



# North Texas News



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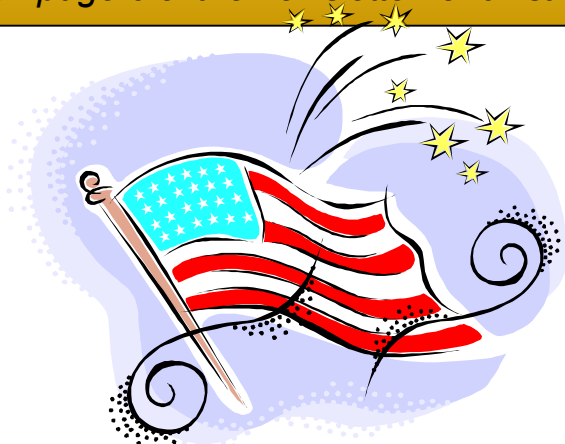


### Important Days to Remember

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Holiday  
 July 21<sup>st</sup> - Annual Boat Trip  
 August 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - College Station  
 September 11<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting  
 October 9<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting  
 November 13<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting

*Be sure to check out the Education Schedule on page 6 of the newsletter for a listing of*

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## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

*Note: No Chapter Meeting this month.*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By WILLIAM "BILL" STOLL



Chapter 36 received the following letter: "We want to thank you and your organization for the donation of \$4,968.36 in memory of Steve Baggett to The Hospice of East Texas Memorial Donation Fund. Your generosity will help us meet our goals of serving more East Texas (sic) facing a difficult time in their lives. An acknowledgement has been sent to the family as requested. Your investment in The Hospice of East Texas will change lives by helping families before and after the death of their loved one (sic). We appreciate your generosity! Please come and visit with us whenever you would like. Our doors are always open to you." Signed: Marjorie Ream, President/CEO, The Hospice of East Texas

Interestingly, I discovered that The Hospice also has a pediatric program for young children in need of hospice care. We are so blessed to be in a position to help! Thanks again to all who participated as well as those who worked so hard to make the Golf Tournament and the Spring Seminar a success.

Be sure to set aside Saturday, July 21 for some great fun. Chapter 36 will be sponsoring the fifth annual boat cruise to be enjoyed on beautiful Lake Grapevine. Every year the number of participants increases as more of our members catch on to the fun that can be had on these outings. Yes, July days can be hot but being on the water (in the shade if you chose) watching the sun dip below the horizon while accompanied by family, IRWA friends, good food and refreshments add up to a wonderful time. For the young-at-heart and/or those of you with younger children, the social committee has added a second venue (Fred, a boat designed for swimmers) dedicated to swimming and cavorting in the water that will precede the sunset cruise. Don't miss this opportunity to introduce your family members to the people you work with during the week in a refreshing family-friendly atmosphere.

I hope that you are making plans to attend the Region 2 Education Conference in College Station during the first week of August. There will be IRWA courses, a golf tournament, an awards luncheon, entertaining but thoughtful speakers, right of way updates and, of course, great opportunities to network with others in our profession from all over Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. I have never come away from one of these events without at least one valuable nugget that has helped me in my chosen profession. As a new appraiser I met professionals that I later called on for advice when I came upon special situations that called for experience that I did not yet have. Do yourself a favor – take advantage of this opportunity to make yourself more valuable to your employer.

Overheard at the May Luncheon: Bentley Powell of the North Texas Municipal Water District stated that when he found out that Doug Lovern had recently earned his SR/WA Designation, he hired him on the spot. Congratulations Doug on your Designation and your new position. I am sure that you are going to miss those long commutes to Fort Worth!

Chapter 36 experimented with a June luncheon and 55 members and guests enjoyed the new House of Blues restaurant near downtown Dallas. Paul Hubert of Surveying and Mapping, Inc. shared a very interesting briefing on what all goes into providing the client with accurate surveys. The Board decided not to have meetings in July and August as we will have the boat cruise in July and the Region 2 seminar in August. Thanks to our dedicated editor (Denise Perez) and website manager (Mark Breedlove), we will keep in touch through our newsletter during each of those months.

# Annual Boat Trip



Save the date! Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Trip is Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

This year we are excited to rent 2 boats.

The first boat is "Fred" – for swimming 3-6pm. Bring the children. Water, sodas and light snacks will be on board.



2<sup>nd</sup> boat is "Lone Star Lady" – 6:30-9:30pm. Food and fun. This boat will have a light dinner catered by Village Grill. It will include sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, desserts. There will also be an open bar with your choice of beverage including soft drinks and water.

