b>RELAXATION HOUR</b>      5:30  <b>DINNER</b>                      6:30  <b>SPEAKER</b>                    7:30  <b>MEETING</b>                    8:00</p> <p><b>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE:</b></p> <p>PLSO Conference 2004                      Express Map                      Chapter Calendar                          Summer Event Planning                      Proposed wording of the Continuing Professional Development legislation.</p>

THOSE NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING US FOR DINNER ARE ALWAYS WELCOME FOR THE PROGRAM AND MEETING



From the 3/14/03 State meeting – Notable discussions:

Under 5.0 New Businesses –

Item 5.6 was added to investigate radio advertising for Surveying.

Item 5.7 was added to establish research committee to explore the centralizing of the annual conference. Recent conferences have lost or shown reduced income. Committee will look into a future site for conferences that is the same every year. Also explore having the majority of the work done by a state committee and the chapters to host social and instructional events. More to come with next report.

Under 7.13 Standards Committee –

The Standards committee collected email addresses from delegates and other representatives and will publish a list A.S.A.P.

Under 7.15 State Line Committee –

The stolen plaques that were displayed in E. Liverpool at the P.O.B. will be replaced with even bigger and better ones. Funding provided by the Bicentennial Committee, the State offices, the City of E. Liverpool and others. Thanks to those who gave.

Under 7.19 CPD review –

Generally there were only a few comments from the various delegates. An open and interesting discussion then ensued, (which took up most of the time for the evening). The highlights of that discussion are as follows:

- The individual surveyor will be required to maintain records retention for no less than two years, for items of continuing education, (like any surveyor ever threw anything away anyhow).
- An enforcement staff of at least three full or possibly part-time employees is envisioned to monitor compliance. This staff could be funded by increasing licensure fees from \$16 to \$19 for all surveyors and engineers.
- A total of 15 point annually would be required to maintain licensure.
- The C.E.A.O. came out in support of the general plan.

There appears to be a Bill working it's way to the floor that would eliminate the requirement for the County Engineer's to be dual licensed. More on this later.

I have no additional information on the status of the "E-Map" that was envisioned to eliminate the ALTA survey in certain circumstances. More to come on this issue.

The deadline for the State newsletter is April 15, 2003.

Tom Snezek, Chapter Delegate

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The 2004 PLSO Conference in Cleveland experienced problems finalizing the contract with the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Mutually agreeable terms could not be reached. Negotiations began with the Sheraton Cleveland City Center. Barb Jones informed me, on the day this newsletter was printed, that she has reviewed the contract with the Sheraton Cleveland City Center and is ready to sign.

Tom Snezek and his Program Committee are still working on topics and speakers. They are welcoming suggestions and ideas from the Chapter Membership. Please contact them soon. Their next meeting with the PLSO state office is scheduled for Friday, April 4th before the State Executive meeting.



The informative presentation kept our last meeting short and we did not get the chance to discuss a Summer Family Event for the Chapter. This subject will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Once again we are asking for direction from the Chapter Membership. Please attend the meeting or send suggestions to Jack Hoy at (440) 877-1434 or email him at [jrhoy4800@aol.com](mailto:jrhoy4800@aol.com).



I am currently contacting hole sponsors for the Golf Outing in June. If anyone has suggestions for new sponsors, please contact me.

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# Calendar

## APRIL

- 3 Membership Dinner Meeting
- 4 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 Executive Committee Meeting

## MAY

- 1 Membership Dinner Meeting
- 9 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting

## JUNE

- 5 Membership Dinner Meeting (School)
- 16 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Golf Outing

## JULY

- 31 Membership Event

## AUGUST

- 11 State Executive Committee Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Membership Dinner Meeting (Old Timers)
- 12 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting

## OCTOBER

- 2-3 Fall Seminar
- 9 General Membership Meeting
- 10 State Executive Committee Meeting
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting

## FEBRUARY 2004

- 5, 6, 7 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - CLEVELAND

### This Month's Quote:

"Experience varies directly in proportion to the amount of equipment ruined."