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CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
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Chapter Meeting
December 16, 2009

Holiday Party

*Prime Rib or Grilled Salmon Dinner, Adult Beverage
and a Comedy Show!!*

Holiday Party

December 16, 2009

Entertainment:

*Comedy Expert "Dante"
NBC's Last Comic Standing
Comedy Central and BET*

Location

Best Western Seven Seas – Lord Jim Room

411 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, Ca. 92108 (619) 291-1300

5:30 p.m. Social/Networking

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Program

Please RSVP through our CLSA San Diego Chapter website no later than Friday, December 11th

Please include your Dinner selection!!!!

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.
If paying with a credit card, please remember to bring in a copy of your receipt for check in.

Those who do not make a reservation cannot be guaranteed a meal.

Dinner: \$15

(Price includes one Beer, Wine or Call Drink Ticket)

Option 1:

Prime Rib

Prime Rib Dinner with Au Jus and Creamed Horseradish,
Baked Potato, Vegetables and Green Salad

Option 2:

Salmon

Grilled Salmon, with Rich Pilaf, Vegetables and Green Salad

Both include Hot Rolls, Coffee, Tea and Raspberry White Chocolate Cheesecake
Price includes tax & tip and one raffle ticket

Donation's of door prizes appreciated!!!

The Best Western has set a special room rate of \$49+tax

Call 619-291-1300 and ask for the California Land Surveyors Association

Room Rate

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2009

Meeting held at the Best Western Seven Seas

Board & Committee Members Present:

Pat McMichael, President
Casey Lynch, Vice President
Justin Pallamary, Treasurer
Blake Torgersen, Secretary
Sean Englert
Andy Karydes
Anne Hoppe
Paul Goebel

Pat McMichael opened the meeting at 4:40pm.

The minutes from the October meeting were presented for approval. Casey noted that the note about the location for the Holiday Party in December should be corrected to state that it "might" be at the 94th Aerosquadron instead of "will". Pat MOVED to approve the minutes with said correction. Casey SECONDED. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Presidents Report – Pat

- There will not be an executive meeting in December.
- The 49th Annual Fresno State Geomatics Engineering Conference will be January 28th through 30th, 2010.
- Oceanside Engineer's Design and Processing Manual Update: Scott Smith, city engineer, is working on updating the manual and addressing concerns about monumentation requirements expressed by local surveyors.
- 2009 BLM Manual orders now being accepted at ACSM.org.
- Monument Preservation program: State PPC is working on this issue. This could be a meeting topic for next year.
- Surveying Merit Badge: Pat will take a lead role on this after the first of the year.

Vice Presidents Report – Casey

- Holiday Party: We would have to pay for a minimum of 50 in attendance if the party is held at the 94th Aerosquadron. Options for food, entertainment, cost, and venue were discussed. See the newsletter for details of the final decision.
- The chapter usually subsidizes a portion of the cost for the Holiday Party from the general fund to keep the attendance cost low. Casey MOVED to subsidize up to \$1,200 of the cost of this years party. Sean SECONDED. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Justin

- General Fund: \$10,932.37 Education Fund: \$10,776.78
- Money from the LS Review Class is starting to come in.

Secretary's Report – Blake

- The Quarterly Report was sent to State CLSA.
- The Board Member Manual created by last year's board is being updated. Blake is still waiting for input from the other board members.

Education Committee –

LS Review Class Subcommittee –

- There are about 25 or 30 people signed up so far.
- Jack Gechter is doing a great job communicating with those who are taking the class.

Community College Report – Anne

- Flyers for the Surveying and Advanced Surveying classes being held and Cuyamaca will be placed on the Chapter Website.
- Sean said that Francisco Rodriguez, president of Mira Costa College has expressed an interest in developing a surveying program. They currently have a pre-engineering program. Sean and Blake were appointed to an Ad-Hoc committee to look into it further, with Sean as chair.

Nominating Committee – Sean Englert, Andy Karydes

- Sean is stepping down from the nominating committee. Anne was appointed as the new committee chair.

