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"How to Safely Work in Traffic"



is a topic that every Surveyor must deal with, on a regular basis. We were fortunate to have Mr. Paul Ciupa speak to us on this subject at the past General membership meeting. Mr. Ciupa has an abundance of knowledge in this area with his position as Project Manager in the Cuyahoga County

Transportation and Traffic Engineering Department.

Paul presented a video covering the performance of a lane closure that had aspects applying to surveying in a work area that would require this. The publication "Guidelines for Traffic Control in Work Zones" as distributed by the Ohio Department of Transportation was also reviewed. Members looking to obtain a copy of this should go to www.dot.state.oh.us/traffic. A nominal fee will be charged.



John Bischof
President Elect

During the question and answer period, discussion was directed at occupying an intersection for a brief time without doing a lane closure. Mr. Ciupa suggested reviewing the option of using your survey vehicle for additional protection if feasible, in addition to safety cones and signage.

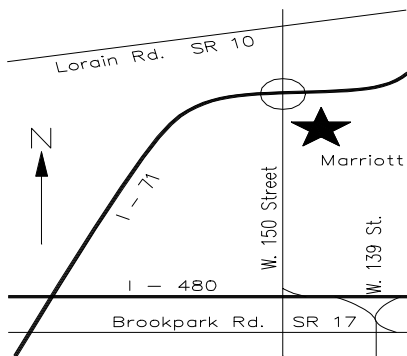
Our chapter will be presenting another opportunity to obtain one PDH on November 2nd, with the topic "Ohio Minimum Standards, ALTA and Condominium Code Updates". This will afford our membership the ability to brush up on the current requirements and standards for performing this work. I look forward to seeing you there.





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Thursday, November 2, 2006

6:00 P.M.

Panel Presentation

John Matricardi, P.E. of Matrix Engineering

“New ODNR Lakefront regulations affecting surveys and leases.”

Mark A. Yeager, P.S.

“2005 Updates to ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey Standards.”

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

**“Review of recent updates to the Ohio Revised Code, including
Condominium Plats.”**

Chapter Delegates Report Meeting Friday, October 13, 2006

4.2 – The 2007 State Budget was submitted and will be voted on at the November 10th meeting for approval.

5.3 - It appears that the law will move forward to remove the prohibition of the use of electronic seals. The State has noted that 65 other states allow the use of electronic seals. The County Engineers Association of Ohio and ODOT support the removal of the prohibition. It is unclear at this time if the use of encryption software will be required when using an electronic seal.

6.2 - ODOT is revising the Right-of-Way manual and will likely provide a R/W plan title sheet that will allow multiple surveyors to sign for different portions of the plan. For example in a situation where ODOT may provide the centerline alignment for the project and another surveyor/consultant performs the r/w surveys or topography both would sign for their particular contributions to the development of the plans.

6.3 - The State Board is still looking for examples of violations by title companies issuing title insurance without requiring a mortgage location survey. Anyone with knowledge and evidence of this practice should contact the State Board.

7.13 - The PLSO State office would like to know if Chapters have funds and specifications for scholarships as the Scholarship Committee is reviewing and revising the standards and guidelines for scholarships.

7.15 - A motion was passed to approve the revisions to the PLSO State Constitution and bylaws. The Constitution will be sent to all members for a vote of approval.

7.3 - The NSPS Board of Governors withdrew it's support of the NAFTA Bill to allow surveyors from Mexico and Canada to practice in the U.S. However, it was determined later that the issue is more complicated and agreed to continue to review the bill in order to not allow another agency the opportunity to approve it. Also, NSPS is attempting to have a bill passed by Congress legislating National Surveyor's week (for 2007 – March 18-24). In the past it has always been presented to the President to sign a proclamation each year. By having the legislation passed this will eliminate the need to do this each year. Currently, the "bill" is in the House of Representatives for a vote. Surveyors are encouraged to write their representative. You can find information about how to contact your representation thorough the ACSM website www.acsm.net.



Mark Yeager
Delegate

2008 Conference
Chairman

The Cleveland Chapter DATA BANK is located at the offices of Garrett & Associates. Inc. at 2030 West 19th Street in Cleveland. Contact Bob Hoy (see below) or Richard T. Garrett 216-696-6080 for information concerning the records or to arrange access. When you see Dick Garrett be sure to thank him for his generosity.

