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CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
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Chapter Meeting **Wednesday, April 16**

Decompression Session **Post 2008 LS Exam**

Our local chapter would like to invite everyone for pizza and drinks to support those who attended the LS review classes and those who sat for the 2008 LS exam. All candidates are welcome to come decompress from their LS exam preparation. Pizza, salad and soft drinks will be free for all candidates and instructors.

In an effort to make the LS review class the best it can be, we are welcoming feedback from the candidates regarding the review class. Mike Hart, the program coordinator, and other instructors will be available to listen to your input and share in the food.

Location

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant

9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, Ca. (858) 279-6700
5 pm Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. Social/Networking
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Discussion

Please RSVP through our CLSA San Diego Chapter website no later than Thursday, April 10th.

The website address is <http://www.sd-surveyors.org>. Please click on the "Dinner Reservations" button and fill in all of your reservation information there.

Dinner for all non-test takers - \$12.50

Pizza, Salad, Soft drinks

Price includes tax & tip

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2008

Meeting held at the Best Western of the Seven Sea's

Board Members Present:

*Sean Englert, President
Pat McMichael, Vice President
Greg Hopkins, Treasurer
Casey Lynch, Secretary
Andrew Karydes
Don Woolley
Anne Hoppe
Marvin Sylakowski
Lonie Cyr
Dave Viera
Tony Nothdurft
Justin Pallamary*

Sean Englert opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

President's Report – Sean Englert

- City Monument Replacement Fund-there is growing concern that monuments are not being replaced after construction, etc. A letter is being drafted to address the issue.
- New Record of Survey submittal requirements, check with the County for details.
- Mini Seminars-Looking for Ideas.
- Land Surveyors Week March 16 through the 22nd.
- Motion made and passed to allocate up to \$750 for an Exhibit at the Construction Expo, March 29, 2008.
- Survey Merit Badge Program

Vice President's Report – Pat McMichael

Pat announced future speakers to be as follows:

April 16: LS Exam De-Compression Session
May 21: Tom Harrington "County Real Property"
June: Padres Game(TBD)
July: TBD
August 20: TBD
September 17: Joint Meeting with Orange County Chapter "CLSA President Elect-Matt Vernon"
October 15: TBD
November 19: TBD
December 17: Christmas Party

Pat has also revised the Stipend Language

Treasurer's Report –Greg Hopkins

General Fund: \$9,883.05
Education Fund: \$14,267.44
CD #1: \$40,774.99 (2/29/2008)
CD #2: \$3,079.48

Secretary's Report – Casey Lynch

Letters were sent welcoming new State CLSA members and encouraging them to participate at the local level.

The State CLSA By-laws regarding the grant of Life Memberships were read into the record. A vote to adopt the bylaws shall be put to the general membership in April.

The Construction Expo will be March 29, 2008. A booth will be set up and the goal will be to encourage awareness of our profession to attendees. The Construction Expo started as a career fair and the expectation is that many attendees will be looking for career information.

Education Committee – Mike Hart

Good Luck to those taking the upcoming April Examinations!

Education Foundation \ Scholarship Committee-Tony

The Chapter is looking for career fairs and outreach opportunities. If you have any ideas please forward them onto to Tony or Andy for action!

Membership Committee – Dave Ambler

Invoices sent out to all members.

Current Report-130 Paid Members

The database is currently being cleaned up and revised. Anticipated Schedule 1-2 months. Please forward any changes to Dave Ambler or Dave Viera.

Legislative Committee-Annie

Current CLSA-San Diego positions on upcoming legislation discussed and a report is available upon request.

JPPC Report – Lonie

Meeting next month.

Website Committee-Annie

Guy is working on setting up credit card payments and the membership list.

Chapter Representatives

The meeting will be held in Oakland on April 22, 2008.

New Business

Old Business

Classes at Cuyamaca College
Education Fair's (Need More Members to Volunteer)
Updating our mailing lists \ Emailing lists
Student Stipends Policy
New City of San Diego Engineer- Afshin Oskoui
New Notary Acknowledgement-No Seal required, need Commission Number

GENERAL MEETING –
March 19, 2008

The February meeting was held at the Best Western of the Seven Sea's in Mission Valley.

Our guest speaker was Dennis Stryker.

Dennis J. Stryker is the General Counsel for Rick Engineering Company. His Department is responsible for all legal aspects of the corporation and its subsidiaries, including business and commercial transactions, litigation, employment and labor issues, and professional liability issues. He also acts as the corporation's risk manager and ethics officer. Prior to this he was in private practice where he provided litigation and transactional services.