Membership Committee – Dave Ambler, Dave Viera

- Membership rosters have been distributed. Copies are available at the monthly meetings, and are also posted on the website.
- Database management responsibilities have been handed over to the chapter Treasurer. A copy of Microsoft Access (database software) was purchased by the chapter and installed on a laptop that will be passed along to the new Treasurer each year. Options for backing up the database were discussed.
- The board requested that Anne arrange to have permanent email accounts set up for chapter officers:
 - president@sd-surveyors.org
 - vicepresident@sd-surveyors.org
 - treasurer@sd-surveyors.org
 - secretary@sd-surveyors.org

Legislative Committee – Anne Hoppe

- Nothing new to report.

Joint Professional Practices Committee – Sean

- Copies of PPC guidelines from various chapters in the state have been sent to the board and JPPC for discussion and review.

Website Committee – Anne Hoppe

- Everything should be working correctly, including the members only area and the LS Review data.

Chapter Representatives Report – Andy

- Andy reported on the October State CLSA meeting:
 - The professional development program is now free as a membership benefit.
 - The CLSA website has been updated/improved. Members can update their information and upload a picture for their "Find a Surveyor" profile.
 - The Education Foundation requested auction and raffle donations for the 2010 Conference in Reno.
 - CLSA passed a motion to donate \$25,000 to the National Museum of Surveying in Springfield, Illinois. This donation matches that made by the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association.
 - Many of the 2009 publications are still available and are currently being offered at 50% off.
 - The Trigstar program will allow \$200 per participating school.
 - A motion was made to pursue legislation to modify the Record of Survey sheet size from 18x26 to 18x24.
- Andy MOVED to authorize up to \$250 for the purchase of Buck Knives to donate for the 2010 Conference. Justin SECONDED. The motion PASSED unanimously.

New Business

- The county has a new large format color scanner. There was a discussion about the benefits of having some of the older maps scanned in color for better readability. Pat and Casey will draft a letter from the chapter to the county addressing this issue.
- It was noted that Tom Slater (formerly of Hunsaker) has passed away.

Casey MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Anne SECONDED. The motion PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

General Meeting

November 18, 2009 at Best Western Seven Seas

Pat opened the meeting, and reviewed the items discussed in the executive board meeting.

Our Local Vendors support our Chapter throughout the year and this was a night for the chapter to show our gratitude and appreciation for all they do.

Casey introduced the participating vendors. Each vendor was given time for a mini presentation, introducing new technologies, financing deals and other offers.

Dan McMahon – Allen Instruments and Supplies



www.alleninstruments.com

Dan highlighted the Trimble VX Spatial Station.

The Trimble VX Spatial Station for Spatial Imaging integrates state-of-the-art optical, 3D scanning, and digital imaging technology to capture the shape, detail and precise coordinates of any job. The resulting 2D and 3D enhanced deliverables will satisfy colleagues and clients alike.

Chad Dickey – Lewis & Lewis



www.lewis-lewis.net

Chad highlighted the Topcon GLS-1000 Laser Scanner.

Topcon's GLS-1000 laser scanner leaves nothing behind—except the competition. The operator-friendly design allows for quick and hassle-free setups which saves time and improves productivity. With batteries and data collector on-board, Topcon's GLS-1000 is lightweight and cable-free. Transportation is a cinch. While other laser scanners take two people to unload, setup, operate, and load, the GLS-1000 is a one-man instrument.

David Johnson – Surveyors Service Company



www.servco1.com

David highlighted the TPS 1200+ Total Station.

The new Leica TPS1200+ is our most competitive total station ever. It provides the market's most accurate reflectorless EDM with the smallest laser dot and measures distances over 1000 meters. Thanks to the new telescope fitted to all Leica TPS1200+ models, the user also benefits from the most accurate measurements to reflectors.

After the presentations, a Vendor and Chapter sponsored Raffle was held, then the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Blake Torgersen, Chapter Secretary.