The 2nd scan of surveys from the Data Bank are still available, only to Members of PLSO, at the general membership meetings. The single DVD (or special order of four CDs) contain approximately 2700 surveys. Included is a 42 page index sorted numerically by survey number and also by township/section/lot. Individual copies can be printed (with a one week notice) for a cost of \$25.00.

Reserve your copy by contacting Bob Hoy prior to the meeting: (440) 365-4730 or Hoyr@ksassociates.com.

You may have noticed in past newsletters that the PLSO 2008 Annual Conference is to be held in Cleveland on February 7-8 at the Renaissance Hotel. The room rate will be \$129, which includes parking.

We are in the process of ramping up the 2008 Conference Committee and are looking for Committee Chairs and volunteers. Also, we need your input on the type of programs and speakers you would like to see at the conference. Decisions of the programs and speakers are needed within the next month.

Please contact me by phone at either (440) 365-4730 ext. 330 or (216) 314-8900 or by email yeagerm@ksassociates.com if you have an interest in helping with the conference or have suggestions on topics/speakers.

Also, be sure to check the PLSO website www.ohiosurveyor.org and the newsletters for information on upcoming seminars and conferences. Early registration to these events is encouraged as conferences are expected to be near capacity.

Thank you,

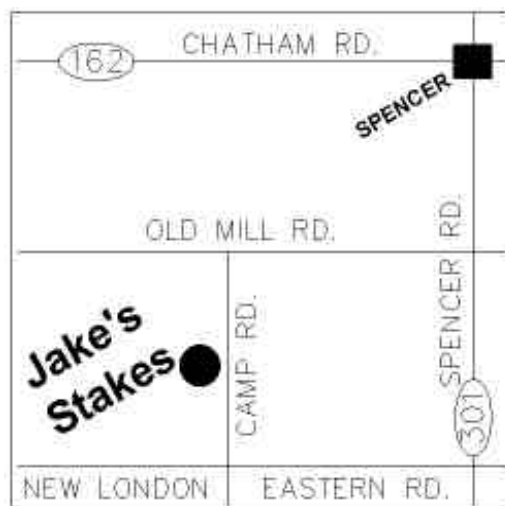
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Dear Members:

The days are getting shorter and the weather is changing. This will be my last article before the holidays and my last article for the year! I don't know what happened to the summer of 2006 but it just flew by.



Last month's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Seminar Meeting was held on Thursday September 28, 2006 at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel, 4277 W. 150th Street. We had 27 people in attendance. The topic was "how to safely work in traffic" and the speaker was Paul M. Ciupa of the Cuyahoga County Engineer. This is a very important topic for all of us surveyors. Many people have been injured or have lost their lives working in traffic. It is important to know how to create a safe work zone and to control the flow of traffic while performing our duties. Paul did an outstanding job going over the material and there were many good questions and comments. The next seminar and the last one of the year will be held on Thursday November 2, 2006. The topic will be a round table discussion on "Ohio Minimum Standards, ALTA and Condominium Code Updates". Please consider signing up if you have not done so already.

The last Executive Committee meeting was held on Monday October 16, 2006 at Frankie's Italian Cuisine, 4641 Great Northern Blvd. in North Olmsted. President elect John Bischof announced that he had all the Executive Committee positions filled for the 2007 year and ballots will go out in December. Mark Yeager still needs volunteers to chair some of the conference committee positions for the 2008 PLSO Annual Conference to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland on February 7 and 8, 2008. If you are interested please contact Mark.

That's all I have for now. After the first of the year and in my last article I will summarize all the activities and accomplishments for the year. So stay tuned. I know it's early and no one is thinking about the holidays at this time but I would like to wish you and your families a great holiday season and a prosperous new year. I hope to see many of you at the next (CPD) Seminar Meeting.

Respectfully,

Joseph F. O'Donnell, Jr., P.S.

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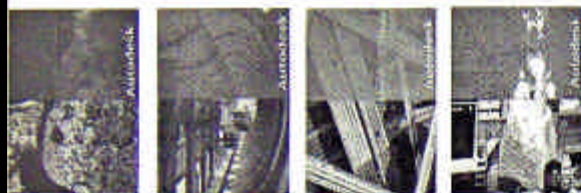
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You will receive this newsletter well before the November 7 election, so it is time for me to get on my soap box again and make my annual pitch.

