

Northeast Chapter of the  
Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

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Northeast Chapter Summer Meeting

Thursday July 9th, 2009

Mid-Vallee Golf Course, WI



Summer Meeting  
Golf at Mid-vallee Golf Course  
Trap shooting at  
De Pere Sportsman's Club

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**2009 TENTATIVE MEETING  
SCHEDULE & LOCATION**

- January 8th, 2009  
Regular meeting - Green Bay  
The Ravine
- February 17th, 2009  
Board of Directors - DePere  
Sports Corner
- April 9th, 2009  
Regular meeting - Brillion  
Cobblestone Creek
- May 14th, 2009  
Board of Directors - Appleton
- July 9th, 2009  
Regular meeting - Depere  
Mid Vallee Golf Course
- August 13th, 2009  
Board of Directors - Green Bay  
Mackinaws
- October 8th, 2009  
Regular meeting - Appleton
- November 12th, 2009  
Board of Directors - Kaukauna  
Out O' Town
- January 14th, 2010  
Regular meeting - Green Bay  
Ravine

**Chapter newsletter online update.....**

the electronic version of the newsletter has been working great. Please let me know if any questions arise. The Website is up and in working order. Currently we have 80% of our members receiving the newsletter by e-mail . If you would like to sign up for the electronic newsletter email me at jme-neau@mach-iv.com

Visit us at - [www.wsls-nec.org](http://www.wsls-nec.org)

Jeff Meneau - Newsletter Editor



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- Jim Wallen - (President)

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Joel Wald

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Ch: Jim Sehloff  
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# 2009

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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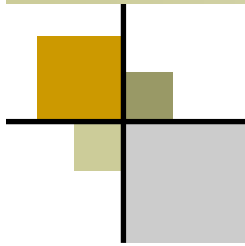
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues:**

- Professional Member:** Any person currently registered as a Land Surveyor  
 \$40.00 in the State of Wisconsin.
- Affiliate Member:** Any person not registered, who is interested in Land Surveying.  
 \$20.00
- Life Member** Any person having reached the age of 65, retired  
 No dues from practice, having been a member for two years prior to the date of retirement, having been recommended by a member and application approved by the Board of Directors.
- Student Member** Any person currently enrolled in a surveying curriculum.  
 \$10.00
- Sustaining Member** Any commercial or professional institution or individuals interested or affiliated with the surveying profession.
  - \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Membership includes a display of their business card in Quarterly newsletter.
  - \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Membership includes a full page ad and display of their business card in quarterly newsletter.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

We have reached the half way point of 2009 and summer is upon us. But who needs a calendar to determine when it's summer. If the temperatures are between 55 and 95 degrees you know summer has hit Wisconsin. Let's face it, the weather here is as easy to predict as it is to retrace a "John Doe" survey. We all have our "John Doe's", unless you are "John Doe", then life is grand.

I hope that the summer weather has given a boost to your workload. Although the economy is far from where it has been, the phone seems to be ringing a bit more than this past spring. So let's hope we are on the upswing!

For those of you who are not aware, we lost a life member of the chapter this past spring. Darwin Hintz, 96, died May 22nd in Finlay, Ohio. Although I never knew Darwin, or retraced much of his work, I do know he was passionate about the land surveying profession. Even at the age of 96, he looked forward to receiving the *Wisconsin Professional Surveyor* so he could work out the questions found in the "Problem Corner". My condolences go out to his family and friends.

The Northeast Chapter will again hold its annual golf outing / trap shoot immediately before the summer meeting on Thursday, July 9th at Mid Valley Golf Course. Tee times are available for either 9 or 18 holes. Contact Tom Leslie, [tleslie63@hotmail.com](mailto:tleslie63@hotmail.com) (920)448-4495, for tee times. The trap shoot will be held at 3pm at the De Pere Sportsman's Club. Contact Tom Giese, [TomGi@ci.green-bay.wi.us](mailto:TomGi@ci.green-bay.wi.us) (920)448-3111 for reservations. I hope you have the time to partake in one of these events.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the summer meeting.