Education/Seminars/Workshops

The LSR 2010 schedule is updated with some additional speakers that are working together (as partners in crime). At this moment we have (40) students enrolled for the SD-CLSA LS Review program. See the Chapter web-site for more info: <http://www.sd-surveyors.org/LSEexamReview/index.php>

Session #	Date	Topic	Speaker(s)
4	10 Dec	Construction	Don Woolley / Jack Roth
5	17 Dec	SMA & PLS Act	Casey Lynch / Gary Mellom / Paul Goebel
	24 Dec	Holiday Break	
	31 Dec	Holiday Break	
6	07 Jan	PLSS 1 of 4	Mike Hart
7	14 Jan	PLSS 2 of 4	Mike Hart
8	21 Jan	PLSS 3 of 4	Mike Hart
9	28 Jan	PLSS 4 of 4	Mike Hart
10	04 Feb	Review PLSS	Mike Hart
11	11 Feb	Boundary 1 of 3	Kruger / Pallamary / Thomas
12	18 Feb	Boundary 2 of 3	Kruger / Pallamary / Thomas
13	25 Feb	Boundary 3 of 3	Kruger / Pallamary / Thomas



Cuyamaca College

January 25 Classes Begin

LAND SURVEYING

SURV-218 PLANE SURVEYING 4.0

Prerequisite: "C" grade or higher or "Pass" in MATH 170 or equivalent or concurrent enrollment.

5868 8:00AM-4:30 Saturday Room F-724

J.Taynor/J.Butcher

SURV-240 ADVANCED SURVEYING 4.0

Prerequisite: "C" grade or higher or "Pass" in SURV/ENGR 218 or equivalent.

5869 6:30PM-8:20 Thursday Room F-401

& 10:00AM-1:50 Saturday Room F-724

J.Taynor

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Telephone (619) 660-4000

<http://www.cuyamaca.edu/cc/schedules.asp> www.cuyamaca.edu

49th CSU, Fresno Geomatics Engineering Conference

Fellow Surveyors, Photogrammetrists, Geodesists, GIS Analysts, Geomatics Engineers and Students,

On behalf of students in the Geomatics Engineering program at California State University, Fresno, we thank last year's conference attendee's, lecturers, exhibitors and all those that contributed in the form of scholarship and auction donations. You have our heartfelt thanks for your support of our program and students, and we cordially invite you to attend the 49th CSU, Fresno Geomatics Engineering Conference at the Veterans Memorial Center in Clovis, January 28-30th, 2010.

This year's event will prove to be even more exciting. We have already lined up some excellent speakers, with more to be added to the venue as the date approaches. If you would like to lecture, or want to request a particular speaker, please contact Daniel Cerda at speakers.gmeconf@gmail.com. For the current list of speakers and topics, please see the attachment with this email. Also attached is a registration form. If your company would like to exhibit, please contact Chris Zumwalt and Jacob Andresen at exhibits.gmeconf@gmail.com.

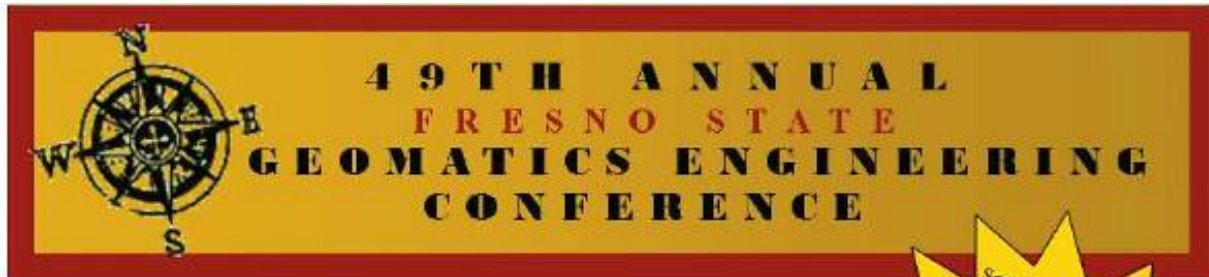
As always, we are looking for donations for our auction and scholarship fund, so please take the time to clean out your closet for auction items and check the sofa for loose change! JR Gregory is in charge of scholarships this year. Please contact him at gmescholarships@gmail.com to donate. Paul Fridley is handling the auction and can be reached at gmeauction@gmail.com. New this year: we now accept MasterCard and Visa (no public cards please) for you convenience. If you have additional questions or comments, please contact us through our website www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/conference. A portion of your registration/donation may be tax deductible.

