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The **Cleveland Surveying News** is now in its eighth year and going strong. A year ago I had the daunting task of taking over as editor from John Hoy, who created this newsletter. Now I am much more comfortable putting each newsletter together and have never been lacking content to fill its pages.

Recently we have gotten compliments about the *Cleveland Surveying News* from surveyors in Toledo, Summit County, and as far south as Florida! (see my [Communication Report](#)) You should have noticed that I re-designed page 2. I felt it had been too cramped and officer email addresses were difficult to read. Our newsletter continues to evolve.

President-Elect Michael Straub forwarded me this link to the California professional surveyors' organization's on-line newsletter:

[www.californiasurveyors.org/files/calsurv.html](http://www.californiasurveyors.org/files/calsurv.html)

They provide all their newsletters dating back to Volume 1 from 1967 to anyone who wants to read them, and not secluding it to its membership. As a profession we should be promoting ourselves and getting the word out about professional surveyors and the importance we provide. *Does confining information about surveying in our state to only our membership serve the greater good of surveying?*

I have heard it said that people join PLSO to receive the *Ohio Surveying News*. Last year only two issues of the *OSN* were published instead of the four issues that were in the budgeted, which is four issue less than the six *OSN* issues that used to be published only a handful of years ago. When very few issues

come out, a lot of the content in it is so old it isn't news anymore. Heck, I might add a 9th *CSN* in December if I feel like it!

It's been almost two years since the "official" *OSN* editor has announced he would like to retire his position. Yet there has been no change because of budget and personnel uncertainties. In these two years only 5 *OSN* issues have been published when the goal was 9. Our members are overdue their benefits of membership especially with the \$40 dues increase last year.

I look forward to a new executive director being brought to the state office. There is a hope that this new hire would be able to also publish the *OSN*, however, I feel this new hire will have a lot of learning to do about our organization in the first few months. If you add on a 30+ page newsletter, that's a tall order. From the *PLSO Vision Committee's* report (see Page 21 of [CSN Sept 2008](#)):

*A newsletter editor needs to be put in place (ASAP). This person needs to have a passion and understanding of the surveying profession in order to keep the news current and keep up with the ever changing industry and its challenges. Modernize and update the format of the OSN.*

The last I heard, the candidate for the executive director position has not worked in surveying profession.

Robert Hoy  
**CSN Editor**

**New Officers**

I am currently employed by Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, and have a B.S. in Surveying from the Ohio State University. I am a past president of the PLSO Firelands Chapter and have spent the last 13+ years in the field of surveying. My free time is spent weightlifting and exercising, and trying new and different things.



**Eric Short**  
Program Trustee

I graduated in 1993 from The Ohio State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Surveying. Currently I am employed at Donald G. Bohning and Associates in Valley View where my work experience includes boundary and construction surveying, and am an Ohio registered professional surveyor. I currently reside with my family in Brecksville.








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We are continuing our Continuing Professional Development seminar meetings with the **Back to Surveying** spring sessions!



**March 5** Speaker: John E. Dailey, P.S. - 1.5 Hour Session

John has 51 years in the surveying profession and has been active in several professional societies, serving as President PLSO, NSPS and ACSM where he is also a Fellow Member. He was a member of the ACSM/NSPS delegation to the conference of FIG, the International Surveyors Association, in Budapest, Hungary. He is also a member of the Computer Assisted Genealogical Group, the Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society, the Ohio Genealogical Society and the Northeast Ohio PC Users Group and the Western Reserve Historical Society Genealogical Committee.

Topic: Due Diligence of preparing different types of surveys such as boundary and topographical, Environmental issues and Final title Commitment.

**PLSO Members \$35.00 Non-Members \$60.00**

**April 2** Speaker: J. Kevin Kelley - 1.5 Hour Session

Mr. Kelley is the Information Technology Administrator for Cuyahoga County.

Topic: Come get a first hand demonstration of the Cuyahoga County GIS by Mr. Kelley on a 64 inch wide screen display.

