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Coming Up: Nov. 7 Seminar

*Open Group Discussion
 on Field Safety, 1 PDH*

Moderated by Peter D. Zwick

Location TBA in the November CSN

Social Dinner Thursday October 3

- 2014 Annual Conference Info
- NSPS 100% Membership MOU

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Schedule

6:00 Social Hour
7:00 Dinner
2014 Conference & NSPS Info

Cleveland Chapter members who are the 2014 Annual Conference Committee will present what is lined up for the February conference, held at Kalahari, hosted by our chapter.

Hear what they have to say and offer your suggestions and ideas before planning is finalized. Plus find out how you can volunteer while you're already attending the conference.

And PLSO President George Hofmann will update us on the latest with the NSPS 100% Membership MOU. Come and get up to date!

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President's Message

Call to Action

Get up and get active in PLSO, now. Our chapter has had a great history of having lively meetings, social dinners, golf outings, State PLSO conferences, and local educational seminars. All these offerings require volunteers to spend their time and bring their ideas. It's time for you to volunteer for the first time, *or get involved once again.*



Robert Hoy
President

Do you attend our chapter seminars? You'll note that we will only have put on two this year. Just two. It takes volunteers to do the leg-work to find speakers, topics and arrangement of a location. Just a few years ago we were hosting six (6) of these seminars a year! I am very disappointed in our chapter membership to having vacant office positions for the second year in a row, even though we've recently reduced our officers from 10 to 6 which was a modernization and slimming down of the Chapter office positions.

Being involved in PLSO won't take up a lot of your time. You'll spend one evening, or at most two, meeting with other Surveyors and some emails spread out here and there. There are even ways you can be involved in our chapter without attending meetings. Contact me how you can help out.

Action Packed Finish

In just over the next 30 days there are good opportunities to see what's happening in PLSO and get some last minute PDHs. Our **October 3rd Social Dinner** meeting will present the info for the 2014 PLSO Conference our chapter is hosting at Kalahari. Also that night PLSO President George Hofmann will be updating us on the NSPS 100% Membership MOU.

October 10-11 is the PLSO Fall Seminar held in Newark. See the www.plso.com for more information.

November 7 will be our Chapter's second and last seminar of the year. Peter D. Zwick will moderate an open group discussion on field safety. We've all had some sort of injury and near misses. It'll be a great opportunity to hear what your colleagues do in the field and their view on safety in general.

Robert Hoy, PS
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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.

Oct 3 Social Dinner Meeting
Oct 11 PLSO Executive Meeting
Oct 21 Chapter Executive Meeting
Oct 23 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

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



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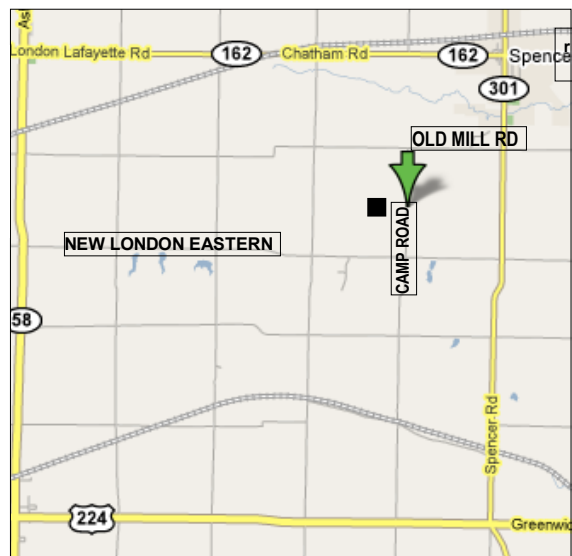
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Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

REMEMBER THE RAISIN

“REMEMBER THE RAISIN!” It doesn’t have quite the ring of “Remember the Alamo” or “Remember the Maine” but it served the same purpose.