James R. Westerman

Chapter President

The Thursday, July 9th 2009 meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors:

**Mid Vallee Golf Course**  
**3850 Mid Valley Drive**  
**DePere, WI**

18 Hole Tee Times start at 11:30, 9 hole tee times start at 2:30. Trap shooting is at 3:00

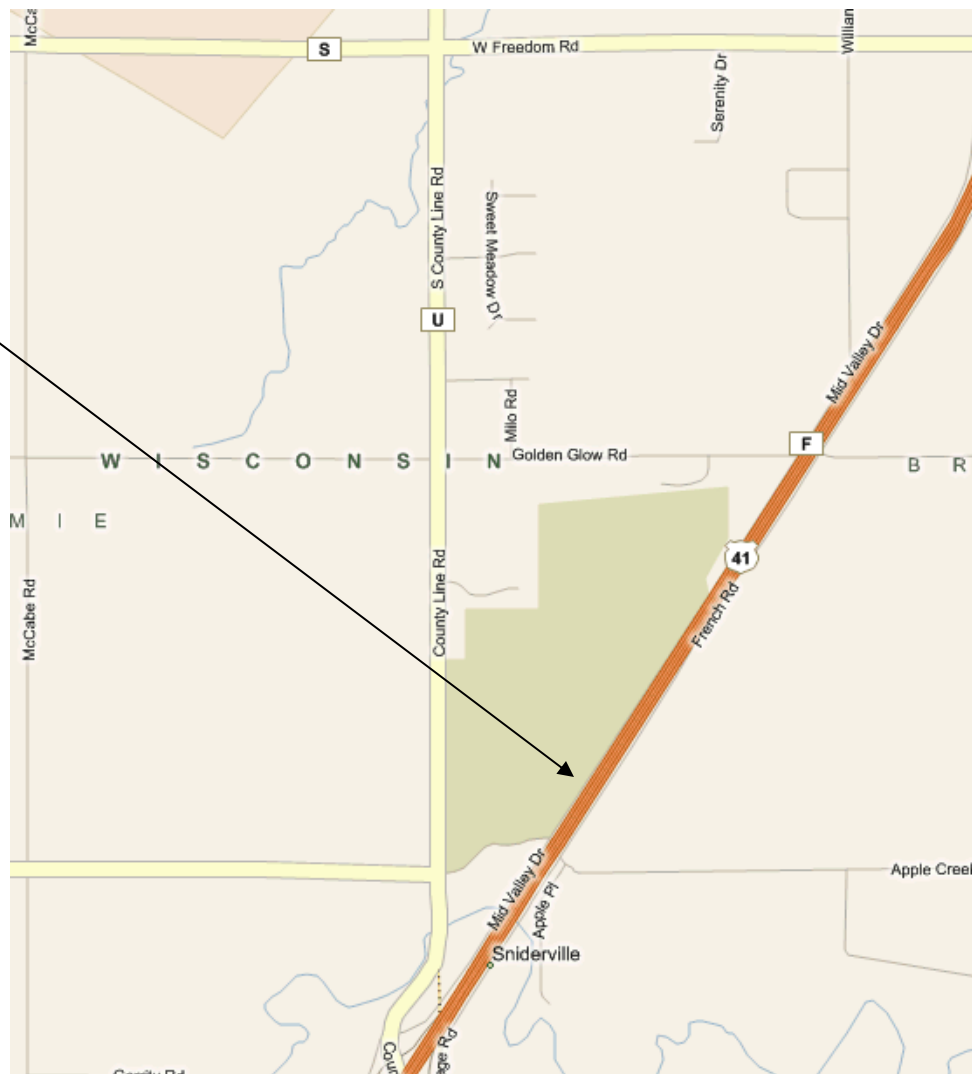
**Attitude adjustment is at 6:00 pm and Dinner is at 6:45 pm Dinner will cost \$15.00**

One paid member in attendance will receive a FREE MEAL compliments of Jim Winkler of Valley Surveying Instruments.

If you plan on attending the meeting please RSVP so we can get an accurate count for the meal.

Tom Leslie Secretary\Treasurer (920)448-4495 or Jim Westerman - President- 920-662-9641

