

Northeast Chapter of the
Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

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Northeast Chapter Meeting
Thursday October 8th, 2009
Ladder House, Sturgeon Bay, WI



Presentation:

Accept or Reject Monumented PLSS Corners
By Les Van Horn

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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 - Sturgeon Bay
Ladder House
- 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

Jeff Meneau - Newsletter Editor



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- Jim Wallen - (President)

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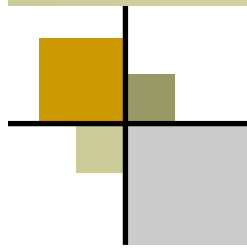
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Signature: _____ Date _____

Membership Dues:

- () **Professional Member:** Any person currently registered as a Land Surveyor in the State of Wisconsin.
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- () **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 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.
No dues
- () **Student Member** Any person currently enrolled in a surveying curriculum.
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- () **Sustaining Member** Any commercial or professional institution or individuals interested or affiliated with the surveying profession.
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Well fall has arrived and it is time to start gearing up for winter. It seems like last week we were eating pizza at Mid Vallee Golf Course. For those of you that were unable to attend, you missed a fun meeting. I would like to thank all involved in organizing the golf outing and trap shoot. A special thanks to all our sponsors for their donations as well.

With the new school year beginning now is a good time to be thinking about Trig*Star. For those of you that may have been on the fence on this matter please consider getting involved. The Program is very rewarding and the time commitment is minimal. I speak from experience on this matter and encourage all of you to take part.

The Northeast Chapter will again hold its fall meeting in Sturgeon Bay at the Ladder House. Les Van Horn has graciously volunteered to speak on the positioning of PLSS Corners. This should be a fun discussion to take part in. Please contact myself, jwesterman@releeinc.com (920)662-9641 or Tom Leslie, tle63@hotmail.com (920)448-4495 if you plan to attend. The Chapter has taken some hits on the past meals. It is very difficult to estimate the number of members that may attend a meeting. The Chapter has to pay the difference when we over estimate the number attending and if we under estimate, there will not be enough food for everyone. So if you plan on attending **please contact myself or Tom**. Your help on this matter is greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you all there!

James R. Westerman

Chapter President

The Thursday, October 8th 2009 meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors:

Ladder House

38 S 3rd Ave

Sturgeon Bay, WI

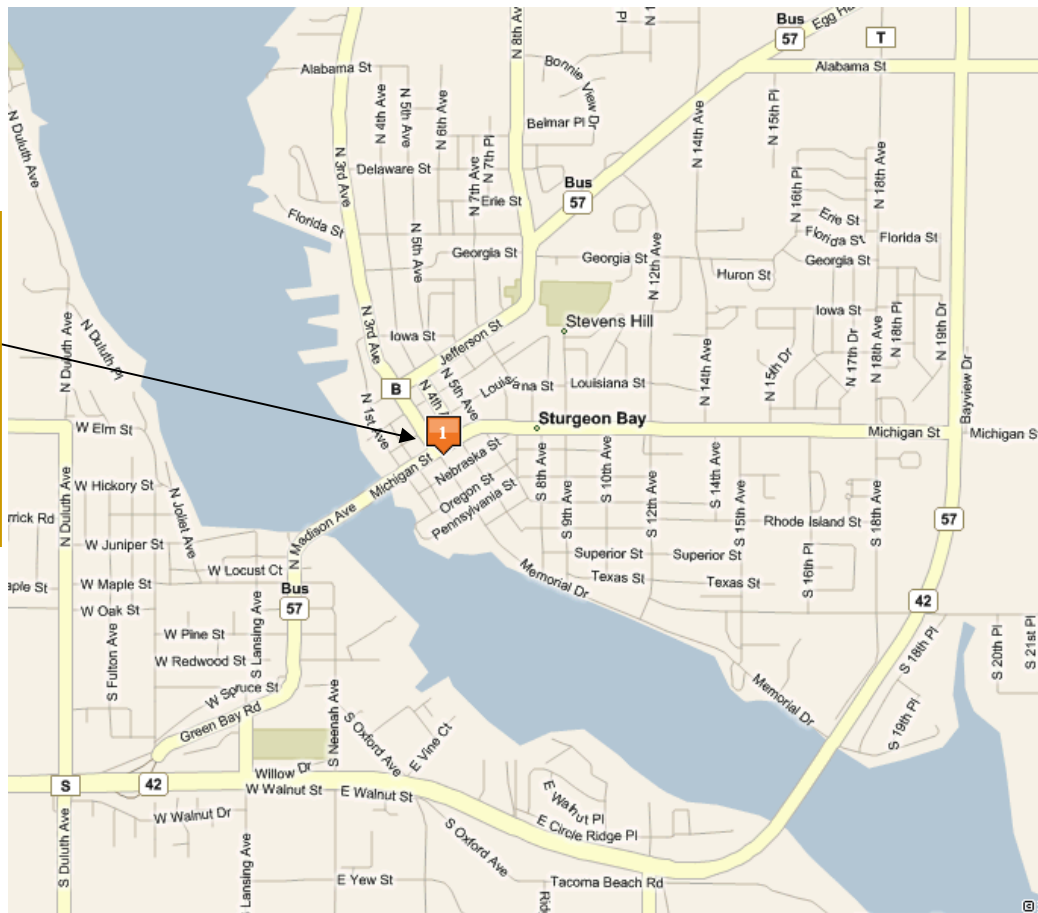
Attitude adjustment is at 6:00 pm and Dinner is at 6:45 pm Dinner will cost \$15.00