Location: 6th floor of the Cuyahoga County Engineer's office at 2100 Superior Viaduct in Cleveland

**Note:** *There is no meal provided and seating is limited to 25.*

**Free to PLSO Members** (included to the first 25 Spring Subscribers and will be opened to individual PLSO members if fewer than 25 members pay for the Spring Subscription)



**May 7** Speakers: Mark Yeager, P.S. and Marty Rowe

Mark is the 2008 PLSO Member of the Year, Cleveland Chapter's 2005 Surveyor of the Year and 2004 President. Mark is the Director of Surveying at KS Associates, Inc. in Elyria, Ohio being employed there since 1996. With more than 24 years of land surveying experience, he has been involved with many large and interesting surveying projects. Mark is also a member of ACSM, NSPS, GLIS and a corresponding member of the Maryland Society of Surveyors.

Marty is the GIS Manger for the Lorain County Auditor's office.

Topic: Lorain County's Geodetic Monumentation System. Over the past 10 years Lorain County has installed, observed, and adjusted nearly 600 geodetic monuments, most of which have been installed by Mark Yeager's survey group. Come hear about this Monumentation system and how it relates to Lorain County's GIS.

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**Subscription to all three Back to Surveying Spring 2009 Seminar Meetings:**  
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### Spring 2009 **Back to Surveying** CPD Seminar Meetings Subscription Form

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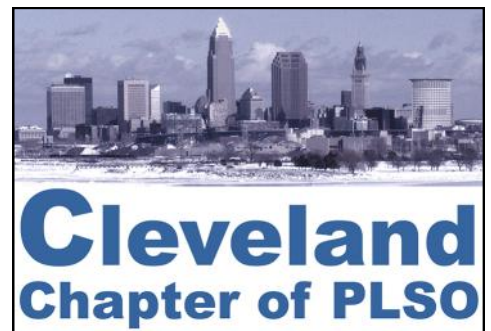
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Greetings for 2009. For those of you who missed the annual meeting at Tony K's in Berea, how unfortunate. It was a pretty darn good event attended by almost 40 folks. It was a great opportunity to see a few seasoned members as well as those new faces enjoying the event. And the food was not only tasty, but also plentiful. Good job George Hofmann, Program Trustee. John Dailey had the honors of swearing in the officials and trustees and, once again, did a mighty fine job. Thanks, John!



**Timothy Feller**  
President

Peter Zwick awarded Mark Yeager with State Surveyor of the Year and Neil Juhnke presented Louise Veverka with Chapter Surveyor of the Year. Congratulations to both of you and thanks for all your effort.

Be sure you make it a point to attend the June 4<sup>th</sup> general meeting, for I am sure our new Program Trustee, Eric Short, will have another fine event planned. Look for more information on that meeting in upcoming newsletters.

We have three spring seminar meetings planned so don't forget to call Eric Short at 440-366-9618 (evenings).

The first seminar meeting is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Airport Marriot, presented by John Dailey discussing Due Diligence of preparing different types of surveys. The second seminar is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009, presented by Kevin Kelley discussing Cuyahoga County's new GIS web site. This seminar's location is at the Cuyahoga County Engineer's offices. The third seminar is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Airport Marriot and is to be presented by Marty Rowe of the Lorain County Auditor's office and Chapter member Mark Yeager of KS Associates. They will be discussing the challenges and successes of creating and implementing a GIS project.

By the time you read this I will probably already have spoken with many of you in Columbus at the 34th Annual Conference on February 12th, 13th and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Timothy Feller

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**PLSO Personal Information**

Another reminder to check and update your personal information of your **Members Only** section of the State PLSO website: [ohiosurveyor.org](http://ohiosurveyor.org)

Click on the *Members Only* button on the left side of the home page:

User ID: will be your PLSO Member Number (found on your dues invoice)

Password: will be the last 4 digits of your telephone number on-file with State PLSO.

If your mailing address is to your home, you don't need to fill out any business information fields. Do be sure to keep your email address current in your user information as State PLSO will use it to get information to you in a quicker manner than through the Ohio Surveying News.