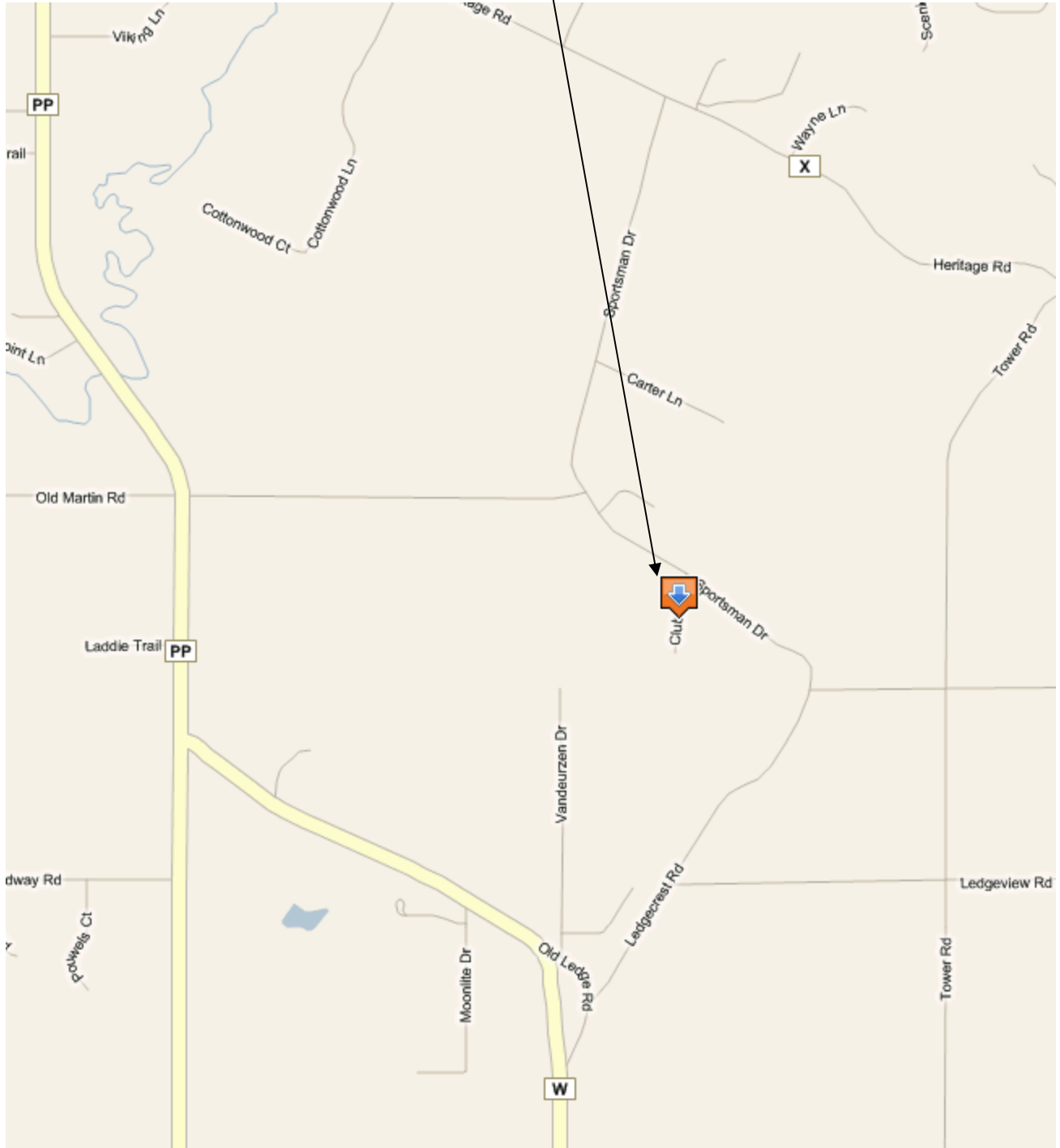
Mid Vallee  
Golf Course  
3850 Mid Valley Dr  
DePere, WI



# DePere Sportsman's Club

3623 Club Drive

DePere, WI



## 2009 SPRING General Membership Meeting Northeast Chapter of WSLs

The 2009 Spring General Meeting was held on April 9, 2009 at Cobblestone Creek in Brillion, WI. There were 34 members present, including 4 students, when Jim Westerman called the General Meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the General Meeting minutes of January 8, 2009.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented in the April 2009 Newsletter.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

#### **Continuing Education Update** *Rick VanGoethem*

Rick VanGoethem, Chapter Member and Licensing & Registration Board Member, gave an update of current developments in the revision of Chapter 10 of the Administrative Code, including:

- Continuing Education (CE) history
- Support for the draft as presented should be made at the public meeting on May 27 in Madison at 1pm
- CE will become law by the end of 2009
- 20 hours of CE will be required by every license holder starting in Feb. 2012
- One credit college class is equal to 20 PDH's (semesters) or 13.5 PDH's of a college course on a quarter basis
- One PDH is equal to 50 minutes of instruction or participation of an approved educational activity
- One continuing education credit (CEU) is equal to 10 PDH's
- Various means by which PDH's can be obtained (available on website)
- Approved providers for CE were listed (available on website)
- Proof of attendance requirements
- Recordkeeping is the responsibility of the license holder (WSLS will provide assistance with any WSLs related activities)
- Consequences of non-compliance and waiver of requirements for certain circumstances
- Comity

- There still *may be* some minor changes in the rule in the coming months before it becomes law

President Jim Westerman thanked Rick VanGoethem for his excellent presentation.