Dennis spoke about the process of Mechanics Liens and Design Professional Liens. This was a great topic and Dennis field many questions on the appropriate process, rules for filing and laws regarding these "holds" on real property. Phrase of the night was "the 20 day notice"!

Sean thanked Dennis and gave a recap of the Executive Board meeting

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by,

Casey Lynch, PLS
Secretary

Education/Seminars/Workshops

CLSA Workshop Survey - Please take a moment to complete the CLSA workshop survey which will assist the Workshop Committee in planning future seminars. Click the link below to begin the survey. We anticipate this survey will take approximately 1-3 minutes. -Thank you in advance for your participation! Click the link to take the survey - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=537563427882>

CLSA-CSRC Real Time Network Workshop

May 2nd - Ayres Hotel & Suites, Ontario, CA
May 9th - Biltmore Hotel & Suites, Santa Clara, CA

Featured Speakers:

Bryan Banister, PLS
Yehuda Bock, Ph.D.
Greg Helmer, PLS
Bill Henning, PLS
Marti Ikehara
Charlie Schwarz, Ph.D.
Gavin Schrock, PLS

Topics Include:

- RTN Innovation, Infrastructure or Industry Opportunity
- California Real Time Network: Rationale, Results & Future Plans
 - The Evolution of RTN as a Global Utility
 - NGS Support for Real Time Positioning in the USA
- Prevarications, Precisions, & Procedures: Lessons Learned by a New RTN Administrator
- Coordinates, Epochs, Correctors for RT Applications

Download attached PDF file to register today or contact (707) 578-6016.

Locations are in San Diego unless otherwise noted

San Diego Chapter LS Review Classes – for registration and more info see the web-site.

2008 CALIFORNIA L.S. REVIEW SERIES I – CONCORD, FEB. 8 – 10 SERIES I – SANTA ANA, FEB. 22-24. SERIES II – CONCORD, MARCH 7 -9. SERIES II – SANTA ANA, MARCH 28 – 30.

2008 F.L.S. (L.S.I.T.) WORKSHOP CONCORD, FEB. 22-24. SANTA ANA, MARCH 14-16.

2008 NATIONAL P.L.S. WORKSHOP CONCORD, FEB. 21. SANTA ANA, MARCH 14.

VISIT WWW.PACIFICLAND.COM FOR REGISTRATION

Current Issues in Storm Water Regulation April 30. **Construction Lien Law** May 9. **Federal Flood Plain Development and Insurance Issues** teleconf April 9. **The Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act: Application to Condominiums and Single-Family Homes** teleconf April 17 or 29. **9 Tips to Reduce Your Risk When Buying and Developing Land** teleconf April 30. **Keys to Understanding Land Records** teleconf May 08. Contact www.lorman.com or (866) 352-9539.

Title Law in California April 9. Contact www.nbi-sems.com 800-930-6182.

Conservation and Preservation Easements and Community Stewardship Entities: Principles, Drafting Practices, and Practical Realities March 6, 7. By the American Law Institute/American Bar Association. Contact www.ali-aba.org/CN055/

Cuyamaca College - Surveying courses taught and organized by Ken Schumaker. Also Surveying Drafting Technology, Boundary Control and Legal Principles. www.cuyamaca.edu. Or 619-668-4040.

Geospatial Analysis and Technology – Seminars, courses and software training. Contact register@ucx.ucr.edu or call 951-827-4105. Web-site: www.UCRExtension.net/geo.

CSU Fresno Geomatics Engineering Dept. Contact www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/ for program and on-line courses.

CSU Pomona Surveying Program http://www.csupomona.edu/%7Ece_surv/surveng/index.html.

Santiago College GIS/GPS Surveying Program - see www.sac.edu/degrees/geography_information_degree.htm

GIS Certification – thru URISA <http://www.urisa.org/certification/2certific.htm>

CLSA San Diego Survey Student Stipends:

- The Stipend program's goals are to: provide funding for local students working towards a degree in a surveying related field at a Junior College in San Diego County. They will receive \$100 for an A, \$75 for a B, \$50 for a C. It will be limited to one survey class per student per semester. The class must have been completed within the last 6 months.

- Applicants need to mail in a copy of their grade (of a surveying class) and address to: CLSA San Diego, 5519 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Mail Box 261, San Diego, California 92117.