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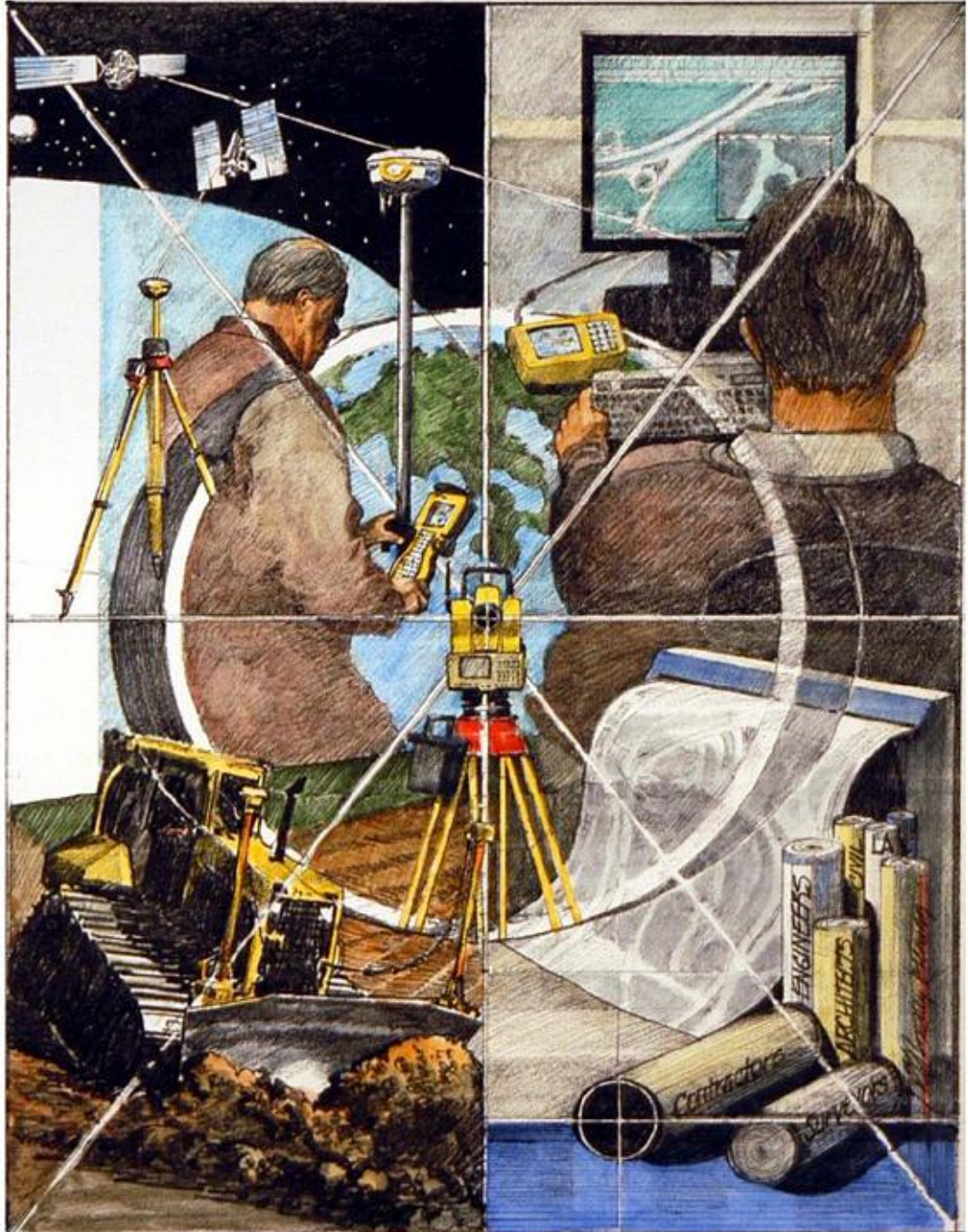
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**Robert Hoy**  
Communication  
Trustee

My report last in last month's *Cleveland Surveying News* "Happy New Year! Is it 2009 or 1979?" made some ears perk up, and that was the intent! Let's get members talking about how we can improve PLSO instead of using the same guidelines that were passed and carried forward over the past 30 years. Please read the email I received from Steven Hyde, PLSO Past President and 2005 PLSO Member of the Year, in response to last month's report at the bottom of the page.

As I begin this new newsletter year, I once again want to thank those that play a big role in the success of the *Cleveland Surveying News*. Thank you John Dailey for contributing your *Random Lines* article for every issue. You give our readers something different to think about, consider, and historical literature to put everything in perspective. I particularly like this excerpt from this month's article: *You can move rapidly and cause your blood to flow rapidly, but measuring rapidly and accurately is another proposition.* Read his full article on [Page 12](#). On an aside, several years ago I was a summer intern for John and even then he mentioned that new surveying technology will allow us to make mistakes faster. This is very true.

