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I got started on this issue of the newsletter because I was chased in from the great outdoors by the first real winter storm of the season. We half expected to see Sam the Snowman and Yukon Cornelius blow by us on Bradley Road in Westlake. Between that and the temp dipping below zero recently, I hope everyone weathered the weather whether they were inside or out. OK, that can be this month's quote.

The Executive Committee meeting in February was held at my office and John Bischof accepted my offer to hold the meeting at this location (4562 W. 130 ST., Cleveland) for the rest of the year. This meeting is where the real work of organizing and implementing chapter business takes place. It is open to all members of the chapter and you are all welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. and is listed on the calendar on page 14. Just stop and get your coffee before the meeting because I don't do coffee and the Chapter Secretary doesn't fetch coffee either. See you there.



**John G. Hoy**  
CSN Editor

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## 2007 Annual Meeting



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Neil Juhnke received the **Surveyor of the Year** award for 2007. He is pictured here with his wife Gina and daughters Alyssa and Jessica.

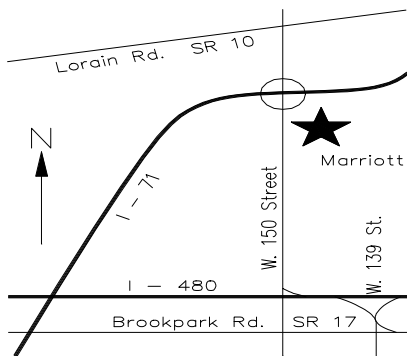


John Bischof congratulated Joseph O'Donnell on the accomplishments during the last year and presented him with the President's Plaque.



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Cheesecake

Social time begins in the lounge at 5:30 p.m., sign in at 6:00 p.m.

## 2007 SPRING SEMINAR SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW AVAILABLE

See page 6 for full details

The Lorain County Recorder's website had removed their document images several months ago because of privacy issues concerning personal information such as social security numbers not being removed. Issues have been resolved and the images are available once again from their website:

<http://www.loraincounty.com/recorder/documents/>

The **Cleveland Chapter** has committed to making continuing education the focus of six **Seminar Meetings** each year. Three in the spring and three in the fall. The Spring 2007 meetings are on March 1, April 12 and May 3. Each meeting is worth **One Professional Development Hour** toward annual Continuing Professional Development requirements. Advance registration is required.

The meetings are held, after regular working hours, at the Marriott - Airport Hotel and include dinner. Registration begins at 6:00. Be prepared to show a photo identification upon request. Dinner served promptly at 6:30 and the speaker presentation begins at 7:30 and will be followed by a brief question and answer period. Certificates of Attendance will be distributed at the end of the meeting.

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## SPRING 2007 SEMINAR MEETING REGISTRATION