**California Land Surveyors Association
CLSA Education Foundation**

P.O. Box 9098, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Telephone: (707)578-6016 FAX: (707)578-4406

The 2006 Scholarship application is available at
<http://www.californiasurveyors.org/files/scholarsh.html>

Employment

Caltrans is hiring SURVEYORS

California Department of Transportation. Visit our website about this exciting opportunity. We don't just make history....we Build it! www.dot.ca.gov/hq/jobs The Caltrans Advantage. Work on world class projects. Opportunities exist throughout California. Professional development training. Receive excellent health, dental, vision, and retirement benefits. Enjoy paid vacations and holidays. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

Announcements

City of San Diego Senior Surveyor

Congratulations to Greg Hopkins who has accepted the position of Senior Land Surveyor. Greg replaces Lee Hennes, who retired last year. Greg will be in responsible charge of reviewing and approving Subdivision Maps, right of way and easement drawings, legal descriptions, deeds and other land title documents that require the signature of a Licensed Surveyor as Deputy City Engineer. Greg has much experience and training under Lee Hennes. Greg returns to the City of San Diego after spending a short time in the City of Chula Vista surveying office. I'm sure that this will be quite a challenge for Greg, but he is more than capable and will do a fine job.

New LS Missing Contacts

Hi Everybody,

I still have a set of free LS Tags for the following new San Diego County PLS folks. Andy Karydes (2007 SD-CLSA President) and I have sent letters to these folks inviting them to attend a SD-CLSA dinner for free and receive a free set of LS Tags provided by SERVCO. If anyone has a telephone #, e-mail address, employer name, etc, please let me know.

John Schock LS 8329 , Huy Nguyen LS 8241 , John Kipp LS 8350 , Don Bloodworth LS 8250 , Gregory Caudell LS 8253.

Thanks,
Jack

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"MADSON'S COMPILATION OF RULES FOR LAND SURVEYORS"

RULE ONE To avoid liability the surveyor should err on the side of safety, Always try to do a little more than an ordinarily prudent surveyor would do under the circumstances.

RULE TWO It is the land surveyor's duty to correctly locate and mark property lines as described in a deed furnished him and to relate lines of possession to title lines. The surveyor cannot and does not assume the responsibility of proving that a given deed is correct and legal; that is a function of an attorney or court of law.

RULE THREE Search and search well; if it is there, find it. If it isn't, be able to say with certainty that it isn't there.

RULE FOUR Liability results when the surveyor fails to do correctly the thing that he purports to do.

RULE FIVE The surveyor is a fact finder. He goes upon the land armed with all the documentary evidence that is available and searches for markers, monuments and other facts. After all the evidence, facts, measurements and observations are assembled, the surveyor must come to a conclusion from the facts.

RULE SIX Never set a corner In disagreement with improvements without first satisfying yourself that you are not only right, but that your "right" will prevail in court if necessary,

RULE SEVEN Discovery of a County Surveyor's monument does not relieve the surveyor of the obligation to look further. The County monument is only proof in the event that superior evidence cannot be discovered. Therefore, the surveyor must seek all other evidence and use the official monuments as though they were the last resort.

RULE EIGHT The conclusions that flow from the evidence may produce proof. Evidence in itself is not proof of a fact; a conclusion or inference that may be drawn from evidence is the proof. In coming to conclusions from evidence, the most important need of the surveyor is the ability to recognize and know what is the best evidence of that available.

RULE NINE The best evidence of a monument's original position is a continuous chain of history by acceptable records, usually written and dating back to the time of the original monumentation. A found monument without a background history is of little value as evidence; and, a set monument is worthless if unidentifiable in the future.

RULE TEN In civil cases having to do with land surveying and real property, it is only necessary to prove a "preponderance of evidence"; it is not necessary to prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" as In criminal cases.

RULE ELEVEN It is of the utmost Importance that a surveyor seek and find all of the evidence at the time of the initial survey, and this must be done Irrespective of costs. The major cause of disagreement between surveyors relates to the lack of discovery of all available evidence. If every surveyor uncovered all of the evidence, differences would be reduced to a minimum and their surveys would have a finality of location!

RULE TWELVE A surveyor may be able to compute, make drawings, use Instruments and stake engineering projects, but, until he understands property line law and the law of evidence, he is not qualified to make property locations.

- forwarded by Richard Lantis, PLS Office of the County Surveyor - seems to be a good reminder of our duties.

Stolen Equipment !!!

All: Just in case someone comes in trying to resell used equipment or folks hear of someone trying to resell to any of your customers or members. Feel free to pass onto any other groups or organizations that could come across this equipment if put out on the "open market." Thanks for assistance.