Thank you Rob Krause for hosting our website, [plso.com](http://plso.com), as well as designing it and updating it as needed throughout the year. Our website is still getting compliments from member and non-member surveyors from around Ohio.

Our advertisers play a big part in helping us promote surveying and getting new out to our members. Thank you for your support last year and I am excited to have every advertiser on board again for 2009. I have also picked up another full page ad from Precision Laser and Instrument. Plus I am talking with another company and hope to have them as a half page advertiser starting next month.

EMAIL

Mr. Hoy,

Thank you for including me on your distribution list for your monthly newsletter. It is actually one of the only ways that I receive information on to what is happening within PLSO.

I applaud your editorial and hope it actually opens the eyes of the members of PLSO. I recommend that you send that to the editor of Ohio Surveying News and have it printed in there so that all the members can read it. I can relate to everything that you said in that article.

Although I do not reside in Ohio anymore, if there is anything that I can be of help with in fighting this cause to move forward into the current century, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks.

**Steven J. Hyde**

Over the next month I will be finalizing details and supplying an example abbreviated and modified newsletter for the executive committee to approve that will be sent to city building/engineering departments within our Chapter boundaries. This is for the purpose of promoting professional surveying. We had a couple of issues about cities allowing mortgage location surveys to be used for fence permits last year. This gave me the idea that we need to promote ourselves to these departments.

Lastly, are you a reader of our newsletter but are a member of another chapter of PLSO? Or are you reading this and not a member of PLSO?

Either way, please send me an email to help me get an idea of who outside our chapter is reading! All your email needs to include is your PLSO chapter or "non-member". Just click on my address below.

Robert Hoy  
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## March CPD Meeting

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**Thursday March 5th**

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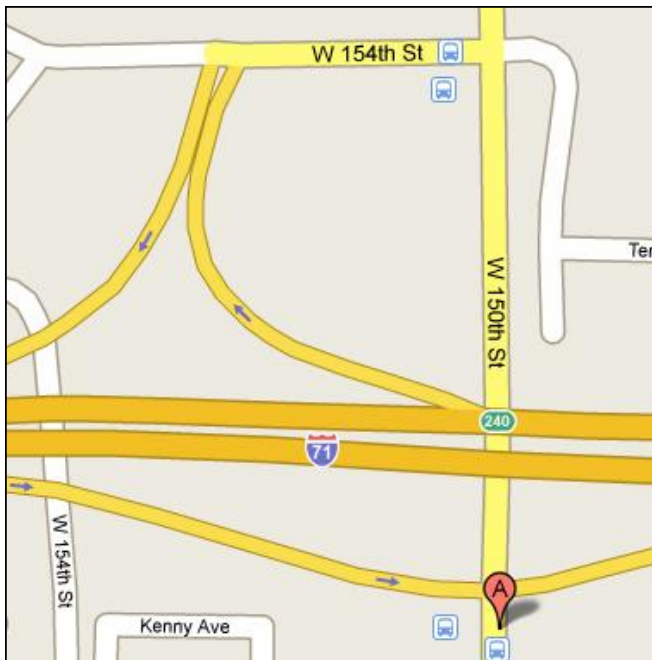
Speaker:

Cleveland's own John Dailey

Topic:

Due Diligence of preparing different types of surveys such as boundary and topographical, Environmental issues and Final title Commitment.

[Click Here](#) for a full map page to the Marriot.



### Schedule

6:00 Registration and Socializing  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 President's Announcements  
7:35 Speaker

### Menu

Chicken Piccata

### Cost

\$35 PLSO Members, \$60 Non-Members  
But get the **Spring Subscription** and get all 3 Spring meetings for just \$70!  
See [Page 5](#) for details

### Reservations

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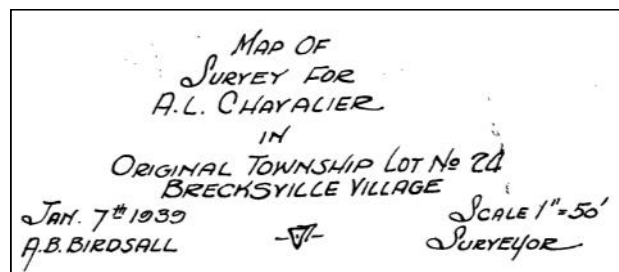
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Judy Nedwick, Lorain County Recorder  
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Re: Document Watermark

Judy:

Thank you for your pledge to pursue modifying your new "watermark" so that the complete text of deeds will be visible when viewed on your website. As we discussed over the telephone, a transparent watermark would be desirable.