Don't forget to register for the golf tournament on January 28th! Contact Chip Merideth and Tucker Sanders at gmegolftournament@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor a hole or a student. First hole-in-one wins a new Lexus!

This year all donations will go twice as far with the Lyles Grant matching all monetary donations made.

Please mark your calendar (remember-no football that weekend) and we look forward to seeing you.

Best regards,
David Biswanger & Keith Ream
Chairs, 49th CSU, Fresno Geomatics Engineering Conference



The largest student-run geomatics conference on the west coast is back! January 28th, 29th & 30th the Clovis Memorial District will host a 3-day opportunity to check out the newest surveying equipment, learn the latest techniques and network with industry professionals.

As always there will be great food, fabulous raffle prizes, auction items, exhibitors and nationally renowned speakers.

Looking for competent employees? Fresno State's Geomatics Engineering students are the best and brightest up-and-coming surveying and mapping talent in the country. Resumes will be available.

Come see the show and find out why Fresno State has consistently produced industry leaders since 1971.

Conference Address: Rex Pflieger Veteran's Memorial Building
808 4th Street Clovis, CA 93612

For latest updates and more information check out our website: www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/conference



Tentative Speaker List

Speaker	Topic
Robert Burtch, PLS, CP	"Introduction to Telegeoinformatics - An Introduction to Mobile Mapping/GIS"
Thomas H. Meyer	"What does height really mean?"
Steven J. Hyde & Dean D. Exline, PLS	"Ok I Have My License"
Wendy Lathrop, PLS, CFM	"To Accept or Not To Accept...That is the Question" "Highways, Byways, and Private Roads"
Michael Pallamary, PLS	"Reversionary Rights"
Larry Phipps, PLS	"Pricing Professional Services" "Anatomy of a Claim"
Michael Dennis, RLS, PE	"GPS, Geodesy, and the Ghost in the Machine" "Ground Truth: Design and Documentation of Low Distortion Projections for Surveying and GIS"
Justin S. Pallamary, PLS	"The Universal Surveyor"
Randy Fitch, PLS TBA, James McCavitt, PLS TBA, Jerry Miller, PLS TBA, Chris Bardon TBA	

- see attached PDF files for more info

Mark Your Calendar! CLSA-NALS Conference

February 27 - March 3, 2010. Silver Legacy Resort & Casino. Reno, NV

Easement Valuations: Common Pitfalls and Principles teleconf Dec 3. **Current Issues in California Construction Lien Law** teleconf Dec 9. **Curing Title Exceptions** teleconf Dec 9 **Zoning Variances: Nonconforming Uses and Structures** teleconf Dec 10. **Access Management Design and Development** teleconf Dec 11. **Construction Joint Ventures: Benefits and Pitfalls** teleconf Dec 17. Discounts for multiple registrations. www.lorman.com (866) 352-9539.

Autodesk web-casts: Lucy Kuhns - Live from Autodesk University Dec. 4. **Water & Wastewater Engineering with AutoCAD Civil 3D** Dec. 18. **Hydrology & AutoCAD Civil 3D** Jan. 15. **Road Design Start to Finish** Jan. 29. <http://www.adskmedia.com/civilwebcasts/?mktvar001=111314&ch=EM>

GeoDesign Summit Jan 6-10 Redlands. GIS technology. By ESRI <http://www.geodesignsummit.com>

MAPPS Conference Jan 24-28 Maui. <http://www.mapps.org/events/conference-winter2010.cfm>

49th Annual Fresno State Geomatics Engineering Conference Jan 28-30. Contact www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/conference

SPAR 2010: 3D Imaging & Positioning for Engineering, Construction, Manufacturing February 8-10 The Woodlands (Houston), Texas. Contact info@sparllc.com or 978-774-1102.

ACSM/APLS Conference April 24-28, Phoenix. <http://www.acsm.net/conference.html>

Geospatial Infrastructure Solutions Conference April 25-29 Phoenix . <http://www.myrobust.com/websites/gita2010/index.php?p=2>

ASPRS Conference Opportunities for Emerging Geospatial Technologies. April 26-30 San Diego. <http://www.asprs.org/SanDiego2010/index.html>

ESRI Conference July 12-16 San Diego. <http://www.esri.com/events/uc/>

Cuyamaca College - Cuyamaca College offers an Associate of Science in Surveying that includes courses in Plane Surveying and Advanced Surveying, using equipment used in the field today, Survey Drafting Technology, and Boundary Control and Legal Principles. Other requirements for the degree include Engineering Graphics, Trigonometry, Introductory Physics, and courses to fulfill general education. Instructors are all practicing and licensed professionals.