Best regards,

Robert
530-661-7976 Robert.Thomas@cityofwoodland.org

Robert E. Thomas, GISP, GIS Specialist, Webmaster NorCal URISA City of Woodland, 300 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695-3413

Between 3/3/2008 20:00 Hrs and 3/4/2008 06:30 Hrs, the properties described below were taken during a rash of vehicle burglaries in the Plumas Lake (South County) area of Yuba County. The items are valued at over \$50,000. If located, contact Sgt. Williamson or the on call detective.

Item #1: Trimble GPS Base Station, Mod# FPS850, Serial #4708K04799. Item has # 135436 burned onto it and its yellow case.

Item #2: Trimble GPS Rover, Mod# SPS880, Serial #4706128169. Item has # 135436 burned onto it and its yellow case.

Item #3: Inside case of Item #2 is a Trimble Data Collector, Mod# TSCZ, Serial #FS39C06600

If you have any questions or further information to provide, please contact YCSO Crime Analyst Leslie Carbah (530) 749-7736 or lcarb@co.yuba.ca.us

Tour de Cure

The American Diabetes Association needs your help to meet their goal of 800 riders for the Tour de Cure in San Diego on April 19, 2008. There are currently only 230 riders registered. With the addition of an 11 mile route, anyone can join.

Diabetes is America's fastest growing disease, and we need more riders to raise awareness in the San Diego community. If you, or someone you know, is able and willing to help, please join now and help make life a little better for someone else.

http://tour.diabetes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TC_homepage <http://www.teamclimbon.org/ride>

Please pass this on if you know some who may be interested.

Andrew Karydes

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Newsletter

Much thanks to Meghan LaViolette who has reduced the newspaper hard copy mailing to one page of labels. That will save the Chapter quit a bit. The money saved can be better used like planning a Chapter meeting in Maui!

- Members are encouraged to receive email newsletters. To receive an email only newsletter contact Dave Viera at DViera@HunsakerSD.com .

- Articles are encouraged for publication in the newsletter. **Note : the email address awake@sandiego.gov is no longer in use** because Allan has left the building. Email to 48wake@cox.net . Send reports and articles to Allan Wake by the last Saturday of the month.

Advertising policy approved by the Board:

1) full page one time in newsletter \$150.00 charge. 10% discount one year paid in advance. 2.) ½ page one time in newsletter \$100.00. 3) Business card size ad one year in newsletter \$150.00. 4) Employment offers by a member free for 1 month. If an extension is needed, please contact Allan Wake email: 48wake@cox.net each month as needed. 5) Web-site banner \$100.00. Other Web-site advertising charges to be determined.

Thanks to the advertisers for supporting our Chapter !



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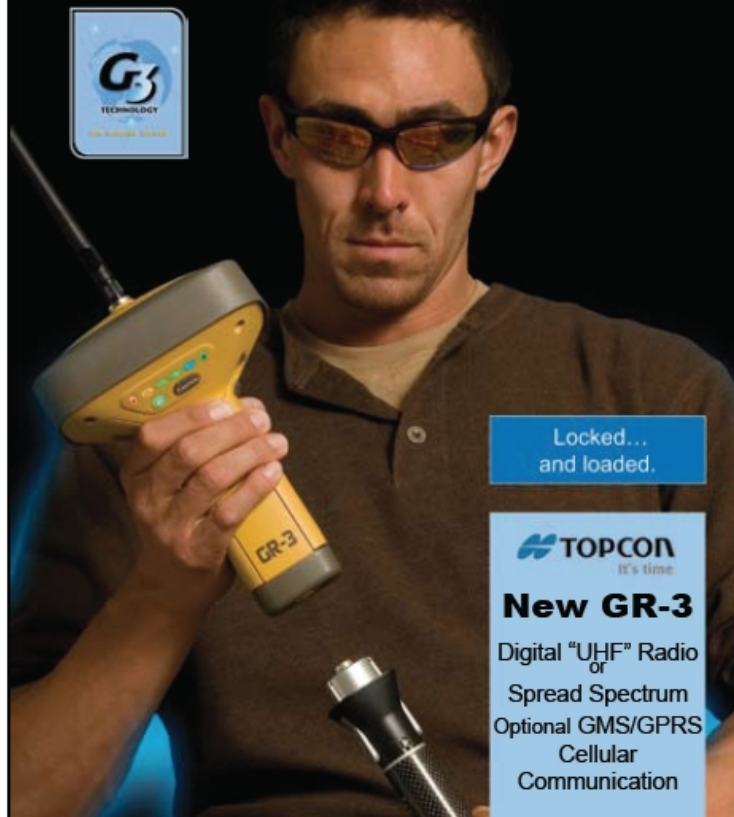
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