We professional land surveyors have been especially frustrated when critical calls in legal descriptions are obliterated by the current "watermark." Obviously, the public welfare is not well served if important documents are not fully legible when viewed on your website. We at the P.L.S.O. have received numerous complaints from licensed surveyors who are concerned that the current situation is a potential source of error, and will contribute to inaccuracies when our services are rendered to the public.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to make your records available over the internet—I will notify our membership at our Annual Meeting on Thursday.

Peter D. Zwick, P.E., P.S.

### Lorain County On-Line Deeds

Last month we informed you that Lorain County had pulled their deed images offline for a month and then made them available again with a obscuring stamp over the center of it.

Peter D. Zwick spoke with their recorder and sent the letter, shown at left, as a summary of their conversation to her.

This is PLSO working for you! PLSO can help circumvent issues like this through good communication. Help support PLSO and become a member today!

[www.ohiosurveyor.org/join.html](http://www.ohiosurveyor.org/join.html)

I had the opportunity recently to find a copy of the March, 1911 "Journal of the Cleveland Engineering Society." In it, Joshua Varney, then a surveyor for the City of Cleveland, wrote an article about the surveying profession in Cleveland from 1872 until 1911.

I will quote Mr. Varney verbatim:

"My first work as a surveyor in Cleveland was in the spring of 1872, in the employ of Aaron Merchant, an ex-County Surveyor. I remained with him until his death in 1875, and with his son, Charles C. Merchant, until 1876. The following other persons were then living and were at that time or had been in the business: George E. Hartnell, George A. Hyde, Lucius Dean, John H. Sargent, Charles A. Walter, H. Haskins, J. C. Saxton, J. L. Sterling, J. R. Currier, John D. Crehore, W. H. Knapp, I. Fulkerson, Chas. D. Bishop, Schuyler Oviatt and Stephen Forbes

"All surveyors were using Transits. Mr. Merchant owned, and occasionally used, an open sight Jacob Staff Compass, and although I used a transit, I followed his and my own previous practice and trusted to the needle in some cases. The open sight Jacob Staff Compass was useful when the country was new, and it probably still has a useful place. Better work can be done with it in woods than with a transit, unless more time is taken for the transit work. Thirty rods, or about 500 feet, is a long sight for lining with open sights on open ground in the most favorable light, but among trees, obstructions requiring offsets are lamentably frequent, and, though the statement may be disputed, offsets do not vitiate the alignment and their frequency tends to reduce errors, while errors in transit alignment are cumulative.

A Cleveland Surveyor, Mr. J. B. Davis, has invented and patented a Solar Transit, which appears to have advantages over others in the market, but the practice of Cleveland Surveyors indicates a belief that while the sun serves some very useful purposes, it is not so useful for preserving lines as stone monuments buried under, but near the surface of the ground.

For measurements of acreage property, Merchant and others used the Gunter's Chain, which is 66 feet long and has 100 links, though I and some

others used a 100-foot chain. With 500 wearing surfaces and 200 small rings to become oblong, a chain is sure to increase in length, and, though we occasionally made tests and allowed for the excess, later careful measurements usually disclose a surplus over chain measurements.



For valuable city property and all subdivision work, two poles were used, each 20 feet long, with brass sockets at each end for protection. The foot marks were brass screws, and the 5-foot points were marked by the middle one of three screws. While inches were measured with a pocket rule.