The following reports were given:

#### Newsletter Editors Report (Jeff Meneau)

- No report at this time

#### WSLS Report (John Baudhuin)

- Last meeting was on March 21, 2009
- President Jim Wallen reported on his activities since becoming President, including visits to Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa conferences and how they stack up against Wisconsin's Institute; and his visit to the ACSM Convention in Salt Lake City
- Institute Committee had its initial meeting which was extremely productive, with the schedule almost filled
- WSLs lobbyist reported that Rep. Frank Clark will be our main sponsor in the Assembly to help further the Chapter 236 revisions needed
- Outreach Committee reported on the upcoming "Day in the Life" at the National Railroad Museum on April 21-23
- Plat Review Chair Dan Frick asked for Chapters to review the proposed changes to Chapter 236 and report back to him
- Strategic Planning had an all day session on March 20. WSLs is no longer an all-volunteer organization
- All past Newsletters and Wisconsin Professional Surveyors have been scanned
- Burnett County DA stated that a cease and desist order has been agreed to by the subject of unlicensed practice
- Website updating has begun, with numerous suggestions from the recent SWOT meeting

#### Auditing Committee (Tom Giese)

- 2008 report was given at the Winter Board Meeting in February. Everything is good



**CST Committee** (Troy Hewitt)

- 14 people took and passed the latest CST testing at NWTC. MATC (Milw & Mad) will hold testing within 1 or 2 months

**Ethics and Practices** (Tom Leslie)

- No form received since the last meeting

**Land Records** (Pat Ford)

- No report at this time

**Legislative** (Ed Harvey)

- No report at this time

**Membership** (Jim Sehloff)

- Membership counts as of April 9, 2009:
  - 57 - Professional
  - 6 - Affiliate
  - 26 - Student
  - 5 - Sustaining
  - 15 - Lifetime
  - 109 Total

**Nominating Committee** (Bob Reider)

- Committee will start contacting people within the next few months

**Program Committee** (Terry Van Hout)

- Contact Terry with your suggestions for possible topics for upcoming 2009 General meetings

**Public Relations** (Lisa Van Horn)

- "Day in the Life" sign-up sheet is being passed around April 21-23
- Coleman H.S presentation volunteers needed in late April – Contact Lisa
- Foundation inventory will be soon – always looking for donations!!
- Foundation had a booth at NWTC Engineering Days last month

**Scholarship Committee** (Tom Wood)

- No report at this time

**Seminar Committee** (Gary Zahringer)

- 32 people attended
- All feedback was positive
- We didn't lose money!

**Student Representative** (Scott VanCalster)

- Students expressed their thanks for the NE Chapter sponsorship of part of the test cost
- 8 first year students at NWTC are in need of summer internships

**Trig Star** (Tom Wood)

- The raffle raised \$131, including the winner's share, which was donated back

**Old Business**

- Students introduced themselves
- Chapter website updates and new software was discussed
- *A new part should be added to next year's Chapter Membership application – "Do you want your phone number included in the newsletter paid members list?"*

**New Business**

- Chapter 236 revisions should include a clarification of government lot lines
- Those interested in a group/Chapter discussion on Chapter 236 revisions should sign up on the sheet available in the back of the room. Those who signed-up:

Pat Ford  
John Baudhuin  
Jim Westerman  
Joel Wald  
Tom Leslie  
Lisa Van Horn

A meeting should be held within a few weeks so a general consensus can be sent to WLSL. Jim Westerman will set up a meeting soon