For additional information please contact Dr. Cyrus Saghafi at cyrus.saghafi@gcccd.edu or 619-660-4243..

College of the Canyons - Prep class for LSIT and Fall program for Surveying. COC will be offering an 8 week prep class for the LSIT exam. And, in the Fall, their Surveying program will be offering Surveying 101: Intro to Surveying and Surveying 105: Boundary Control and Legal Principles I. Contact www.canyons.edu or 661-362-3300.

Geospatial Analysis and Technology – Seminars, courses and software training. www.UCRExtension.net/geo 951-827-4105.

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 Canyon College Surveying and Mapping Program Associate degree and LSIT review certificate.
<http://www.sccollege.edu/Departments/CareerEd/Survey/Pages/SurveyDegreePrograms.aspx>

Rio Hondo College Surveying Mapping & Drawing Certificate of Achievement. Also offers a GIS program. <http://www.riohondo.edu/>

GIS Certification – thru URISA <http://www.gisci.org/>

CLSA San Diego Survey Student Stipends

The Stipend program's goals are to: provide funding for local students taking college level survey related classes. 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 must be current members of the San Diego Chapter of CLSA. Licensed Land Surveyors are ineligible. All applications are subject to approval by the executive board. Applicants need to mail in a copy of their grade (of a surveying class) 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 Scholarship application is available at
<http://www.californiasurveyors.org/files/scholarsh.html>

Announcements



The Passing of Rich Beigle LS 3453

Dear CLSA Members,

I regret to inform you of the Passing of Rich Beigle LS 3453. Rich had been battling lung cancer and after putting up a good fight, passed on Thursday November 19th. Rich was a good man who gave some great experiences and opportunities to many a surveyor in the profession. Our Survey community will miss him.

A service for Rich was held on December 1st at 2:30 at St. Clement's by the sea, 202 Avenida Aragon, San Clemente. A celebration of his life followed at Carbonara Trattoria Italiana, 111 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family as they begin to coup with their loss.

Sincerely, Richard J. Lopez - L.S.I.T., Newsletter Editor, CLSA Orange County Chapter

Curt Brown Chronicles

Hi,

Happy Holidays to everyone. I thought you would find the attached of interest. I am very excited about this project as it has taken me years to locate and gather up these articles and lectures. The book is being dedicated in honor of my old friend, Paul Cuomo.

Here's to 2010, health, wealth and prosperity.

- Michael J. Pallamary, PLS

THE CURT BROWN CHRONICLES

ESTIMATED PUBLICATION DATE
MARCH, 2010

ABOUT THE BOOK:

Curtis M. Brown has long been recognized as the world's foremost authorities on land surveying. His works and textbooks are found in virtually every Land Surveyor's library across the country. His legal principles have been adopted by a large number of courts across the United States and his books are standard reference works for practicing Land Surveyors.

The Curt Brown Chronicles presents a collection of papers, lectures, and articles prepared by Mr. Brown in the course of developing the principles and authorities for his textbooks and classes. While serving as a member of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM), Mr. Brown was a regular contributor to *The Surveyor and Law* and the *Comment and Discussion* columns as well as other important articles. In this capacity, Mr. Brown would respond to inquiries from Land Surveyors across the United States on a variety of subjects related to land surveying and the application of relevant law. His opinions continue to have considerable influence on the professional land surveying community and the legal community.

Many of the papers contained in *The Curt Brown Chronicles* have not been released since their original publication in the 1950s and 1960s. Nevertheless, the subjects are still germane and in many ways, Curt's focus on many subjects was prescient. Mr. Brown's articles on *Land Surveyor's Liability to Unwritten Rights*, *Land Surveyors Ethics*, and *The Professional Status of Land Surveyors*, are still considered relevant and are held in as high a regard as is Justice Thomas Cooley's (Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Michigan, 1864-1885) famous article, *The Judicial Functions of Surveyors*.