- March 1** “*Computer Applications in the Construction Industry*” by Doug Fleming, P.S. Chief Surveyor for ALLEGA Cement Contractors discussing industry trends such as stakeout from 3D model CAD files.  
**PLSO Members \$35.00 Non-Members \$60.00**
- April 12** “*Call Before you Stake*” by Alice Miller, a liaison from the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.) on legal liability pertaining to surveyors and safety training.  
**PLSO Members \$35.00 Non-Members \$60.00**
- May 3** “*Poisonous Vegetation*” by Professor David Marrison from the Ohio State University Ashtabula Extension Service warning us about dangerous plants (especially Giant Hogweed) that may be encountered along property lines.”  
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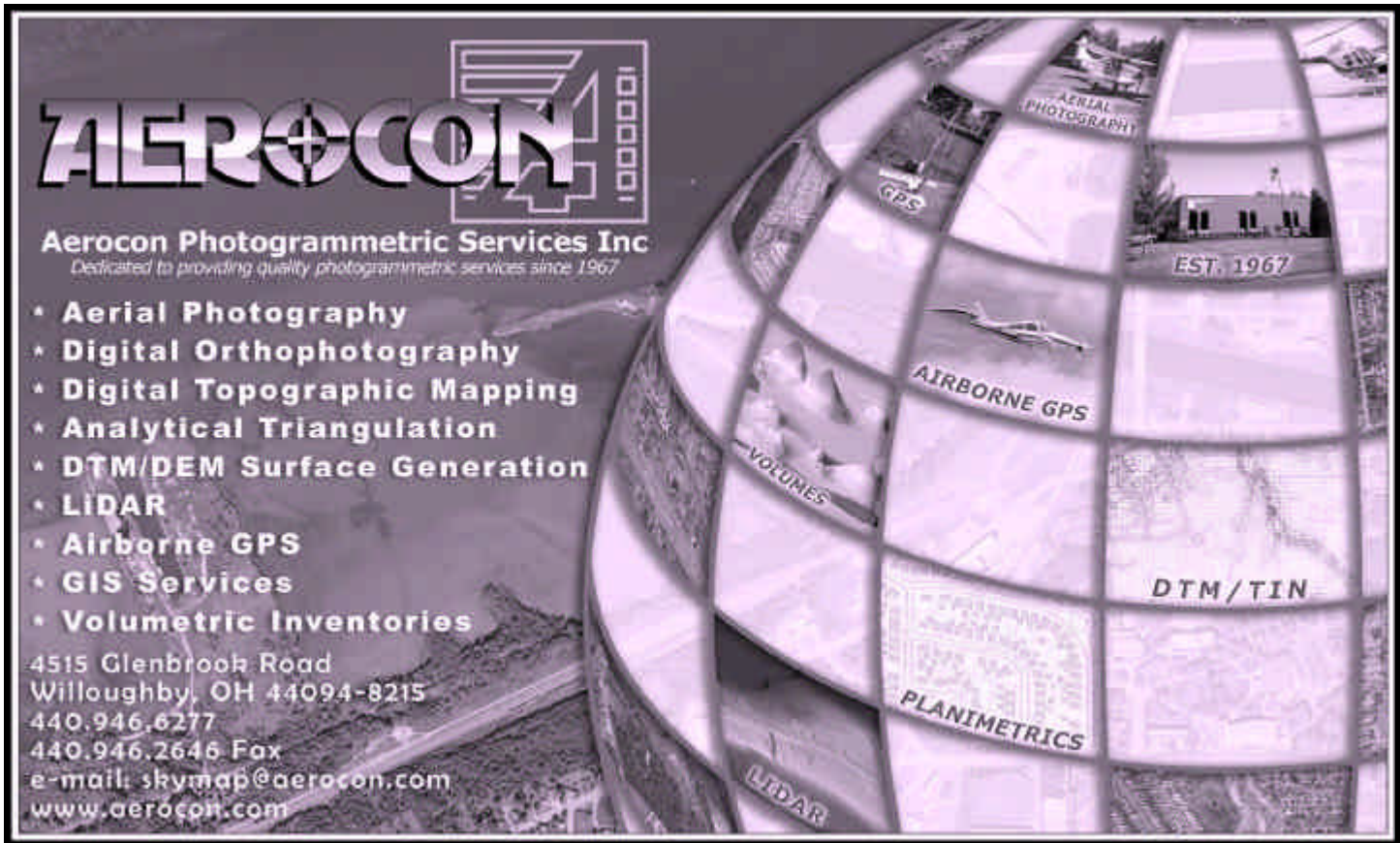
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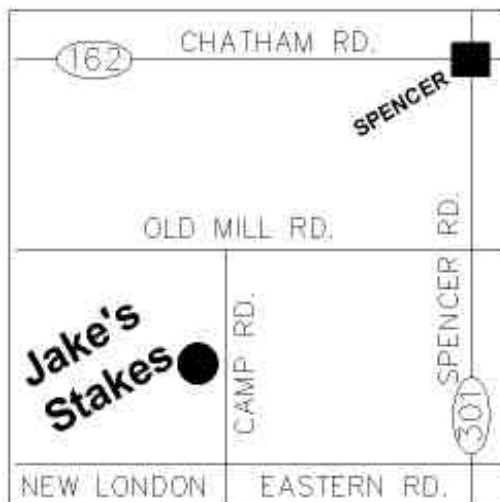
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Dear fellow members,

As I begin this year as your elected president, I am looking forward to the work that we have to accomplish. Top priority will be placed on assisting Mark Yeager in his role as conference chair. We want to showcase our City and Chapter during the 2008 Conference. Everyone attending the 2007 Conference has been requested to observe the procedures and report to Mark as to what was working and what may need to be adjusted for our situation. I hope to see many of you there and look forward to some discussions with the State officers.



This year we will be offering a total of six Seminar meetings which will give you the opportunity to earn six continuing professional development hours. As last year was more of a "shake down" to get this program up and running, I am looking to incorporate a change to the format and to coincide with our chapter constitution. I will be opening each seminar meeting with a brief discussion of the Executive Committee meeting actions. Also, as this is often the only time that a larger group of our chapter members can gather together, I will request that the treasurer bring additional copies of his Executive Committee report and have them available to those members requesting one. The meeting will then be turned over to the Trustee for Programming.

I am asking all members to look and see if they can step forward to serve our chapter as we can use some "new faces" to run for office. This is our chapter and the input of fresh new ideas is vital to the growth of any organization. Please call any Board member and ask to be placed on the next ballot. Become involved, you will be glad you did.

Finally, take the time to browse through this Newsletter and observe all of our advertisers. These businesses feel our chapter newsletter is a good investment. Please patronize them whenever you can.