- A proposed County Flat Recording Fee of \$25 was discussed. Some of this fee would go to LIO to help keep in running while some should be considered for maintenance of the PLSS remonumentation. A draft of the proposal is on the County website
- Some feel that the proposed fee hurts the surveyor in that most documents recorded by surveyors are CSM's, affidavits, etc., which now cost less to record than the \$25 flat fee
- Waupaca County has a new subdivision ordinance in effect on April 2, 2009. The County is asking for floodplain elevations (if a recent study has been done in the area) which does not jive well with FEMA
- Revisions to Brown County Chapter 21 are being considered. Suggestions and comments are encouraged
- Jim Westerman (for Joe Lett) reported that Michigan Tech Advisory Board met last week and decided to offer a BS in Geospatial

Engineering. It would be geared more towards LIDAR, GIS, photogrammetry than survey but is a step in the right direction

- Pat Ford (for Jim Wallen) reported that all counties are looking forward to a new 2010 orthophotography to coincide with the US census (most likely using LIDAR)
- LIO was originally used for monumenting PLSS corners but now GIS uses more of the funds, leaving less for survey needs. Please let your County Boards know your thoughts. Monuments are important!!

*Valley Surveying Free Meal: Joel Wald*  
*Chapter Free Meal: Mike Kaczmarzyk*

Being no further business, a motion was *made, seconded and passed* to adjourn 9:27 PM.

Respectively Submitted,  
**Thomas Leslie**  
Secretary/Treasurer

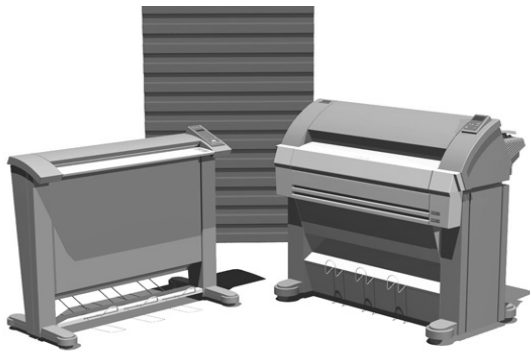
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## DARWIN A. HINTZ

Darwin A. Hintz, 96, Findlay, Ohio, died on Friday, May 22, 2009 at the Heritage Manor in Findlay. He was born on March 5, 1913 in Antigo, Wisconsin. He married Margaret Eva Brandt in 1935. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Darwin graduated from Antigo High School in 1930. He attended the School of Engineering in Milwaukee and was employed at Douglas Aircraft Company during World War II, in Racine, Wis. and Des Plaines, Ill., building military aircraft. He later worked as a Land Surveyor and Engineer with Foth, Van Dyke & Associates in Green Bay, retiring in 1975.

Darwin was one of the first surveyors in Wisconsin to have computer aided drafting, purchasing the expensive machine with his own money. He moved to Findlay, Ohio in 1990 but still kept in touch with surveying in Wisconsin, especially working out The Problem Corner in the "Wisconsin Professional Surveyor" magazine produced quarterly by the WSLs.

Darwin was a Lifetime Member of the Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of WSLs since October, 1978.

*Dear John,*

*The flowers were beautiful that you sent to my Dad, Darwin Hintz, for his memorial service.*

*He enjoyed his profession as a land surveyor. When the "Wisconsin Professional Surveyor Magazine" came out he was busy working on the Problem Solvers problem right away and enjoyed getting the correct answer, even at age 96 years old.*

*Thanks for all your support all these years.  
Jean & Jim Disher (Darwin's daughter)  
and Family*

Thank you card from Lisa Van Horn from  
The passing of her father



Thank you for  
the card & your thoughts  
during this difficult  
time.  
Lisa VanHorn





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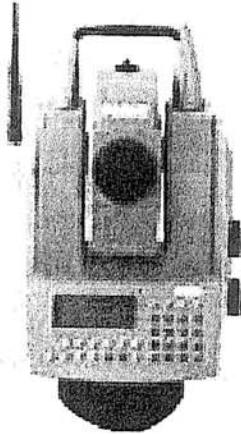
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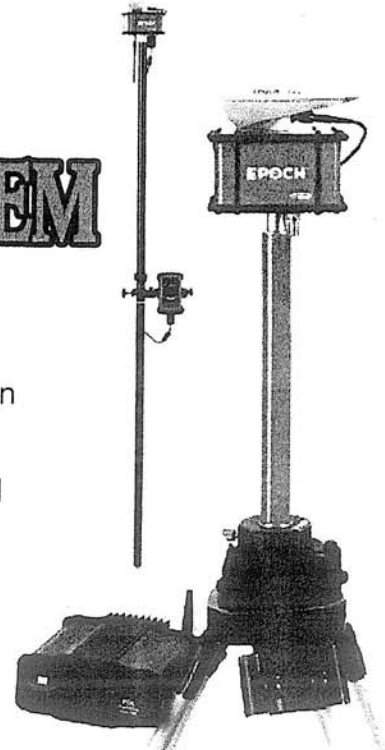
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**June 26, 2009**

