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Important Days to Remember

August 11th – Boat Cruise
September 11th – Monthly Meeting
October 9th – Monthly Meeting
November 13th – Monthly Meeting

*Be sure to check out the Education Schedule
on page 5 of the newsletter for a listing of
classes and information*

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Hope
You're
Having
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Note: No Chapter Meeting this month.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By WILLIAM "BILL" STOLL, SR/WA, R/W-AC



To say that the IRWA National Convention is an event that everyone should experience does not adequately describe the value that one can gain from participating in this educational presentation. I arrived in Sacramento midday Saturday to try to acclimate to the two hour time differential before things started happening. Not knowing any better I decided to attend the International Valuation Committee meeting early Sunday morning where I and three other non-members were welcomed around the table. Our own Donnie Sherwood was an active participant whose sage advice was gobbled up by the other Council members. Later at an orientation session for first-timers, we were warned to pace ourselves throughout the convention. They were soooo right! There were meetings, education sessions, awards banquets, vendors showing off the latest service and information systems, auctions, music – you name it – going from 7:00 am to midnight everyday for the 983 registrants. I did not sense an “I’m just here to party” atmosphere among the participants which was refreshing. Not wanting to miss anything, I kept quite busy until the Convention came to a close late Wednesday evening. Desiring to get some of my recertification requirements out of the way, I took Course 103 (Ethics and the Right of Way Profession) on Thursday before catching a red-eye back to Dallas Friday morning. Next year’s Convention will be held in Austin, Texas and our friends at Chapter 74 promised the conventioners that no effort would be spared to make next year’s convention a memorable event. Judging by their Texas-sized promotional events at this year’s convention, I believe that next year will be the best convention yet and we should all make every effort to take advantage of this unique educational experience right down the road.



By the time you read this, the Region 2 Educational Refresher Seminar will be in full swing at College Station, Texas. Again, this is always a great opportunity to continue your education and to network with other right of way professionals. IRWA is well into the process of revamping every one of its educational offerings and, from my experience with Course 103, I can attest that the course material is being presented in a much more interesting and user-friendly form.

I once heard someone condense man’s life cycle into only two parts 1) the period during which one is growing; 2) followed by the period when one is dying. If you are not meeting a new person and/or adding to your store of useful knowledge everyday, well, you can decide for yourself which part of the cycle that you are in.

Time flies so quickly when you are busy but take the time to enjoy your family. Keep cool; practice safety on your outings; and come back refreshed. An interesting thought: I have never heard of anyone on their deathbed saying “Oh, I wish that I had spent more time at the office and less time with family and friends.”



Less we forget: Yesterday is only a memory that we can not change and can never get back. Tomorrow is a concept that allows us to hope that things can be better. Today is the only time period in which we can do anything worthwhile. So use your time wisely today as if there will be no tomorrow.

The Chapter 36 Board elected to not have a luncheon meeting during the month of August but we will be back at it in September. I hope to see you there!

IRWA Seminar

*College Station
August 1-3, 2007*



Head table – June Housman and Ernie Cochran, Housman & Associates, Rita Cavaness Golf Tournament Director, Randy Williams, Region 2 Chair, Gary Maler, Director, Real Estate Center at TAMU, Steve Beck, Region 2 Secretary, Jim Struble, International President, Faith Roland, International President-elect, Not Shown - Wayne Goss Region 2 Vice Chair



Champions, 18th Annual L.E. Clark Aggie Invitational Golf Tournament - Jan Marsell, Jan Watley, and Greg Althoff . Presented by Rita Cavaness (Lady in Charge)



CHAPTER 36 SRWA Recipients
Back – Bill Stoll, Greg Cook, Darrell Burkhardt, Gentry Hubbard and Greg Althoff. Front – Susan Cooper, Frances Wilson and Christie Castillo



Greg Althoff, Bill Stoll, Craig Marek, & Curtis Brownlow at Rudy's Annual Gathering.



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As of 7/25/07

New Candidacy Apps. Received: Ray Kelly(SR/WA) ,Tina Helton(NAC), Marcus Boyd(RAC)

Candidacy Apps. Approved: Larry Montenegro(RAC), Nathaniel Dickens(RAC), Gary Leuba (NAC), Wayne Cockrell(NAC)

Completion Apps. To IRWA: Gary Leuba (NAC), John Howell(NAC), Donna Harrison(NAC) Hal Barber(NAC), Craig Brandt(AMC), Craig Matheny(NAC)

New R/W Certifications:

New SR/WA Designations: Susan Cooper, Pinnacle Group

New Recertifications: John McLerran, SR/WA, TXU



PDC FAQ's

PLEASE NOTE: (In case you didn't notice this in the Right of Way Magazine.) As of July 1, 2007, the *online* Ethics Course, 103WBT, can only be used for Recertification Credit NOT for actual course credit toward designations or certifications. This is because the online Ethics course has become outdated. A new course is being developed and will be available in early 2008.

??? QUESTIONS ???

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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:

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