One of our members, Mr. G. A. Hyde, tells me that while he was City Engineer, in 1856, he constructed a set of poles, and believes they were first used here about that time. At the present time, all principal measurements are made with steel ribbons, 100 feet or more in length. Some are graduated to feet only, in which case they are called "band chains" or "chain tapes." Some are graduated to 1/100 of a foot, in which case they are called steel tapes. The figures on the steel tapes require a wider ribbon and some of them are 1/2 inch wide, but nearly all are now using tapes 1/4 inch wide. I claim to have been the first surveyor in this City, and possibly in the United States, to use this width of tape. Becoming dissatisfied with the wider ribbon, I applied to the Chestermans in England, who sent me several samples of ribbon from which I selected this, and on my order they sent one which I am sure was the first ever used here. This was about the year 1886. I continued to purchase from the Chestermans until the Lufkin Rule Co. of Saginaw, Mich., commenced manufacturing them.

The evolution from Gunter's chain and the poles, to steel tapes, has been through the forms of 100-foot chains, band chains and chain tapes, tapes divided into feet and inches, feet and inches on one side and links on the other, and finally to tapes, divided decimally, and records of work in our note books and in recorded deeds have followed a little behind the units used in the field.





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**Robert Hoy, P.S.**  
CSN Editor

Part 3 of my 4 part review of northeast Ohio county GIS's. As I mentioned [Part 2](#) of my review, communication and interaction with governmental agencies is good for PLSO and professional surveyors. It's not a coincidence that Marty Rowe, Lorain County GIS Manager, has agreed to be a

speaker at our [May CPD](#) meeting after all the conversations and communication I had with him as I prepared the Lorain GIS review.

### Geauga County

The Access Geauga GIS is a function of their county auditor and their county has about 52,000 tax parcels. Their Geauga County GIS received the [2006 IAAO Public Information Award](#).

The start page of the Geauga GIS is: [www.auditor.co.geauga.oh.us/ag/](http://www.auditor.co.geauga.oh.us/ag/) where you can enter the mapping page at the upper right corner by searching for a few different items. Or you can start with their overall [county map](#).

### Navigation

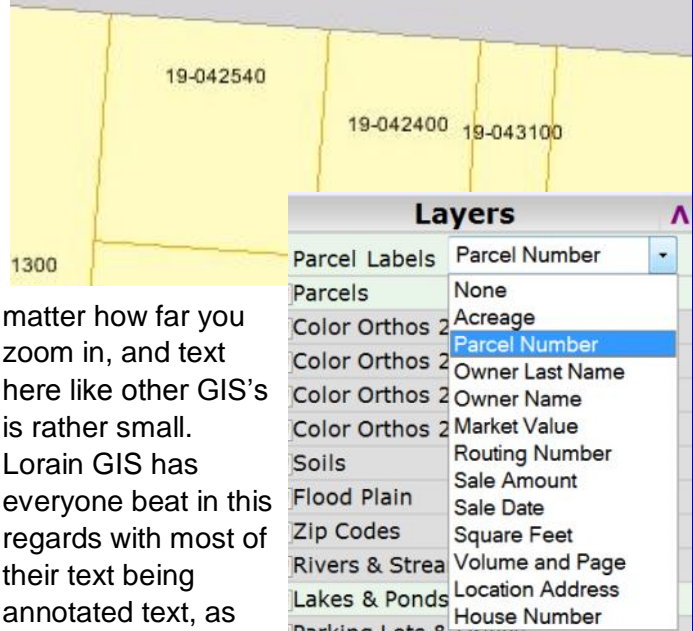
Similar to the previously reviewed GIS's, Geauga has a tool bar at the top of the map. The zoom and pan functions work as they do in the other GIS's that have this type of tool bar. Your tool selection remain in effect until you choose another tool. Their mapping does fully expand if you maximize your browser using a widescreen display. You can also input your map scale above the *Layers* and hit enter to show a desired scale.



### Tax/Parcel Map

Gauga GIS allows for view of a Parcel Map with several different labels that can be displayed in each parcel. The pull-down list of *Parcel Labels* is found under *Layers* to the right of the mapping and is shown above right. Lot dimensions cannot be displayed nor does it show property lines that extend to the centerline of roads. Also text displayed on the mapping stays the same size no

Parcel Map shown  
with Parcel Numbers



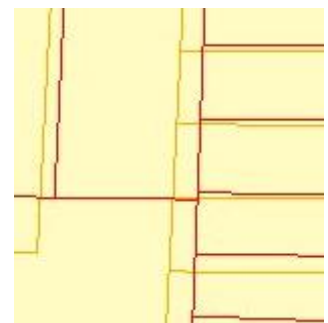
matter how far you zoom in, and text here like other GIS's is rather small. Lorain GIS has everyone beat in this regards with most of their text being annotated text, as you would add in your own survey drawings, that keeps with the scale of the map the further you zoom in.

