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November 7 Seminar

Subject: Field Safety, an Open Group Discussion, 1 PDH

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

Location: Cuyahoga County Engineer's
Test lab Facilities,
2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland
Free parking ([Map](#))

Cost: \$10

Time: 6:00 Socializing/food, 6:30 to 7:30: Group Discussion

* Pizza and non-alcoholic refreshments will be provided *



Moderator Peter D. Zwick

Come be part of an open group discussion on field safety. We can all learn by sharing and hearing what other Surveyors are doing to work safely in the field - and when things go wrong.

Stories will be told, but our goal is to prevent such dangerous events from happening again. You won't be hearing a monotone speak for an hour, this seminar will keep you awake!

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President's Message

Field Safety

It's that time of year again, cold weather is coming. Time is about to turn back to Standard Time and we've probably had our last 70 degree day. If you work in the field, make sure you have warm apparel for the season. A cold snap can swing in and catch even the heartiest field person off guard. Dick Goddard has predicted an early and snowy start to Winter.



Robert Hoy
President

You might think hopping in a heated truck to get warm is best, but that won't keep you warm after you get out again. Standing around a tripod in cold weather is bad news because it doesn't keep your blood pumping. Getting your muscles working is what will get you warm and keep you warm. Robotic and GNSS instrumentation are great for avoiding having a person stay stationary. If your instrument man has to take a 10 minute break to warm up every 45 minutes, that's productivity lost. So while robotic and GNSS instrumentation have a high price tag, they improve productivity and increase safety. Come to our seminar on Thursday November 7th, and join in the discussion on being safe in the field. See [Page 3](#) for details.

PAC

Lastly, consider donating to the PLSO PAC (Political Action Committee). This fund is used to attend legislative events. A big part of what PLSO does is on the legislative side (promoting our own bills and defending surveying against bills that aim to hurt land surveyors or that tread on surveying laws). It's great to make donations directly to the PAC (personal checks only, no corporate/business checks) even more so than buying an item to donate to the Annual Conference Benefit/Auction. Contact Melinda Gilpin for payment details.

Robert Hoy, PS
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Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

October 20, 2013

Parma City Hall, 6611 Ridge Road, Parma, Ohio

6:02 P.M.

In attendance: Robert Hoy, Michael Ackerman, and Jack Hoy. There was not a quorum present.

Committees:

Newsletter Committee:

Advertiser invoices for the newsletter will be sent this week.

Program:

The January meeting to install the 2014 officers will be held at Carrie Cerino's.

Education:

A possible second school will participate in the Trig*Star program for 2014.



Michael Ackerman
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Elections: Still looking for officers to fill vacant positions

New Business: No new business

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Ackerman, Acting Secretary



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- Socializing
- Officer Recognition
- Installation of Officers
- Surveyor of the Year award

Stones can be saved! This stone was saved near this road construction. Want to hear the story behind the photo? Come to our Nov. 7 seminar and talk with Peter D. Zwick who submitted the photo.

You've seen monument photos gracing the cover of this newsletter this year. Submit your own, the good, the bad, and also the sad.



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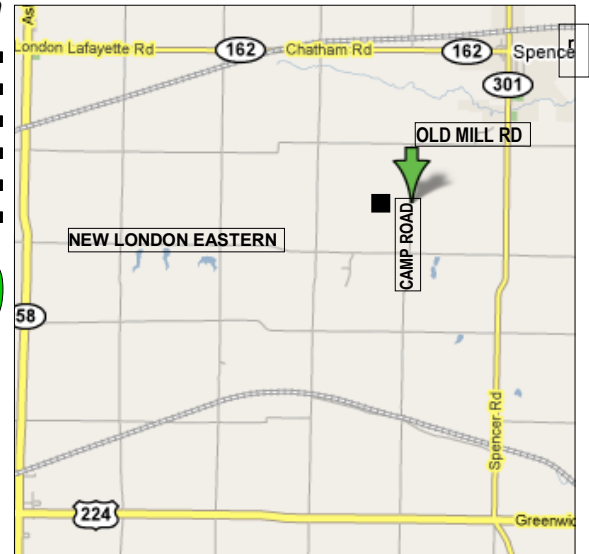
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Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

reprinted from the January 2005 CSN

Recently, I saw a survey crew working in Strongsville and I noticed something missing, which I have seen missing from a number of survey parties. Identification.

There was nothing on their vehicle to give any indication of who or what they were. The companies I had been associated with served as municipal engineers in quite a few cities and villages. In that position you become keenly aware of the thoughts, and sometimes fears, of the local population.

Consider this scenario. There is a mother with several small children at home. She looks out the front window and sees several scruffy looking individuals walking around the front yard. She sees a vehicle on the street but it has no identification on it. What would her thoughts be? Should she be concerned and should she call the police?

