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BAD NEIGHBOR OR EARLY ONSET ALZHEIMERS

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I thought you might find this story interesting.... We came home last weekend to Springfield for my kids b-day party and to assist our realtor with an open house for our home on Sunday. Saturday night we went to spruce up the place and I quickly discovered my neighbor has erected 3 HAM radio antennas. Not a big deal but one of them was mounted on our north chain link fence, 30 feet in the air, anchored by 2 ropes to our fence and a very large co-axial cable

zip tied along the top rail of the fence. We were never contacted by the neighbor prior to construction and our home is very "family-friendly" and a lighting rod attached to our fence seemed against better judgment.

So I approach my neighbor and ask the usual questions, Did you check with Greene County Planning & Zoning about permits, setbacks or subdivision regulations? His answer to me was, "I am in compliance with the FCC and I am not taking it down, it is my property to

that fence and you can sue me if you want." Politely I answered; "I am a professional land surveyor and I deal with property rights on almost a daily basis, I realized you have the right to construct such a devise, but not there". Then we jawed for a moment and I told him to have a good night. (Not to mention, I wondered if he realized my wife has worked for attorneys for the past 9 years?) So we went to my folks home and downloaded the sub-regs and found the exact paragraph detailing that the antenna in question had to be set back from the property line the

overall height of said antenna. I had the Mrs. compose a nice concise "your hosed and here's why" letter but left the option to contact us and settle this amicably. We dropped off our letter Sunday morning and headed back home to Kansas City.

4 p.m. that afternoon we were almost back home

MISSION TO MARS CONT.

and he calls, being very apologetic for his attitude the night before and said "I haven't been feeling well lately and these were put up when I was sick." He never really agreed with me but I knew he had no legs to stand on and he knew it too. He goes on to say the antenna in question will be down within the week. I felt a little bad about the ordeal; they have

been good neighbors for over 2 years. However when trying to sell a home in today's market a "mission to Mars" operation next door does one no favors.

TRI - STATE CONVENTION

Michael Gray, PLS

G&A

The 51st annual meeting of MSPS was held in Springfield October 16th, 17th & 18th. By all accounts it was a success. Arkansas sure missed out.

The first highlight was the banquet food. Rice Pilaf is, apparently, the side dish for all occasions. How many names can they give baked chicken? The number is too high to count. Regardless, it all tastes the same.

The highlight of the lunches and dinner for me was the company. Surveyors are a widely diverse group of professionals. From the hearty outdoorsman to the fancy city guy who has never seen a stick tight or encountered a multi flora rose bush. I got to know Adam Teale from Marysville and his family. He is also in his early thirties with a family. It gave me a renewed sense of purpose in my professional development. My tablemates for Friday's lunch were Paul Taylor, Rick McCallister Gaylon Smith, Jack Dill, Kevin Lambeth and one Joe "the surveyor". Joe had an endless supply of harassment for the MODOT guys. One joke in particular has to make print. Jack told me to. To quote Joe, "What do blisters and Rick have in common.... *they both show up after the work is done.*"

The presentations were great and so were the speakers. The minimum standards presentation was informative. I think Darrel did a nice job of holding everyone's attention and provided some personal insight. He presented facts and included some personal opinions, which are difficult to drag out of some people. The GIS presentation was good as well as Seiler's Technology Seminar. I think scanners are going to stick around.

I made about two dollars and fifty cents in quarters from Kline. I also got a one-hundred foot tape from them. Max Clark gave me a tee shirt. I made out like a bandit at the exhibitors booth.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY NOVEMBER MEETING

The Christmas party has been set. It will be held at Hemingway's December 9th at 7 P.M. Jack was kind enough to make the reservation. The room will accommodate thirty to forty people. Please rsvp to the secretaries email with the number attending.

No business meeting will be held but, we will swear in the new officers and have a special treat. Be sure to attend.

The new officers were voted on at an executive meeting on September 18th. Ref will take over a director's position. Kevin will be the new president, Paul will be president-elect, Mike will be vice president and Jack Dill, an ambitious up and comer, will be the new secretary-treasurer.

The November meeting will be November 11 at 6 P.M at Western Sizzlin.

ECONOMIC UPSIDE OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

- 1. My 401k is now a 200.5k. Get it. It's funny in a sad because it is true sort of way.***
- 2. My money is diversified. It is tied up in various forms of debt.***
- 3. At least the housing market is still going strong.***
- 4. I am pretty sure I will get drafted in the baseball amateur draft. I should get a big sign on bonus.***
- 5. I am thinking about becoming a plumber. Yeah that's it. Mike the plumber. I could make it big then. Endorsements and television gigs, I hear those guys make over \$250,000.***

Invitation for membership

Ozark Chapter MSPS annual dues are as Follows:

Member \$20.00 Student Member \$5.00

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