The Curt Brown Chronicles has been compiled with the consent and permission of ACSM and the Brown family.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Michael Pallamary is a Professional Land Surveyor with offices in La Jolla, California. He began his career in Boston, Massachusetts in 1971 and he has been surveying real property since then. After relocating to San Diego in 1976, Mr. Pallamary formed, owned and operated a 12-person land surveying firm for many years. He has served as an Expert Witness in numerous cases across the State of California and he has testified in some of the largest civil lawsuits filed in Southern California courts. His extensive testimonies and opinions have been offered in many jurisdictions as well as in federal court.

Mr. Pallamary is the author of *Lay of the Land - The History of Land Surveying in San Diego County* and he is the co-author is *The History of San Diego Land Surveying Experiences* with Curtis M. Brown as well as the co-author of *Advanced Land Descriptions* with Roy Minnick and Paul Cuomo. Mr. Pallamary is also the author of numerous articles published in an assortment of professional journals and magazines. He is frequently called upon as a guest lecturer. Mr. Pallamary is certified by the State Bar of California to teach courses providing continuing education credit to California attorneys.

In the late 1970s, while attending classes at Mesa College in San Diego, Mr. Pallamary became acquainted with the works of Curtis Brown. The two soon became close friends and together, they researched many of the cases discussed and analyzed by Mr. Brown in the development of his two

textbooks, *Boundary Control and Legal Principles* and *Evidence and Procedures for Boundary Location*, published by John Wiley & Sons.

Mr. Pallamary lives in San Diego with his wife Maureen. They have two sons and two grandchildren. His son Justin is a licensed Land Surveyor.

BOOK PREVIEW:

Mike Pallamary and I had been ruminating over past San Diego County's surveying history, and as a result we prepared a little booklet entitled *San Diego County Surveying History and Experiences*. He and many others have often asked how come that I, a non-lawyer, wrote books on the legal elements of Land Surveying? So I will give a brief explanation. I knew nothing about it and became curious. I read Clark's book on the legal elements of surveying in Michigan, mostly a treatise on the sectionalized land system. Also Hodgeman and Skelton, both good but not filling the needs for California. . . Going back a bit, in 1925, at the time I was a junior in High School, I took a commercial law class from an attorney. He assigned me the task of reporting to the class the common law of a prize fighting situation. The only instruction he gave was to go down to the County Law Library and ask the librarian how to find the information. So I did. My partial knowledge of how to do legal research then slumbered in my background until I had need for it sometime later when surveying.

After World War II I got a job as a Chief of Party for a surveyor who was just starting up. Unfortunately, I knew almost nothing about the legal elements of boundary surveys and my boss knew slightly more.

I was just as confused as the little boy was who lost his chewing gum on the henhouse floor. Each morning I was handed a bundle of maps with a minimum of instructions and was told to monument the land described in a deed. But I had one advantage, when I got in trouble I would spend the evening at the Law Library soothing my ignorance in legal books. Eventually I got enough information together to publish my first book on *Boundary Control for Surveyors of California*. The book was such a success that I got the notion to put out one for the entire United States. It was an immediate good seller.

The subject of the legal elements of boundary location was not taught in colleges prior to about 1960; there was no suitable text available. As a result of my text, we now see many colleges offering classes in *Boundary Control*. In the eastern United States, where the sectionalized land system is unknown, the text was not exactly applicable, so I asked Walter Robillard and Donald Wilson to add in their thinking. Like in a nudist camp, we aired our differences. The principle difference between eastern law and western law lies in the order of importance of distance and bearing. In California, by statute law, distance when in conflict with direction is always considered as more important than direction, whereas in New England and other east coast states the reverse is generally true.

