

OZARK CHAPTER MSPS NEWSLETTER

July 14, 2009

The next meeting is tonight at 6:00 p.m., July 14, 2009 at the Tec House on Blackman Road.

The Ozark Chapter Barbeque is tonight at the Tec House.

Jack Dill, PLS

Our annual barbeque will go on tonight, we hope the rain will stop. Regardless, John Sayre will be there to talk about new software, Civil 3D and Autocad applications.

Laser Specialist personnel will demonstrate Leica robotic total stations and laser scanning.

Griner & Schmitz are also expected to have representative's at the meeting.

Dick Cox is recovering

Dick has been very sick but is making progress. He is finally improving and has been walking around a little bit. Hopefully, he will be able to go home in a few weeks. He is still at the Select Specialty Hospital but is able to have visitors and can now talk your leg off.

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Email from Chris Wickern regarding the State Fair:

We've got a month to go before the Fair, and I want to thank all of you for your time, effort, and thoughts to make this a success. The Fair starts the 13th of August and runs for 11 days. Different groups, chapters and surveyors from around the state have committed to the MSPS booth, displays, and activities for 6 of those 11 days.

MSPS will have a dedicated 10'x10' area outside the Woman's Building on the Fair Grounds. We also have access to a 10'x10' tent to set up shop. There will be a display board with Maps and Plats, and we'll have a table with handouts in the tent. The goal is one of educating the public about our profession. Volunteers need to keep in mind that this is a Society effort and function. Please wear a shirt with the MSPS logo. Shirts will be provided for those who need them.

The idea is to place you the Professional Surveyor on the ground in a relaxed and fun environment where you can do more than educate the public one client at a time. It's also time to start formalizing plans you have to conduct activities to generate interest. Many Surveyors have asked what they should do at the Fair. There is no answer. We all have different knowledge and experience. We normally don't take the time to explain surveying to the curious in the course of our work, we're busy. This is the opportunity to take the time. You as the professional must be comfortable with what you are presenting and doing. Get together with your group. Plan your activities as a team, and only good results will follow.

The St. Louis folks may be bringing a laser scanner. This would generate interest by the public and provide a glimpse into the partnership of technology with surveying. I don't think that would be appropriate for the County Surveyors to do. Most of them are far from urban areas where this technology is cost effective. The County Surveyors would probably be better conducting a traverse, or having the public turn angles, and measure distances while explaining the importance of surveying. The important part of your planning will be to identify what is comfortable.

Some ideas for activities that have been suggested are:

Layout a 100' course and train groups to measure by pace. Layout a separate course or two and have them 'measure' the distance. The closest wins a prize.

Set up an instrument and have a target set at a distant spot. Have them measure an angle and distance.

Demonstrate the use of survey grade GPS equipment.

Conduct a traverse through a portion of the Fair grounds.

What's a property corner look like? Show them what our history looks like by building a post and mound, charcoal pit, set stone, set pipe, or modern monuments.

I know I'll be surprised by groups or chapters doing an activity I never thought of.

MSPS has several items for handouts. Sun screen and lip balm along with brochures and informational material will be available. There are also Frisbee's with the MSPS logo and web address on them and educational DVD's. There are 2,000 Frisbee's with the Society logo and web address. (a limited number when you consider the Woman's building averages 4,000 visitors per day). The Frisbee's may be best used as prizes. The DVD's may be best utilized by distributing to school guidance counselors, Troop leaders from the Scouts, and others who could influence the direction for some of tomorrows surveyors.

The Fair opens at 9:00a.m. We can start setting up at 8:00a.m. We have a dedicated storage area on the second floor of the building to store our materials and tent. I'll be available and help provide some continuity, show you where our material is stored, where our dedicated area to set up is located, and lend a hand when needed.

Once again thank you,

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MINUTES FROM June 9, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Travis Dill, Gary Bockman, Kevin Tyler, Pete Stevens, Christopher Strong, Loyd Todd, Gaylon Smith, Roger Phillips, Terry Gammill, Don Berry, Shane Machin

I. Call to order

Kevin Tyler called to order the regular meeting of the **Ozark Chapter MSPS** at 6 pm on 6/9 at Western Sizzlin.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

I was absent at this meeting, the notes I was given indicate Terry Gammill demonstrated a 9000 IS series Topcon robotic total station and laser scanner. It also works reflectorlessly and takes digital photographs as well as a live color display. It can be used with a laptop with modem, an onboard touch screen, and a data collector. It scans 20 points per second and only costs \$35,000.

Loyd Todd noted that we can finally take people's pictures when they ask (instead of just pretending to take their picture so they will go away).

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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