## Cost:

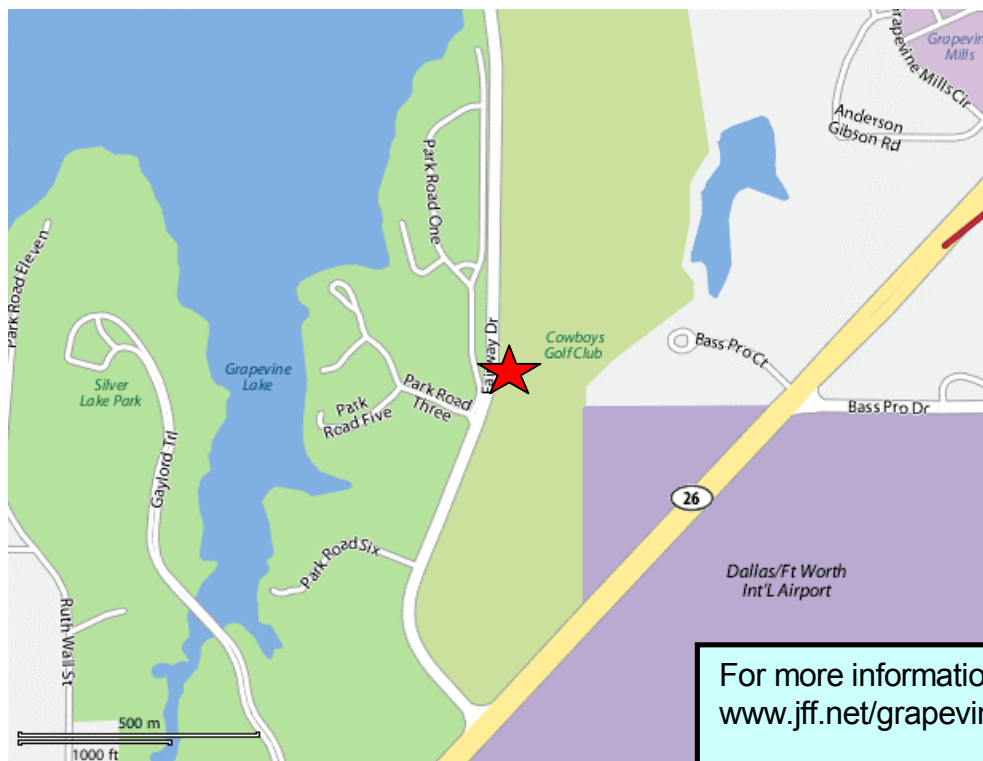
\$15.00 a person

\$25.00 a couple

\$10.00 children

10 years and under are FREE

Please send money/check to the attention of Karen Gnuse at U.S. Right of Way, 1454 Javelin Way, Lewisville, TX 75077 by July 16<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, call 972-966-2809 and ask for either Karen or Stephanie.



For more information go to:  
[www.jff.net/grapevine/index.htm](http://www.jff.net/grapevine/index.htm)



# PDC



SRWA and R/W

Bandwagon

As of 6/20/07

New Candidacy Apps. Received: Pamela England(SRWA),

Candidacy Apps. Approved: Hal Barber(NAC), Regina Foster(RAC), Karen Mustard(RAC)

Completion Apps. To IRWA: William Maples(NAC), Sandra Foreman(NAC),  
Robert (Matt) Lance (RAC)

New R/W Certifications: Olga Estefes (RAC), Donna Tyra (RAC), Angie  
Nguyen(RAC), Jose Estefes (RAC)

New SR/WA Designations: Gentry Hubbard, Wilber Smith Assoc., Stephanie Burkhardt  
and Darrell Burkhardt, US ROW

New Recertifications: Jeanne Green, Tarrant Co.



### PDC FAQ's

Can courses taken many years ago be used toward getting the SR/WA designation or one of the Certifications?

Yes, to obtain them there is no limit as to when you took the course, but recertification courses must be dated only within the five-year period.



### !!! NEW SR/WA'S !!!



Dallas County's Carter Ferguson received his SR/WA plaque, pin and nametag from President Bill Stoll and Greg Althoff, PDC Chair.

### ATTENTION NEW SR/WA's and R/W's

All new SR/WA and R/W who are going to attend the A&M Seminar in August please call or email me and let me know who you are.