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

Ladder House
38 S 3rd Avenue
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Thank You!

A big Thank You to the following businesses for their prize donations to our Summer Meeting Golf Outing/Trap Shoot

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The Northeast Chapter sincerely appreciates your prize donations. Hopefully our membership will notice your efforts and support your businesses!

**NE Chapter WSLS
2009 Summer Meeting Golf Outing / Trap Shoot
July 9, 2009**



Golf Prize Winners:

Closest to Pin – John Baudhuin
Tom Leslie
Steve Bieda
Dennis Reim
Troy Hewitt
Scott DeBaker

Longest Drive – Rick VanGoethem
Rick Voskamp
Rob Harris
Jim Westerman

Longest Putt – Tom Wood
Jim Nelson
Tom Fogarty

Low Score 18 - Rob
High Score 18 - Dale
Low Score 9 - Wink
High Score 9 - Nelson

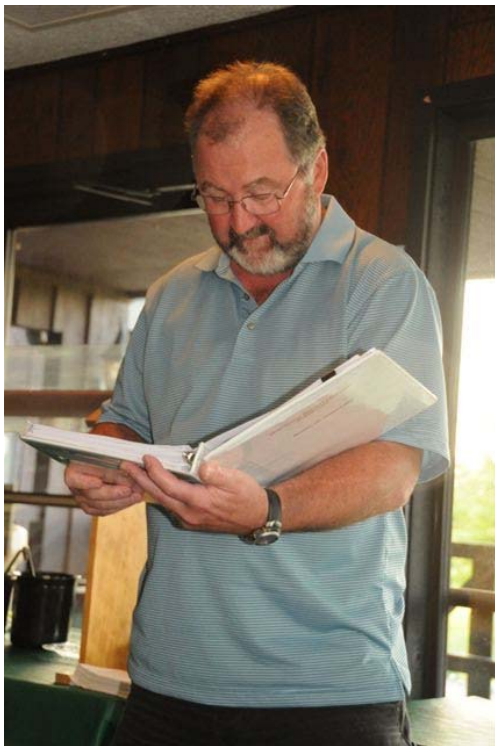
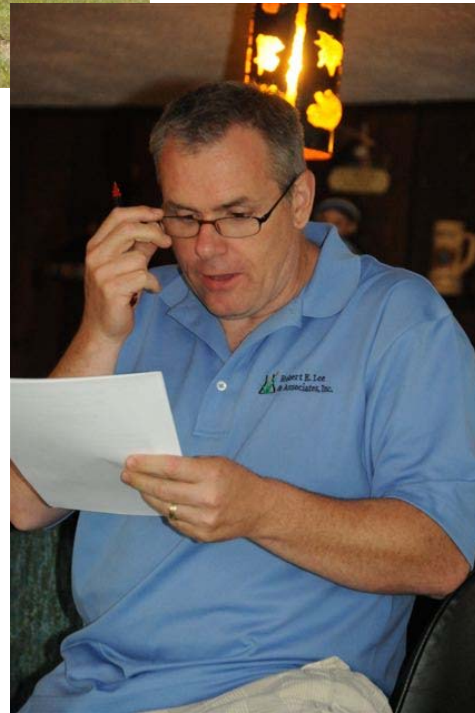
Trap Shoot Prize Winners:

Everyone won a prize, including:

Tom Giese
Lee Telfer
Les Van Horn
Lisa Van Horn
Terry Van Hout

Congratulations to all who participated!!

Photos from the Summer Meeting



2009 SUMMER General Membership Meeting Northeast Chapter of WSLs

The 2009 Summer General Meeting was held on July 9, 2009 at Mid Vallee Golf Course in Lawrence, WI. There were 27 members present, including 1 student and 2 special guests, when Jim Westerman called the General Meeting to order at 7:51 pm.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the General Meeting minutes of April 9, 2009.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Awarding of Golf & Trap Prizes

A Special "Thank You" was given to all Sustaining Members and Prize Donators for their continued support of NEC-WSLS. A full list of prize winners (golf and trap) will be published in the next newsletter

Les & Lisa Van Horn raffled off two 4-packs of Bullfrog tickets: *Winners were Jim Wallen & Tom Giese*

The following reports were given:

Newsletter Editors Report (Jeff Meneau)

- Going well. One member did not receive their newsletter
- Next year's Membership Application will ask members if they want to have their phone number published in each newsletter's "Paid Member" list

WSLS Report (John Baudhuin)

- Last meeting was on May 16, 2009
- President Jim Wallen has visited a number of chapters speaking about the benefits of becoming a WSLs member, continuing education and the upcoming Summer meeting given by the Milwaukee Chapter
- There is growing concern over unlicensed practice and low ball bidding
- Next year's Institute will set aside time on Wed (8-9:30am) for Chapter Meetings
- A motion was passed to inform the Education Committee that the Board

wants to leave the Continuing Education language as is

- The Board feels that WSLs needs to meet concerns expressed over the Surveying modernization bill (SB 194). A good strategy is needed to answer the concerns
- There's a 100% increase in the number of schools participating in TrigStar
- A meeting has been scheduled for July 29 with DORL to discuss WSLs's concerns over the non-use of DORL's power to clamp down on unlicensed practice – they have the tools but don't use them. There's a need to be clear in the complaint process
- A steering committee will be formed to oversee the implementation of the SWOT Executive summary - to get things done WSLs needs to spend money
- WSLs needs to increase membership. It was suggested that the forward thinking portion of SWOT should be published in the next *Wisconsin Professional Surveyor*

Auditing Committee (Tom Giese)

- No report at this time

CST Committee (Troy Hewitt)

- No report at this time

Ethics and Practices (Tom Leslie)

- Most members agreed that notarizing Owner's signatures on your own CSM is OK since sometimes it's only you and the owner there, so why not?
- There was much discussion on the topic of Surveyors preparing and recording deeds for clients. While opinions were 50/50 as to doing it or not, most agreed that surveyors are better equipped to write deeds than attorneys
- Some companies prepare deeds for clients but do not record for them
- Liens and mortgages are not always cleared properly when deeds are recorded, not only by surveyors but title companies and attorneys as well

Land Records (Pat Ford)

- Ted Koch, a major advocate of surveyors and frequent presenter/vendor at the Institute, has retired as State Cartographer

Legislative (Ed Harvey)

- Survey Modernization Bill, in circulation since the early 90's, is hopefully going to the State Assembly floor in early Sept., and then to the Senate. Both parties are working together on this. Most are optimistic that this bill will get out of committee and moving forward real soon
- The recent public meeting went well. WLIA registered as being in support of the bill as currently proposed
- It was suggested to "sunset" the exemptions for the State and public utilities

Membership (Jim Sehloff)

- Membership counts as of June 26, 2009:
 - 59 - Professional
 - 7 - Affiliate
 - 26 - Student
 - 6 - Sustaining
 - 14 - Lifetime
 - 112 Total

Nominating Committee (Bob Reider)

- Jeff Meneau has agreed to become the 2010 Director

Program Committee (Terry Van Hout)

- "Thank You" to all those companies who donated prizes to the golf outing and trap shoot, with a BIG thanks to Rob Harris and Steve Bieda for the majority of the prize collecting

Support Our Contributors!!!