**John J. Bischof, P.S. President**

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### Executive Committee Meeting

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February 12, 2007

at the office of John R. Hoy and Associates, called to order at 5:37 p.m.

**Officers In Attendance:** John Bischof, Sean Boland, Pete Zwick, John G. Hoy, Dave Bruckner, Tom Snezek, Tim Feller, Louise Veverka and Robert Hoy. Absent was Joe O'Donnell. Also in attendance: Jack Hoy and John Dailey.



**Robert Hoy**  
Secretary

**Highlights:**

- Education Trustee will look into revamping the Survey School.
- Membership Trustee will prepare a draft of a "New Member Welcome" package
- Committee appointed to enhance the Chapter's website.
- John Bischof attended the Annual Conference and reported there were about 675 total registrants.
- The 2008 PLSO Conference Committee is looking for volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.





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Let's talk a little history. There have been a lot of stories written and movies made about the "winning of the West", all mainly located in the far western states. Very little has been written about the epic quarter century long frontier battle for what was known as the Ohio country.

With the end of the French and Indian War (the North American portion of the Seven Years War in Europe) in 1763, England gained control of the French held land in North America. The settlers along the eastern seaboard were facing a big problem, overcrowding. The area between the Atlantic Ocean and the Appalachian Mountains was quickly filling up, the soil was being depleted by farming (they did not know about crop rotation at that time) and land, if it was available, was very expensive. In order to keep peace with the Indians West of the mountains, the King ordered that there would be no expansion West of the ridge line of the Appalachian Mountains. Since most of the settlers in the Americas could not read very well, much of this order was ignored.

In "The Border Wars of the Upper Ohio Valley" author William Hintzen states "the Indians became alarmed at the wave of white settlers sweeping into their lands" and drew their "line in the sand" telling the settlers to come no further. That "line in the sand" was really the Ohio River. For the next 25 years, the Ohio country, that area North and West of the Ohio River became home to the bloodiest conflicts of America's western expansion.

There were Indian raids followed by settlers retaliation, bloody murders, kidnaping and torture by both sides. No quarter was asked for, given or expected by either side. A hunter going into the woods for game was himself the quarry. A favorite Indian tactic was to drive the game away from the settlements so that the hunting parties had to go further away from their protective settlements for game and became more vulnerable to attack. Surveyors were targeted by the Indians who felt that where these men went, settlements were quickly to follow.

Many women and children were kidnaped and taken to the Indian towns, where they were adopted into the tribe. Some escaped and made it back to the white settlements but many did not make it. The penalty for an attempted escape was torture and death. There is a story about Daniel Boone's daughter and two of her friends being captured by Indians and were being led north to captivity. The girls knew that their families would be following their trail trying to free them, so they left clues along the way for the search party to follow. They were eventually rescued and returned home. This tale became the basis of James Fenimore Cooper's fine novel "The Last of the Mohicans."

Relative peace did not come to the Ohio country until General "Mad" Anthony Wayne defeated the combined Indian forces at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, just North of the Maumee River in what is now the City of Maumee, Ohio in 1794. After that battle, the Indians were very divided. Should they continue the war or sue for peace? They finally accepted a peace offering from Wayne and met with him at Fort Greenville. This was the site of the worst military disaster in American history, the defeat of Governor St. Clair and his army. After much discussion, the Greenville Treaty Line was decided upon. The white settlers would stay south and east of the Treaty Line and the Indians would retain full rights north and west of it.

The peace held, for the most part, and the Ohio country flourished. There were still occasional skirmishes, but not to the degree of the previous 25 years. Surveyors could now ply their trade in relative security and were no longer hunted men carrying “that thing that steals our land”, the surveyor’s compass. New settlements sprang up, the Connecticut Western Reserve east of the Cuyahoga River was surveyed and settled, the United States Military District was established, surveyed and settled and the Virginia Military District was portioned out in greater amounts. The area of Southeast Ohio that came under the Public Land Survey System flourished.

Various purchases and treaties further diminished the Indian holdings in Ohio and the last of the Indian tribes left Ohio in about 1834. Ohio, for a long period of time, became one of the most prosperous and productive states in the Union. The West, as defined at the end of the Revolutionary War, had been won.

As a side note, General Anthony Wayne, besides being a farmer and a brilliant military officer was also a surveyor.

**John E. Dailey, Past** ( [jdailey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdailey@sbcglobal.net) )

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Meeting: Friday January 12, 2007



Mark Yeager  
2006 Delegate

2008 Conference  
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4.3 – PLSO Antique Instrument Statehouse Display - The PLSO has been considering displaying the PLSO antique survey instruments in the State House in Columbus. The State would be willing to do this however, it would require the PLSO to donate the instruments to the State. An option would be to loan the instruments to the Surveying Museum in Michigan, which is planning to relocate in Illinois. This would allow PLSO to maintain control of the instruments. No action is being taken at this time.