Personally I was lucky to start private surveying practice at the close of the world war; many of the old time surveyors were still alive, and I was able to find out how little they knew about the legal elements of land surveying. If any of you were around in the twenties, there was the great depression starting in 1929 and ending after the Second World War about 1947. During these 18 years almost no new Licensed Surveyors were added to the ranks; there was no need for them because of the scarcity of work. Also those that came into the profession prior to the depression were getting quite old. Bill Rumsey, John Covert, Will King, [David] Loebenstein and other [local surveyors] were in their sunset years. At least I got to talk to them about their surveying problems and experiences. To me the saddest chapter in the history of surveying was when 5,000 plus were grandfathered in the Civil Engineer's act and given the right to practice their ignorance of surveying on the general public. I have a number of horror stories written. While I have never killed anyone, I have read several obituaries with pleasure . . .

Of course, after a few publication successes and a fairly good practice I started to feel my oats and swelling up rather than growing. Deflation soon arrived. One day my wife and I were headed for a convention and I had a flat tire adjoining some large institution. There was this fellow looking out from a solid locked gate; obviously an inmate in an asylum. I jacked the wheel up, took off the hub cap, took off

the wheel nuts and set them in the hubcap, pulled the wheel off and stepped back on the edge of the hub cap. The hubcap flew up and all the nuts went down a nearby storm drain. So I started down the street to the nearest service station. The observer behind the gate asked where I was going. To my reply that I was going to get some more nuts, he looked at me and said "Why don't you take one nut off each of the other wheels, put on your spare tire and drive there?" I asked what he was doing locked behind a locked gate. His reply was, "I am here because I am crazy, not because I am stupid!"

So it is with Land Surveying, you can be crazy to be one, but you can never be stupid. The court records often disclose the incompetent's name in the damage award's book. As we know, surveyors are supposed to follow the footsteps of the original surveyor, but how can this be done without knowing what the old time surveyors did?

- Curtis M. Brown
Presentation to San Diego Surveyors Sponsored by
The California Land Surveyors Association, 1988



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CLSA SkyRadio Interview

CAMARILLO, CA – September 17, 2009 - California Land Surveyors Association President Matthew J. Vernon, PLS was interviewed by SkyRadio personality Dennis Michael. To increase public awareness of land surveying, the interview focuses on what land surveyors do and how the profession services the public. The interview will air on SkyRadio network on American flights throughout December. The complete broadcast of the interview is attached and available on the CLSA website at www.californiasurveyors.org.

Employment

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Plan organize and direct surveying operations and activities for the County including right-of-way functions, map checks and related duties; coordinate and direct communications, information, personnel, projects, and resources to meet County surveying needs and assure smooth and efficient activities; supervise and evaluate the performance of assigned personnel. Any combination equivalent to: Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or related field and four years of increasingly responsible professional surveying experience including work with a variety of surveys, legal descriptions, maps and right of ways. Valid California Professional Land Surveyor's License and a valid California driver's license. Application deadline: Until Filled

Applications may be picked up at: The Imperial County Human Resources Dept., 940 W Main, Ste #101, El Centro, CA 92243 or www.co.imperial.ca.us. Fax: (760) 352-2652. Resume not accepted in lieu of application. An EEOE.

Location: IMPERIAL COUNTY

Compensation: Approximate Monthly Salary: \$6047 - \$7352

Servco Closes in San Diego



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November 16, 2009

Dear Surveyors Service Company Customers:

I am sure you are very much aware of our current economic environment; many of us have had to make tough decisions in order to adjust to the reduced level of business. We at Surveyors Service Company are no exception and find ourselves in the same situation. In order to adjust to our current economic reality; we have had to make a few adjustments, some of them more difficult than others.

Effective immediately, the San Diego branch of Surveyors Company will be having a storewide inventory liquidation sale, where all items in the store will have a 30% to 40% discount. These discounts apply to all inventories currently on hand in the San Diego Branch.

Once the inventory is liquidated, we will be wrapping up the San Diego operations and permanently closing the branch sometime between December 15, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

Surveyors Service Company has been serving the California market since 1926 and we plan to continue doing so, though in a slightly different configuration. After the San Diego branch has closed, we will service our San Diego customers from our main office in Costa Mesa. We will continue to provide you with the same superior level of service, support, selection, and competitiveness that you have grown accustomed to, just through a different location. Remember, you can also order supplies and accessories online 24 hours a day!

We are confident that we will ride out this economic recession together and look forward to maintaining our excellent business relationships.

For those of you that are not already familiar, our contact information in Costa Mesa is:

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