Public Relations (Lisa Van Horn)

- A new museum display will be set up at the Pulaski Museum just in time for Polka Days July 24-25. The display will remain there for a while. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with the setup. Contact Lisa if you can help out!
- There are currently 6 Foundation museum displays setup: *Waukesha, West Bend, Sturgeon Bay, National Railroad Museum, Pulaski and in the Capitol Bldg in Madison*
- ***Volunteers are needed to help count inventory of display items***
- GB Bullfrogs are producing/selling baseball cards w/ your business on one side and player info on the other for \$250. Please contact Lisa Van Horn if interested!

Scholarship Committee (Tom Wood)

- No report at this time

Seminar Committee (Gary Zahringer)

- April 16th, 2010 is the tentative date of the next seminar, possibly with Bush Nielsen doing an all-day presentation

Student Representative (Scott VanCalster)

- 24 people are enrolled for 1st year and 16 people are enrolled for 2nd year at NWTC

Trig Star (Tom Wood)

- There was no raffle held at this meeting

Old Business

- Special Guests Frank Thousand (WSLS Executive Director) and Bruce Bowden were introduced
- Web hosting for the Chapter website has been renewed for another 2 years
- Flat Fee Recording (not on the Bill schedule yet) was discussed, including:
 - Raising fee from proposed \$25 to \$30 after State Senator found out that his SS# could be used to acquire a credit card under his name without his approval
 - Redacting SS# numbers from recorded documents (illegal to include now). Once completed, could this money be put towards remonumentation?
 - Realtor groups are onboard with the fee
 - Dispersement of the fee ***Will the money go to where they say it will go??***

New Business

- Joe Lett brought an interesting case to the membership: *Plat of an Island in the Wisconsin River – who owns it??* Discussion included how the island would be unpatented, perhaps omitted from inclusion in the Swamp Land Act of 1850 and how unsurveyed lands are owned by the Federal Government (unless resurveyed)

Valley Surveying Free Meal: Tom Giese

Chapter Free Meal: John Baudhuin

Being no further business, a motion was *made, seconded and passed* to adjourn 9:23 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Thomas Leslie
Secretary/Treasurer

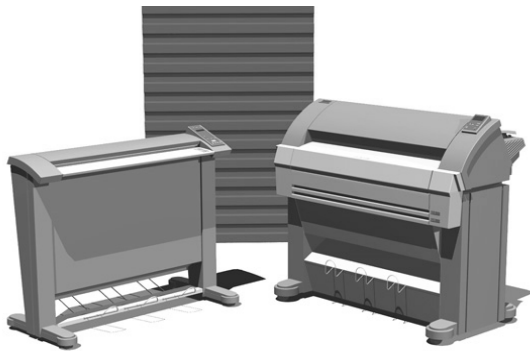
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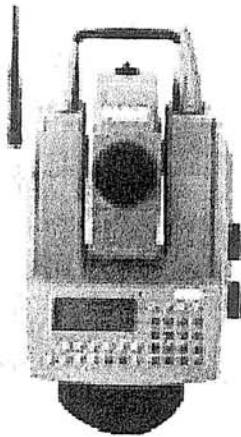
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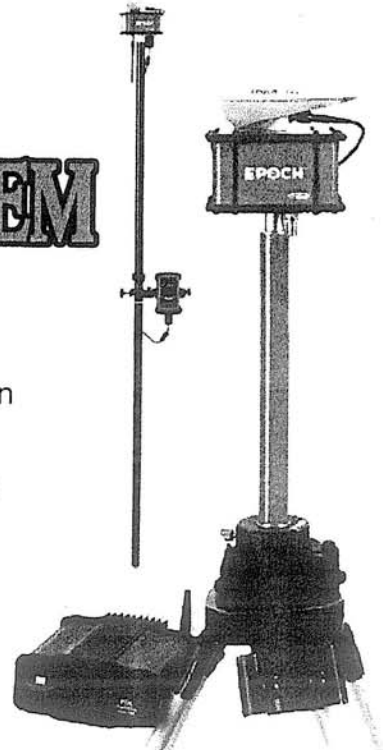
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October 1, 2009