There are a lot of people around the World who are either jealous of us Americans or hate us, and both for the same reason, that being our ability to choose our leaders in a peaceful manner. In many parts of the World, leaders are chosen by guns and bombs. Here we have the opportunity to have a peaceful revolution by way of the ballot box.



For the last 219 years, we have operated under the Constitution that starts with the three most important words in the American lexicon: "WE THE PEOPLE." Those beginning words pre-suppose that the people will take an active part in their government. Yet every election shows a diminishing number of people casting their votes. There is a feeling that "someone else will do it." Well, you are that "someone else."

The Constitution defines the "rights" of the citizens but it does not spell out the "duties" of those same citizens. Everyone will scream when their "rights" are trampled so why do you not hear the same outcry when the "duties" are ignored?

If someone does not vote, they have absolutely no right to complain about the people in office or about the issues that either passed or failed. They have given up their "right" of complaint because voting was too hard for them to do.

I would never think of telling you how to vote or who to vote for, that is a very personal decision for each individual to make. There are a lot of very important issues on the ballot this year and some very important races that will determine where the country will go and how it will get there.

Quit whining about your "rights" and get out there and do your "duty." This is too important to leave to "someone else."

If you more senior surveyors missed it, the **S⁴** meeting at Sokolowski's University Inn on the third Tuesday of the month, you are missed a good time. We had the opportunity to sit and BS a little about many subjects including what brought us into the surveying profession in the first place. We had some good stories. Sorry you missed it.

Our next "meeting" will be on Tuesday, November 21 at 12:30. Come on down and join us, if you dare.

The Chapter Educational Seminars seem to be going pretty well. This is a great opportunity for you to pick up your CPD credits in a painless manner. The first two programs went very well and the third promises more of the same. Get with the program and get on board.

We will be starting the programs for 2007 with the March meeting and should have a full agenda and helpful programs.

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The meeting was held October 16, 2006 at Frankie's Italian Cuisine in North Olmsted and called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Officers In Attendance: Joe O'Donnell , John Bischof, Pete Zwick, John Hoy, Mark Yeager, Neil Juhnke, Sean Boland & Dave Bruckner.

Jack Hoy also attended.

Absent were Kathleen McGervey & Tom Snezek.



Neil Juhnke
Secretary

Highlights:

- 27 PLSO members attended the September 28th Seminar Meeting
- Mark Yeager will be chairing the 2008 Annual Conference along with Joe O'Donnell for registration, Bob Hoy on Exhibits and Sean Boland on Hospitality.
- John Bischof is putting together the ballots for the Cleveland Chapter. They will be in the mail by November 15th, 2006.
- W-9 forms will be sent to the speakers of our monthly seminar meetings.
- Dale C. Laux Sr., father of Daniel Laux P.S. passed away. A motion was made and accepted to donate \$50.00 to The Boy Scouts of America in his name.
- Mark T. Jones, Executive Director of the PLSO has given us our Ohio Sales Tax –Vendor Number. The PLSO and it's chapters must charge Ohio Sales tax on any "for sale items" (e.g. Ohio Surveying Laws, textbooks, briefcases, mugs, etc.) for which the PLSO or the chapter has not paid Ohio sales tax when purchased. Only the "end user" should pay sales tax.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The Big Picture

A copy of the Newsletter in color? Change is good!

Not a farfetched idea. In fact it's all part of the game plan.

This is the last newsletter of 2007. Which also makes it the last newsletter of my fifth year as newsletter editor for the Cleveland Chapter. When I started our newsletter was a single page notice for the Membership Meeting. Our Chapter has seen a lot of change in the last five years and I'm glad the newsletter could keep up.

Lets take it up one more notch. The aforementioned game plan gets the newsletter available online. Copying restrictions and costs have kept the newsletter black and white. An electronic copy allows the pictures and advertisements to be in color and greatly reduces our costs. This will open up other options for the newsletter budget. Suggestions have been made such as sending copies to engineering and building departments and mayor's offices throughout our Chapter boundaries.

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November 10 State Executive Committee Meeting
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January 12 State Executive Committee Meeting
January 16 Executive Committee Meeting
January 16 Cleveland Surveying News Deadline
January 25 **Annual Meeting**

December 8 Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)
December 11 State Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)

2008

February 7-9 PLSO Conference
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This Month's Quote:

"If you can't explain something to a six year-old, you really don't understand it yourself."

Albert Einstein