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Deposits		700.00+	
Checks		376.74-	
Outstanding Checks		0.00-	
Current Balance			<b>6198.97*</b>
Cash Box Money		100.00+	
<i>(* - Checking Account contains \$555 for donated student meals and \$1056 for TrigStar)</i>			<u>1,611.00-</u>

**Available Chapter Funds: 4687.97**

**6-Month Certificate of Deposit**

Last Maturity Balance	4-28-09		2156.53
Total Interest (1.44%)	on 10-28-09		15.57
			<b>2172.10</b>
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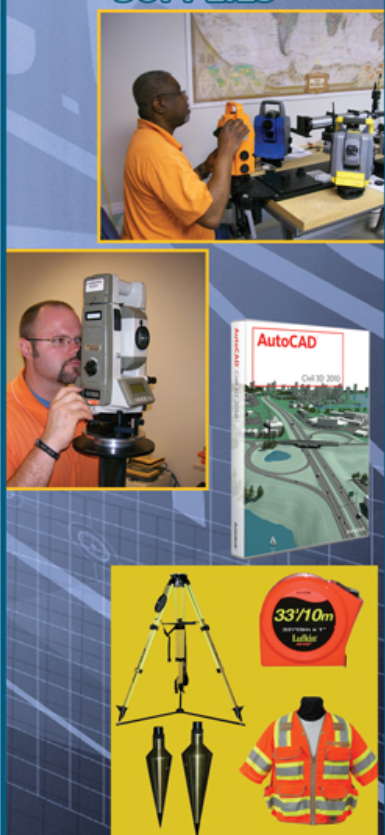
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## 2009 SPRING MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2009 Spring Board Meeting was held at Good Company in Appleton, WI on Thursday, May 14, 2009. There were **11** members present when President Jim Westerman called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

\* Revision of last meetings minutes for Trig Star Committee – Pizza Hut did not offer anything – they were “just talking” to them

*A motion was made, seconded and approved* to accept the revised Board Meeting minutes of February 17, 2009

No Treasurer’s Report was given. (all accounts are good)

The following reports were given:

### NEWSLETTER EDITORS REPORT (Jeff Meneau)

- Emailed newsletters are going great – over 80%

### WSLS REPORT (John Baudhuin)

- Next meeting will be this Saturday, May 16, 2009

### AUDITING (Tom Giese)

- No report at this time

### CST (Troy Hewitt)

- Nothing happening locally
- Still working with DOT to add CST testing as part of their construction requirements. This is 14 months ongoing with no real movement by the DOT
- MATC (both), and NWTC offer testing at their schools. Nicolet does not offer testing. Not really sure why as WSLS sponsors/donates some of the testing costs
- Testing at school gives MATC and NWTC students a “leg up” on the competition when applying for jobs

### ETHICS AND PRACTICE (Tom Leslie)

- A local title company asked our opinion of a surveyor drafting a deed for a client and stating as much on the deed. Opinions differ. It was agreed to ***bring this discussion to the Summer General Meeting at Mid Vallee Golf Course on Thursday, July 9***
- Should Surveyors notarize signatures on their own recorded CSMs and Subdivisions? Is it against Wisconsin Statutes? ***Bring this along with the above discussion***

### LAND RECORDS (Pat Ford)

- Wisconsin County Surveyors Association reports that the drop-dead date for upgrading radios to digital is January 1, 2013
- It also reports that the DOT will be required to have an RLS for everything basically by the same date
- The required highly-visible vests now required by Federal Law are so reflective that the vests can sometimes mess up your shooting glass
- If no vest was worn in an accident, workman’s compensation would be greatly reduced
- Elizabeth Roat, attorney for WSLS, has begun filing suit against the unlicensed surveyor practicing in Burnett County

### LEGISLATIVE (Ed Harvey)

- No report at this time

### MEMBERSHIP (Jim Schloff)

- There are 112 paid members as of this meeting
  - 58 Professional
  - 7 Affiliate
  - 26 Students
  - 6 Sustaining
  - 15 Lifetime
- Sustaining members are at 6. This is great news for the Chapter, especially in these times.