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Starting Balance	8-29-09	6198.97
Deposits		00.00+
Checks		823.45-
Outstanding Checks		0.00-
Current Balance		5375.52*
Cash Box Money		100.00+
(* - Checking Account contains \$540 for donated student meals and \$1056 for TrigStar)		<u>1,596.00-</u>

Available Chapter Funds: 3879.52

6-Month Certificate of Deposit

Last Maturity Balance	4-28-09	2156.53
Total Interest (1.44%)	on 10-28-09	15.57
		2172.10
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2009 SUMMER MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2009 Summer Board Meeting was held at Mackinaw's in Green Bay, WI on Thursday, August 13, 2009. There were 11 members present when President Jim Westerman called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Board Meeting minutes of May 14, 2009

Treasurer's Report was given as presented in the July newsletter

The following reports were given:

NEWSLETTER EDITORS REPORT (Jeff Meneau)

- *Fall newsletter email will also contain a link to the NE Chapter website as well as a link to ALL sustaining member websites*

WLS REPORT (John Baudhuin)

- Next meeting will be held Aug. 15 at the WLS Summer Meeting, with the President of NSPS as a featured presenter
- State agencies and public utilities are creating problems with the proposed Survey Redefinition Bill. WLS is spending a lot of \$\$ to fight this "problem". The public meetings are going well
- WIDOT will be ending its surveyor exemption earlier than planned (2013 instead of 2018)
- WLS President has visited all of the state chapters to explain the latest and greatest on Continuing Education. The latest public meetings have had no public opposition
- The 2010 Institute can be used towards Continuing Education requirements
- There are currently 4 complaints received concerning unlicensed surveying

AUDITING (Tom Giese)

- No report at this time

CST (Troy Hewitt)

- No report at this time

ETHICS AND PRACTICE (Tom Leslie)

- No complaints or requests have been received since the last Board meeting

LAND RECORDS (Pat Ford)

- No report at this time

LEGISLATIVE (Ed Harvey)

- No report at this time

MEMBERSHIP (Jim Sehloff)

- There are 114 paid members as of this meeting
 - 60 Professional
 - 7 Affiliate
 - 26 Students
 - 6 Sustaining
 - 15 Lifetime

NOMINATING (Bob Reider)

- No report at this time

PROGRAM (Terry Van Hout)

- Fall General Meeting presentation – Terry has yet to contact Mark Teuteberg about presenting his seminar discussion from the last Institute. He will report back via email ASAP

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Lisa Van Horn)

- It was suggested that period clothes should be purchased to use during the various displays and booths involving the Chapter – the consensus was that it would be too hard fitting all of the "various sized" volunteers

SCHOLARSHIP (Tom Wood)

- Activity is picking up. Jim Sehloff will contact Tom Wood about possibly tying our application mailing along with the State's mailing – that would be more convenient - *maybe we could use the State's application as a basis for our own??*

SEMINAR (Gary Zahringer)

- Next seminar is set for April 16, 2010
- Many positive comments were received from the last seminar about Bush Nielsen's presentation
- Comments will also be reviewed for suggested topics, needing two – one for morning and one for afternoon – *perhaps Bush Nielsen all day??*

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (Scott Van Calster)

- NWTC starts classes on August 18

TRIG*STAR COMMITTEE (Tom Wood)

- West De Pere has committed to 2010 participation – working on De Pere and Southwest and perhaps Little Chute?
**** VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! ****

OLD BUSINESS

- Flat Fee recording of documents – real estate groups want the proposed extra \$5 to be sunsetted (no

specific year given) – prelim draft is expected in late September

- New elevation Certificates are available – date now shows “3-31-2012”

NEW BUSINESS

- No New Business was presented

Being no further business *a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn* at 8:22 PM

Respectively submitted,

Tom Leslie
Secretary

Summer 2009 Board Meeting



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