### Layers

Available layers are displayed to the right of the mapping, though this list will vary depending on the displayed scale of the mapping. i.e. the further you zoom in the more layer choices.

Gauga provides aerial photography dating back to 2000 which is a good reference for researching land use. They provide options for parcel lines better than any of the other 5 GIS's in this review.

Parcel layers are provided in 6 month increments dating back to 1998. This is a helpful tool to see when a lot was consolidated or split. Geauga also provides a *Parcel Lines Quality* layer that is a bold and commendable step on their behalf. Their legend, shown on the continuation page, tells the source (if any) of the parcel lines. Shown at right are current parcel lines along with lines from just six months ago for part of Chester Township. "What's going on?" you might ask?







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Architects are using inches and sometimes ask us to use them on our maps. What the future may have in store for us we cannot know, but from the French metre, " Good Lord deliver us".

In using chains, the ends were marked with metal pins, which were also used as tallies. Effort was made to measure in horizontal planes, but plumb-bobs were not used. Vertical lines were determined by the eye, or sometimes by dropping a pin or stone. It is only fair to say that Merchant, with the helpers he had educated, made much better measurements than I could make by such methods.

When I was about to commence using the poles, Mr. Merchant told me of a former employee who made accurate measurements rapidly. Let us assume that the ground is level. The forward end of the first pole is placed in line with the rear end at the zero or initial point of the line; it is most convenient to do this by resting on one knee. You then rise quickly and, with the second pole in hand, walk or run rapidly 20 feet, then kneel, place the forward end of the second pole in line, and draw

the rear end back by the side of the first pole. If you attempt to place the ends directly in contact, you are liable to move the first pole. You move the second pole forward until by an aside movement you can bring the ends in contact. When you have repeated this process fifty times in measuring 1,000 feet, you find it pleasant to sit on the sharp edge of a fence rail to figure up and learn how the measurements check. You can move rapidly and cause your blood to flow rapidly, but measuring rapidly and accurately is another proposition, whether you use poles, chains or tapes especially poles.

I have a precedent in the practice of one of the 1872 surveyors. It is said that a unit of measure, which he sometimes used, was the distance he had learned he could throw a stone of a given weight with a given amount of muscle."

More on Mr. Varney and the early Cleveland Surveyors in future issues.

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## **G. I. S. Review**

### **Geauga County**

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There is also a *Scanned Map* tool (left tool shown next to distance and area on the previous page) that is used in conjunction with the *Scanned Maps* layer. Areas of scanned tax maps from the early 1990s will show on the mapping, though I could not get a scanned image to show up using this tool.

### Downloads

Geauga County provides the files from their GIS for free download from this website here:

[www.auditor.co.geauga.oh.us/gis/downloads](http://www.auditor.co.geauga.oh.us/gis/downloads)

This page says updates files were added this month. Some of these database files are rather large and are intended to be used in GIS or database software. I have imported the contour shape file for Chester Township and I had to dedicate a computer for about 6 hours of uninterrupted use in order to load the entire file into AutoCAD.

### Survey Monumentation

There is a *GPS Coordinates* layer that displays symbol on the map, but without a way to access or display data about the monument.

### Printing



The printer icon of the toolbar should be used for printing instead of your web browser's print function.

There are no options for print size or orientation.

In conclusion, Geauga County has a good performing fast GIS, providing useful tools and information especially about their parcel lines. They are also generous with providing their GIS files for anyone to download.

### **Next Month: Lake GIS**

Robert Hoy, P.S.  
CSN Editor

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Executive Committee Mtg. – November 17, 2008 Office of John R. Hoy & Assoc.  
In attendance: Jack Hoy, John Dailey and all officers except Chuck Flanigan.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Secretary's minutes: Executive Committee meeting minutes from October accepted as submitted.

Chapter Delegate: John G. Hoy gave an oral report of the November 14, 2008 State Executive Committee Meeting.

Treasury: Dave Bruckner submitted a written report for October, accepted subject to review.

Communication: Robert Hoy - the next deadline for the CSN is Dec. 4, 2008.

