

OZARK CHAPTER MSPS NEWSLETTER

February 3, 2009

The next meeting is February 10th, 2009 at 6 p.m. at Western Sizzlin on East Kearney.

OZARK CHAPTER, MSPS SURVEYOR RECOGNITION

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During the January 2008 meeting of the Ozark Chapter, President Bagley introduced the idea of starting yearly awards to recognize local land surveyors who have made significant contributions to the surveying profession. That award was presented to Jerry Day at the annual Christmas dinner on December 9, 2008.

Here's the inside story or "scoop" as we say in Secretary/Treasurer lingo.

Jerry was invited to swear in the incoming officers for 2009 while we secretly had a plaque made. The original intent was to have a shiny plumb bob in a plexiglass case with an inscription but the trophy store ended up making a plaque without a plumb bob attached. When Steve Nelson went to pick it up, there wasn't enough time to make many changes. Steve hunted down a screwdriver and a screw and managed to get the plumb bob on the plaque in time. (Good job Mr. Nelson). The award, as presented to Jerry, is called the Ozark Chapter, MSPS Excellence in Surveying Award. It will be renamed in Jerry's honor as the Ozark Chapter, MSPS Jerry Day Excellence in Surveying Award. It will not necessarily be an annual award but will be given out from time to time. All of us in the surveying profession should aspire to be as involved, as professional, and respected as Jerry Day.

Be sure to read, In His Own Words, on page 2.

The Christmas Party

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I have to apologize for not getting the January newsletter out. I'm going to make up for it by putting together the most awesome newsletter ever... in March or April... maybe in May. It's hard to tell, I've only been in office a month and I'm two months behind. At this rate, the March newsletter will be the best one you ever got in July.

Here are a few pictures from the Christmas party at Hemingway's inside Bass Pro. We had some pretty bad weather on the night so attendance was down a little this year. I tried to drink a few extra beverages and eat extra crab legs so that it would appear there were more of us than there actually were. I think it worked, I saw two of everyone by the end. More pictures on Pages 2 & 4. Thanks Kevin Tyler.



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IN HIS OWN WORDS

At last years Christmas Party the local chapter presented local Surveying stalwart Jerry Day with the chapter's inaugural Surveying Award. It is an award that honors the career, integrity, professionalism and service to the chapter. Jerry was surprised to find himself not only swearing in officers but receiving the award that will henceforth bear his name. Below in Jerry's words are some highlights of his career.

I started working for the Greene County Surveyor in September 1954. George Kastendieck was a Civil Engineer. Frank Vincent was my party Chief. He had 2 years of pre engineering at West Texas University. Frank had experience with the USGS at the Lake of the Ozarks, Brazil and Hawaii. He went to work for George Kastiendieck after World War II.

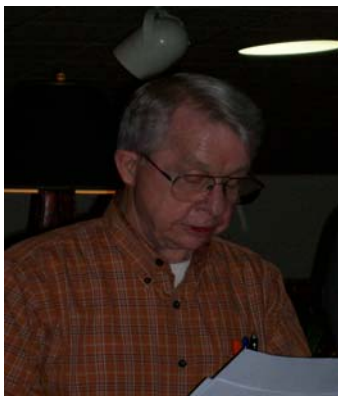
When I went to work the other surveyors in Springfield were Ken Downing and Wilbur Wickizer. Today there are over thirty surveying firms in the yellow pages.

In 1957 Missouri legislation was passed that required that Land Surveyors be registered by the state in order to practice land surveying. People who were practicing land surveying could be registered by simply applying to the state. I was drafted into the Army in 1956 and served two years. When I served my time I went back to work for the County Surveyor.

I quit and went to work for Garrett Wright & Gaylord Weeks (later Anderson Engineering). I took the Land Surveyor's examination and was registered in November 1960. I later worked for the City Utilities, Butler & Associates (Geof's father who was killed in a plane crash).

I started my own firm and lasted for 28 years and sold it to two ladies. I was retired for about 6 months. Dick Scott called me and wanted me to run his Surveying Department. That was over 6 years ago.

When I started surveying our equipment was a transit, chain, range pole, plumb bob, machete, level rod and ax. Calculations were done by hand. Now we have satellites, GPS, computers that will do everything. I can't imagine what it will be like in another 50 years.



MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Jack Dill, Travis Dill, Shane Machin, Gary Bockman, Carl Burnett, Kevin Tyler, Pete Stevens

I. Call to order

Kevin Tyler called to order the regular meeting of the **Ozark Chapter MSPS** at **6 pm** on **1/13** at Western Sizzlin.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

There were no minutes from December.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New business

Travis Dill mentioned getting better hand-outs at Farmfest this year. General discussion about what sort of products would be appropriate.

Pete Stevens has been invited to review the Missouri specific portion of the licensing exam. General discussion of the vagueness in the wording of exam questions. He will report at the next meeting.

Mike Gray's term on the Board has expired and nominations for a replacement are being considered.

The City Planning Department will be having a presentation about land development. The date was not known but presumed to be during a Planning Commission meeting.

There was some discussion about the Stone County Planning office closing. No one knew any details, only what had been reported in the news.

Chris Strong and Kevin Tyler will be trying to work with the Boy Scouts this year. They will attempt to only have age appropriate scouts do a project to get a surveying merit badge.

Education seminars were discussed with emphasis on local LSIT and LS exam review topics. Travis Dill would like for associate members to have more guidance and more opportunities to learn appropriate subjects regarding the exams.

Adjournment

Kevin Tyler adjourned the meeting.

Invitation for membership

Ozark Chapter MSPS annual dues are as Follows:
Member \$20.00 Student Member \$5.00
Associate Member \$5.00
Sustaining Member \$30.00

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