6.2 – Inter-Association Delegates – ODOT - ODOT is working with Dave Conner of NGS to develop a letter for consensus for Ohio to establish the standard unit of measurement as the US Survey foot. If established NGS will publish values for geodetic control in the State in both metric and the US Survey foot. ODOT is also in the process of establishing standards for survey control using GPS.

6.3 - Inter-Association Delegates – State Board of Registration – Board approved the Survey Program at Glenville State University in Virginia.

6.5 – Motion was passed to make a \$50 donation to the Surveyors Historical Society

7.2 - Newsletter Editor – Little input has been received for Issue #4. Request was made for Chapters and Members to get involved and write articles for the newsletter. Next deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

7.31 – Trig-Star – Those interested in the Trig-Star program need to contact schools ASAP. Tests and results need to be provided back by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

7.45 – Legislation – It is now legal to use electronic seals as legislation was passed.

7.471 Past Presidents Council – Council is preparing an information package for new members.

The selection of an Administrative Assistant was conducted by interviewing three (3) candidates for the position out of 47 applicants. The interviews were conducted by Mark Jones, Barb Jones, Bob Akins, Brad Kramer and Paul Dinan. Dawn Roebuck was selected and will begin work on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PLSO Annual Meeting      Thursday, February 8, 2007      Sharonville, Ohio**

2.0 Secretary's minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting accepted as printed in the 2006 Annual Report Book.

3.2 Ratification of the 2007 budget as adopted by the Executive Committee at the November meeting. The budget was included in the 2006 Annual Report Book (accepted subject to audit).

5.0 New business - Frank Snyder (Askega Chapter) presented a motion for PLSO to lend their support to NGS to have the data sheets published in both US Survey Foot and Metric Units. NGS will do this if they have a consensus from the governing authorities in Ohio. This is not a motion to have either the Ohio Revised Code or Ohio Administrative Code changed. This is merely an action by NGS for the publishing of the data sheets. Motion passed by voice vote of attendees.

7.7 2006 scholarship recipients:  
Matthew A. Wohlford and Daniel E. Clipse (\$1200)  
Matthew E. O'Bryan and Cody L. Schanfish (\$800)

8.0 Member of the Year - Robert L. Akins (Tuscarawas Valley Chapter), immediate Past President.

9.0 Surveyors of the Past - Brian Cox (Tuscarawas Valley Chapter) and Cecil E. Neff, Sr. (Miami Valley Chapter)

16.0 Announcements by 2007 Conference Committee by Chairman Gary Nickels: 670 in attendance at the conference including full registration, one-day registrations, walk-ins, spouse registration and vendors.



Sean Boland  
Chapter Delegate

# Calendar

March 1	<b>Seminar Meeting</b>
March 2	State Executive Committee Meeting
March 9-12	ACSM-IPLSA-MSPS Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO. <a href="http://www.acsm.net/conference.html">www.acsm.net/conference.html</a>
March 19	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
March 23	Cleveland Surveying News Deadline
April 12	<b>Seminar Meeting</b>
April 13	State Executive Committee Meeting
April 16	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
April 20	Cleveland Surveying News Deadline
May 3	<b>Seminar Meeting</b>
May 11	State Executive Committee Meeting
May 14	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
May 18	Cleveland Surveying News Deadline
June 7	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
June 22	Annual William J. Haas Memorial Golf Tournament
July 20	State Executive Committee Meeting
August 2-4	PLSO Summer Seminar, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky
August 9	<b>Family – Old Timers Picnic</b>
August 10	<i>CST Survey School registration deadline</i>
August 13	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
August 17	Cleveland Surveying News Deadline
September 6	<b>Seminar Meeting</b>
September 10	<i>CST Survey School Begins</i>
September 14	State Executive Committee Meeting
September 17	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
September 21	Cleveland Surveying News Deadline
September 24	PLSO Business Seminar, Columbus
October 4	<b>Seminar Meeting</b>
October 12	State Executive Committee Meeting
October 15	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
October 19	Cleveland Surveying News Deadline
October 25-26	PLSO Fall Seminar, Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark
November 1	<b>Seminar Meeting</b>
November 9	State Executive Committee Meeting
November 19	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
December 10	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> (if needed)
December 14	State Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)
January 11, 2008	State Executive Committee Meeting
January 14, 2008	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
January 18, 2008	Cleveland Surveying News Deadline
January 24, 2008	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
February 7-9, 2008	PLSO Annual Conference, Cleveland

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