Education: Bob Papotto reported that Trig-Star is gearing up. Public relations for Trig-Star was discussed.

Membership: Mike Straub reported that Jim Saylor has dropped his membership, but that Stuart Saylor remains a PLSO member.

Program: George Hofmann reported that Tony K's in Berea will be the site of the Cleveland Chapter Annual Meeting on January 22. Cost will be \$25/person. MOTION PASSED to offer to pay for meals for Robert Krause & his spouse at said Meeting.

Scholarship Committee: Bob Papotto noted that scholarships will likely only be offered to students with Junior or Senior standing.

Old Business: John Hoy suggested offering 15 hours of CPDs (all of the state requirement) via the Cleveland Chapter.

New Business: 1. Chapter Budget – MOTION PASSED to accept 2009 Cleveland Chapter Budget as amended.  
2. MOTION PASSED to accept John G. Hoy as CHAIRMAN for the 2011 PLSO Annual Conference to be held in Cleveland.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.



**Michael A. Straub**  
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Peter D. Zwick presides over his final meeting



Tim Feller makes his first presidential address



John Dailey inducts the 2009 elected officers



Past President  
Brad Kramer



Senator  
William Seitz



Lunch at the Annual Conference in Columbus

To All,

I would like to thank everyone on the Surveyor of the Year Committee for bestowing this honor on me. I can not tell you in words how much it means to me to be recognized by my peers in this way. As many of you may know I was not raised into this profession, my father was a railroad engineer in New Jersey. I found this career quite by accident, but once I discovered it there was no turning back. I love everything about my job.

While I may not have learned this job from my father I did get my formal education under the likes of Bill Hill, Jack McFadden and Bill Haas along with being mentored by Howard Flower, Hugh Young and Dick Mackay. These six men gave me a wealth of experience to draw on and believe me I did. I want to thank them all for sharing their knowledge with me and challenging me to be the best I can be.

What I did learn from my dad, however, was that even as a woman I could do anything and be anything. Being raised in a family of four boys and four girls we were all treated equally and I never believed for a minute that certain jobs were not available to me.

I would also like to thank the Cleveland Chapter. Being apart of this organization has made it possible for me to continue to grow and expand my business and my knowledge of this profession. I am still drawing on the wealth of knowledge within the chapter and while I give my time to help wherever I can I get so much more in return.

Sincerely,

Lou V.

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# 2009 Cleveland Chapter Calendar

## March 5

March 4-9

## Seminar Meeting

ACSM-MARLS-UCLS-WFPS Conference, Salt Lake City, UT  
<http://www.wfps.org/files/AMUW09.html>

March 13

State Executive Committee Meeting

March 16

## Executive Committee Meeting

March 18

Cleveland Surveying News Deadline

## April 2

April 17

## Seminar Meeting

State Executive Committee Meeting

April 20

## Executive Committee Meeting

April 22

Cleveland Surveying News Deadline

## May 7

May 15

## Seminar Meeting

State Executive Committee Meeting

May 18

## Executive Committee Meeting

May 20

Cleveland Surveying News Deadline

## June 4

June 26

## General Membership Meeting

## William J. Haas Memorial Annual Golf Tournament

July 10

State Executive Committee Meeting

August 10

## Executive Committee Meeting

August 12

Cleveland Surveying News Deadline

## September 3

September 11

## Seminar Meeting

State Executive Committee Meeting

September 14

## Executive Committee Meeting

September 16

Cleveland Surveying News Deadline

## October 1

October 8-9

## Seminar Meeting

PLSO Fall Seminar, Youngstown Holiday Inn

October 16

State Executive Committee Meeting

October 19

## Executive Committee Meeting

October 21

Cleveland Surveying News Deadline

## November 5

November 13

## Seminar Meeting

State Executive Committee Meeting

November 16

## Executive Committee Meeting

December 11

State Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)

December 14

## Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)

January 8

State Executive Committee Meeting

January 11

## Executive Committee Meeting

January 12

Cleveland Surveying News Deadline

January 21

## Annual Meeting

### Executive Committee Meetings

are held at the office of :

John R. Hoy and Associates  
 4562 W. 130 St., Cleveland  
 at 6pm and are open to all Chapter  
 members who want to attend.