Two hundred years ago, there was a nasty little war fought that never gets much attention or respect. It was the United States second war of independence commonly called the “war of 1812.” It was pretty much ignored for many years and it did not even rate a capital “W” in the word war. This war was squeezed in between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War so most people only remember that it gave us the Star Spangled Banner, the burning of Washington, the victories at sea by the American Frigates, the Battle of Lake Erie and the victory at New Orleans (which occurred after the war had ended.)

The British were even more dismissive. They termed it “the American War of 1812,” to distinguish the conflict from the much greater Napoleonic War

in progress at the same time. The British support for Native Americans in conflicts with the United States, as well as their own designs on the North American frontier pushed the United States toward war.

To Americans, the burning of Washington by British troops was a shocking act by barbaric invaders. But the burning was payback for a similar torching by American forces the year before. After defeating British troops at York (today's Toronto), then the capital of Upper Canada, U.S. soldiers plundered the town and burned its parliament. The British exacted revenge in August 1814 when they burned the White House, Congress, and other government buildings. This may have been a blessing for the United States. The combustible "President's House" was rebuilt in sturdier form, with elegant furnishings and white paint replacing the earlier whitewash.



John Dailey, P.S.

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The United States declared war over what it saw as British violations of American sovereignty at sea. But the war resulted in a tremendous loss of Indian sovereignty. Much of the combat occurred along the frontier where William Henry Harrison fought Indians allied with the British in the "Old Northwest."

In 1813, at the River Raisin in what is now Michigan, the British and their Indian allies dealt the U.S. its most stinging land defeat in the war. The battle was followed by an Indian attack and massacre on wounded prisoners. This incident sparked an American battle cry, "Remember the Raisin!" (William Henry Harrison, who later led the U.S. to victory in battle against the British and Indians, is remembered on his tomb as "Avenger of the Massacre of the River Raisin.") The battlefield today sits in a "brownfield" that once held a paper mill and a Ford Motor Company factory, now shut down.

Few Americans celebrate the War of 1812, or recall the fact that the U.S. invaded its northern neighbor three times in the course of the conflict. But the same isn't true in Canada, where memory of the war and pride in its outcome runs deep. Canadians regard the war as a heroic defense against their much larger neighbor, and a formative moment in their country's emergence as an independent nation.

The Star-Spangled Banner isn't the only patriotic icon that dates to the War of 1812. It is also believed that "Uncle Sam" does, too. According to anecdotal history, a soldier was told the initials on the meat rations in barrels labeled U.S. stood for "Uncle Sam Wilson", who was supplying food to the army. The name endured as shorthand for the U.S. government. However, the image of Uncle Sam as a white-bearded recruiter

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September 16, 2013

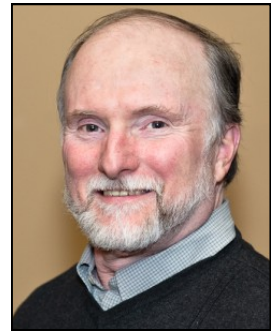
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6:02 P.M.

In attendance Treasurer Tim Feller, President Robert Hoy, Chapter Delegate Tom Snezek, Jack Hoy on Programs and State President George Hofmann.

Delegate's Report

- Reported on State Board review of Mineral Rights requirements for legal descriptions. PLSO will draft a letter to Board requesting an opinion.
- As of July 6th. 2012 the state will require an elevation certificate on all new home applications with a flood zone.
- Director Gilpin requested the formation of a Legislative Committee to review and report to the board on any future legislative issue.
- Motion passed to ratify the Constitution changes and NSPS 100% issue.
- Motion passed to create a "Legislator of the Year" award.



Thomas Snezek
Delegate

Committee Reports

- Communication – Kevin Grigsby will update "Drop/Add" of membership access to our online survey database (www.plso.info). Discussion to review the web-hosting for the next two years.
- Program – Oct. 3rd. social meeting will be at Champs in Valley View. State President Hofmann to discuss NSPS 100% issue and Annual Conference Committee will give an update on Kalahari.
- Nominating - Nominees for President, President Elect, Chapter Delegate and Secretary are needed.

New Business

Delegate Tom Snezek will look into a coordinate effort to work with Cleveland's "Historical Settlers Group".

Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Snezek, PS
Acting Secretary

Random Lines (from [Page 6](#))

didn't appear until World War I.

The War of 1812 gave some very positive results for the fledgling United States. It solidified our northern border east of the of the Great Lakes, showed that the United States was willing to fight for what was theirs and it opened the rest of the Old Northwest Territory to expansion. As I said, the only losers were the American Indians.

John Dailey. P.S., Past
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Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report

Presented by Thomas Snezek, Chapter Delegate

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

Friday September 13, 2013

Call to order 6:06 PM

- 17 Officers and Delegates present, Quorum Established.
- Review and passage of July meeting minutes as amended.
- Treasurer's Report – Reviewed and accepted subject to the Finance Committee's review, as per the Charter guidelines. Note that the annual dues are 30% paid. Earliest ever, most likely do to on line payment access.
- New Members – 5 professional, 2 re-instatements, 2 affiliated and 1 student member.

State Board of Registration –

The Board chose to table the legal description for mineral rights issue. The board directed M. Gilpin to draft a letter to state board requesting an official opinion on the issue.

After July 6, 2012 an elevation certificate will be required for all new home construction within a flood zone.

Note: Director Gilpin requested the Board to establish a Legislative Committee to review all legislative issues and offer guidance and opinion.

- P.A.C. balance is \$2,591.
- Constitution Review Committee – Motion passed to ratify the Constitution and NSPS 100% vote conducted in August. Generally all issues passed at a 4:1 ratio.
- Newsletter deadline is October 1st.

NSPS Governor's Report -

- A draft of the M.O.U. with N.S.P.S. is available for review and all chapters are encouraged to review and get comments back via their delegates by the Fall Seminar.
- The N.S.P.S. 100% issue has been reviewed for any potential anti-trust implications. Legal Council recommends allowing members to defer from NSPS membership if they so choose. \$40 dues would still be assessed. Note that the Florida State Board has adopted this policy.
- Motion passed to approve \$1200 in travel expenses to have NSPS Governor Bob Akins attend the Annual Conference in Washington November 13-16.

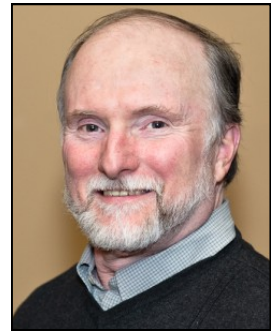
Program

- Trig*Star had a very active spring and seven chapters sponsored the test at eight Ohio high schools.
- Fall Conferences attendees will enjoy Bluegrass music on Wednesday night from 7-8 PM.
- Two Workshops are in the planning for this fall. More info coming soon.
- Motion passed to create a "Legislator of the Year" award. Details will be coming soon.
- Director Gilpin is working on a plan to allow members to sell equipment via the members-only section of the state website.

Delegate Reports

The Mohican-Killbuck Chapter announced NGS certification of their Calibration Baseline in New London. A demo and "How To" session will be available to anyone on September 24th. Contact Lynn Snyder or

Adjourned at 7:58 PM.



Thomas Snezek
Delegate

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Snezek, P.S.
Chapter Delegate

November 7 Seminar

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

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

Location: TBA, check for details in the November CSN.

There's still time to get that last PDH for your license renewal this year. Come to our November 7th group discussion, hear and share what everyone else is doing and you'll come away with new ideas to consider.

Cuyahoga County GIS

After years of only offering its data components on an expensive external hard drive, Cuyahoga County has finally started a move towards the 21st century by offering downloads of its GIS data. See the available data and *instructions for emailing for access information* on this web page:

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

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Our next meeting:

When: Monday October 21

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Parma City Hall, 2nd floor conference room. 6611 Ridge Road, Parma

Come see what goes on at these meetings, and get interested to run for an officer position in the fall. We'll definitely be needing to elect a new secretary this fall since Mike Ackerman has decided to step away from being an officer for a while.

2014 Annual Conference - Kalahari (Cleveland)

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

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Come to our October 4th social dinner to find out all what's going on with this conference and help fine tune some last details! See Page 4 for the dinner details and location.