**Region 2 and Chapter 36 would like to recognize your accomplishment at the luncheon banquet on Thursday.**

**So far in 2007 we have 10 SR/WA's and 6 R/W's**

**And many more on the way !!**

### ??? QUESTIONS ???

#### Chapter 36 PDC Committee Members:

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**Mail ALL Applications to Chapter 36 PDC - Greg Althoff, DART, P.O. Box 660163, Dallas, Texas 75266-7230**

45th Annual Region2  
IRWA Educational Courses and Refresher Seminar  
"Today's Knowledge, Yesterday's Values, Tomorrow's Challenges"  
**August 1 - 3, 2007**  
**College Station, Texas**

Texas A&M University Campus Hotel Headquarters: College Station Hilton and Conference Center

**Online Registration Closes Thursday, July 26, 2007**

#### General Information

##### Headquarters Hotel

College Station Hilton Hotel and Conference Center  
801 University Drive E.  
College Station, TX 77840

Reservations 979-693-7500

**Ask for IRWA Block, block is released after 7/10/2007 unless it is sold out prior to that time**

##### Other Area Hotels (No IRWA Block established at these hotels)

- **Holiday Inn Express** (979) 846-8700
- **Quality Suites** (979) 695-9500
- **Chimney Hill Best Western** (979) 260-9150 or (800) 267-7750
- **LaQuinta Inn** (979) 696-7777

#### Meeting Registration

Early Registration - \$165.00 through July 10, 2007

Late Registration - \$190.00 after July 10, 2007

Registration includes Chair's Reception, Awards Banquet Ticket, Breakfast on Thursday and Friday, All Audio Visuals;  
[Go to On Line Registration](#)

##### Meeting Summary

August 1, 2007 - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual LE Clark Golf Tournament - Bryan Golf Course [Download fax in / mail in form](#)

August 1, 2007 - Educational Courses - College Station Hilton & Conference Center

[Course 103 - Ethics in the Right of Way Profession](#)

[Course 901 - Engineering Plan Development and Application](#)

August 1, 2007 - Chair's Reception - Hilton Hotel Ballroom

August 2 - 3, 2007 Region 2 Refresher Seminar

Texas A&M Memorial Student Center

[View the Tentative Agenda](#)

##### Miscellaneous Information

One Awards Luncheon Ticket is included in your meeting registration.

Course offerings and Refresher Seminar are Separate Events on Different Days

Registration form can be [downloaded and mailed in](#)

Awards Banquet tickets are available to un-registered guests for \$30 each online or on-site thru August 1, 2007

#### Cancellations/Substitutions

Requests for cancellations must be received by Housman & Associates in writing prior to July 10, 2007.

All refunds carry a \$25 processing fee. No refunds after July 10, 2007

**Substitutions** for preregistered participants that cannot attend **are encouraged and perfectly acceptable.**

Please fax the change(s) in writing, preferably on a registration form, to Housman & Associates at (512) 918-0225. Please indicate who the substitute is and the person for which they are substituting.

**!!!!!! Self Parking !!!!!**

Self parking is available in the University Parking Garage. For more information and fees, use the following link:

<http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/profiles/UCG.aspx>

There are no come and go privileges. You pay on each exit of the garage.

**NO pre-paid parking passes will be available with registration.**

For Additional Information:

<http://www.housmanandassociates.com/irwa/info.aspx>

## IRWA Chapter 36 2007 Education Schedule

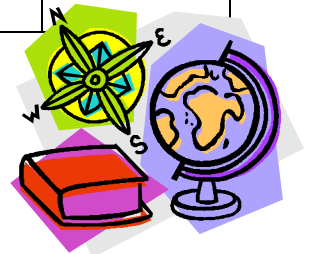
No.	Course	Date	Instructor	Location	Ch 36 Member	Member	Non-Member
505	Advanced Relocation I	September 17	L. Harrison	Dallas	\$191	\$255	\$320
506	Advanced Relocation II	September 18 & 19	L. Harrison	Dallas	\$300	\$400	\$505
802	Legal Aspects of Easements	October 1	S. Moran	Dallas	\$191	\$255	\$320
400	Principles of Real Estate App.	October 15 & 16	D. Sherwood	Fort Worth	\$300	\$400	\$505
410	Appraisal Review	October 26	D. Sherwood	Waco	\$191	\$255	\$320
203	Alt. Dispute Resolution	November 5 & 6	P. Brown	Dallas	\$300	\$400	\$505

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## Chapter 36 is Looking for Luncheon Speakers

Our chapter is always looking for new speakers covering the most interesting and up to-date topics in our evolving industry.

If you know anyone that you think would make a perfect speaker or know of a great meeting location, please contact Linda Burkett at 214-749-3831.

## Have a Job Opportunity you'd like to post?

Please submit all Right of Way Industry related job opportunities to:

Denise Perez at [dperez28@yahoo.com](mailto:dperez28@yahoo.com)

Those of you searching for a new job opportunity, be sure to check out our website [www.irwchapter36.org](http://www.irwchapter36.org) under Ch. 36 links, Local Job Postings section.