Second scenario. A person is driving along the street. On his mind is the thought that his neighbor is encroaching on his property. What should he do? He suddenly spots a vehicle by the side of the road with a surveyor's name and phone number on it. He also sees a survey crew working along the road and he gets an idea as to what has to be done.

Third scenario. A tax payer is driving along in their community and sees a city/county/state vehicle, properly marked, and a survey crew working on a project.

Depending on their feeling about the impending project, they will either be happy or angry, but at least they will know that their governmental employees are at work for them.

What do these three scenarios say? They say that your field crews are your front line of public relations and that they are the only ones that the public sees. (Cont'd on Page 10)



John Dailey, P.S.



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Random Lines (from Page 8)

The general public very seldom sees the surveyor/ proprietor/manager in the office. They do see the survey crew in the field. What does the appearance of that crew say about you and our profession. Look at you own crews. Are they neat? Are their clothes clean and in good repair? Are they personally neat or do they look like scruffy street people? Is the vehicle clean and in good repair? Is there a way of identifying who they are? How do they act in public? How do they talk in public?

Your survey crews are you. They represent you much more often than you do because they are in the public eye more often. Your survey crews are what the public judges you and our profession by. Take the time to impress on your crews how important their appearance and actions are to the success of your company, and eventually to themselves. Spend the money to get signs for your vehicles to identify who and what they are. If you

are trying to hide your identity because of some nefarious acts, that is a different situation.

If you are proud of yourself, your company and your profession, show it. The Old Testament says that you should not hide your light under a basket. This holds true here. Let your profession shine.

John Dailey. P.S., Past
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Editor's Note: this message is as true today as when John wrote it nearly 9 years ago. There was also a similar message in the Chapter newsletter back in the 1970s.



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This is in every newsletter. There's a lot of great survey record in our online database. We want to hear what you think of it, the interface, the searching abilities, etc. We have our eye on acquiring more retired surveyors' records that may at some point end up in the survey database.

Email Dino Lustri with questions, comments, and for log-in info at: dino@dlengineeringllc.com

2014 Annual Conference - Kalahari (Cleveland hosted)

If you have any suggestions for the conference, see the committee chairmen below and pass along your ideas.

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Hospitality Chairman Thomas Snezek, hospitality room sponsors, dadsurv@hotmail.com

Our benefit/auction chairman Dino Lustri is looking for donation items. This benefit event is going to be a little different this time around, so contact Dino to find out how you can donate.

NSPS - 100% Membership MOU

There's been a lot of talk about the NSPS 100% Membership MOU (memorandum of understanding) This will be discussed at the November State PLSO Executive Committee meeting.

Read the entire draft of this MOU at this link: [click here](#)

Please give your comments to our delegate Tom Snezek: dadsurv@hotmail.com

Cleveland Chapter of PLSO 2013 Calendar

Chapter Executive Meetings are 6 p.m. at Parma City Hall, 6611 Ridge Road and are open to all PLSO members who want to attend.

Nov 7 Seminar Meeting

Nov 8 PLSO Executive Meeting

Nov 18 Chapter Executive Meeting

Dec 13 PLSO Executive Meeting (if needed)

Dec 16 Chapter Executive Meeting (if needed)

Dec 18 Cleveland Surveying News deadline (if needed)

Jan 10 PLSO Executive Meeting

Jan 13 Chapter Executive Meeting

Jan 14 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Jan 23 Chapter Annual Meeting

Feb 12-15 PLSO Annual Conference, Kalahari Resort (hosted by the Cleveland Chapter)



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Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report

The report included herein is offered only as informational to the members of the Cleveland Chapter. The reader is deferred to the approved minutes of the P.L.S.O. for any clarifications

Thursday October 10, 2013

- Meeting called to order 5:00PM
- A quorum was present
- Item 5.2 was added to the agenda. PLSO Staff
- Secretary Minutes for the September 13, 2013 meeting were passed
- Treasurer report was accepted for financial review .

Bob Akins made a motion to accept the 11 new professional, 1 affiliate and 6 student members. Motion passed. Mike Elewski and James Sayler (will be added to the Cleveland Chapter).

Melinda Gilpin reported that Lynn Bruno (Communications) tendered her resignation. Her duties will be pick up between Melinda and Donna

NSPS: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NSPS and PLSO will be discussed at the November meeting.

Melinda gave a quick update on the upcoming conferences, seminars and workshops.

Finance: a static budget was presented by president Hofmann, essentially we will be following last years budget with a few adjustments until the details of the 100% NSPS membership issue is finalized.

Motion was made and passed to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

George A. Hofmann 2013 State President

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Our next meeting:

When: Monday November 18
Time: 6:00 pm
Where: Parma City Hall, 2nd floor conference room.
6611 Ridge Road, Parma

If you have a passion for surveying, you should come to this meeting. Find out we what do at these meetings to lead this chapter, and bring your fresh energy and ideas. We have 2014 Officer openings at Secretary, Delegate, President-Elect/President.

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