### NOMINATING (Bob Reider)

- Jeff Meneau has agreed to become Director for 2010 GOOD CHOICE!! but will he continue doing the newsletter??

### PROGRAM (Terry Van Hout)

- Terry asked a good question “Do we limit the prizes to only those from our Sustaining Members or do we get whatever we can from whomever we can?” After much discussion, it was agreed that the golf outing is just that – a golf outing, with as many hole prizes and door prizes as you can. The only PR the prizes donators really get is “OK, Longest Putt on 3... Rob Harris. You get a nice hat from TOPCON” (there’s the plug)
- It was also agreed that ***we should give thanks and acknowledge the prize donators on a separate page in the Fall newsletter***
- Secretary will check the Chapter’s tax exempt status and report to the Board in a subsequent email
- Ideas for Fall General Meeting presentation – Terry will contact Mark Teuteberg about presenting his seminar discussion from the last Institute

**PUBLIC RELATIONS (Lisa Van Horn)**

- On April 29, Aaron Ballast and Rob Clark presented leveling techniques used by surveyors and how it relates to the Landscaping & Architecture class at Coleman High School. Reports are it was well received by most of the students
- **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help set up the displays at this year's Pulaski Polka Days on July 24<sup>th</sup> and then the Pulaski Museum shortly thereafter. Please contact Lisa if you can help
- Darwin Hintz, the 97 year old surveyor who was the first Wisconsin Surveyor to have a computer to help in drafting maps, has agreed to donate all his old surveying equipment to the Foundation
- "A Day in the Life" at the National Railroad Museum on April 21-23 was another success. The addition of 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the students taking the tour was an added surprise. It was suggested that the presentation at next year's function should be more geared to the kids' grade level, mostly 3-4-5 graders. Instead of the right triangle portion, maybe the kids could make some measurements with the chains, steel tape and cloth tape. ***A questionnaire will be sent to all those who volunteered asking for their comments and suggestions for next year.*** More volunteers are needed each day – 4 people works better than 3
- Menasha contacted Jim Sehloff and asked a presentation on coordinate geometry. We should contact them about participating in Trig Star. ***Jim going to start it up?***

**SCHOLARSHIP (Tom Wood)**

- No report at this time

**SEMINAR (Gary Zahringer)**

- Everyone agreed that we should hold a seminar in 2010. While Gary Wickert would not agree to an all-day presentation, Bush Nelson might, if we ask. Attorney Jim Smith from Sturgeon Bay and seminar attendee stated that he would be interested in presenting something. John Baudhuin will contact Jim for more info
- 2010 Seminar will be held in mid-April (watch for Easter) to give more time away from the Institute seminars – some employers might balk at sending people if too close together
- Coordinating our date with the dates of WSLs seminars would be beneficial to all involved

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (Scott Van Calster)**

- Thanks to the Chapter for the sponsored meal
- Graduation is May 20<sup>th</sup>, with 14 people graduating. A few grads do not have jobs and a few first year students still need internships

- The limit of 24 students has been met for next year's NWTC surveying degree. A waiting list has also been created

**TRIG\*STAR COMMITTEE (Tom Wood)**

- West De Pere is done testing. Over 60 kids attended the presentation, with 8 taking the test. First, second and third place checks were given to Jim Westerman to be distributed accordingly.
- Southwest H.S. did not participate this year
- Perhaps the Madison area produces so many State Trig winners is because they focus more on the trig solving than surveying while we spend time on problem solving and geometry and relating it to surveying
- ***MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!***

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Trig Star and CST will now share both current and future Raffle proceeds
- Website updates will be sent to Scott DeBaker ASAP
- Secretary will send an email list of the Chapter 236 Discussion group members to Jim Westerman
- ***From now on, ALL emailed newsletters will also carry a link to the NE Chapter website***

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Why is a notary needed for the Surveyors signature on an Assessors Plat? That statute was written in the 1940's so it could be up for revision
- Elevations are also needed, perhaps for flood info in unstudied areas? Or a reference point?
- Is there a new elevation certificate available? The old one expired in 2009 and the latest say 2012
- John Baudhuin will check with the Ladder House in Sturgeon Bay as a possible meeting place for the Fall General Meeting in October

Being no further business *a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn* at 9:35 PM

Respectively submitted,

Tom Leslie  
Secretary  
Spring 2009 Board Meeting





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