

MISSOURI MAPPERS ASSOCIATION

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, RANDY LEWIS

I hope everyone had a good time at our 21st annual meeting. I thought it was very educational for all who attended.

We have all the committees organized, and the chair people are already starting on next year's conference. And yes we are always looking for new ideas, and suggestions that could make it better. So if you are not on a committee you can still give the board suggestions if you have any.

Our next board meeting will be at the Phelps County Court House on October 7th at 10:00 A.M.

The next meeting after that is tentative set for March 3rd 2006. I know it is the first Friday of Trout Season, but the meeting doesn't start till 10:00. So you will have time to fish before the meeting. Meramec, and Montauk are not too long of a drive from Rolla. "Need directions to the parks, e-mail me".

As we have all heard the stories in New Orleans, I would like recognize the person who does our publishing. When Katrina hit, Shane McDermott was finishing up on a rental house that he and his wife own. When the Hurricane came thru New Orleans and the people down there were

with out homes, he opened his house up for a family to use. Even though a family never came, he had the house for someone to use. And also a lot of members of the Missouri Mapper Association were also getting ready to send clothes, and funds to the family that was going to use Shane's house. Good job Shane, and to our awesome members for being there when someone is in need.

The Season is starting to change, no I do not mean the cold weather I mean "HUNTING SEASON", so I thought I would share some dates with our fellow outdoors people. Turkey Season is from October 1st thru 31st. Deer Season Rifle November 12th thru 22nd. Deer Season Archery September 15th thru November 11th, and November 23rd thru January 15th. All season information is on the Missouri Department of Conservations website.

www.conservation.state.mo.us And for the non hunters there are always the beautiful colors on the trees that you can see as you go to the wineries, yard sales, auctions, craft shows. That is just another secret blessing that Missouri has, are the fine colors our trees put out.

As being a Professional Land Surveyor, I thought I would share some Missouri history with you. As you know the initial point of the 5th Principal Meridian was established November 10th 1815. And that was the beginning of the survey system of Missouri. It was unique how they established that point. The Surveyor General that had the office in St. Louis sent Prospect Robbins, and Joseph Brown down the Mississippi River. When they got to the mouth of the St. Francis River Joseph Brown and his survey crew started surveying in a due West direction. Prospect Robbins continued down the Mississippi River to the Mouth of the Arkansas River and started his survey crew in a due north direction. When they met, setting stakes every half mile was on November 10, 1815. So since this was in a swamp in Arkansas, I do not have information handy to share with you on the Arkansas part, but I can tell you where Prospect Robbins was at Thanksgiving, and Christmas. On Thanksgiving he surveyed the east boundary line of section 11, township 18 north, Range 1 West. And continued a few miles north of that. As you can tell he was still in Arkansas. Christmas he surveyed the East line of Section 13, Township 41 North, Range 1 West. And

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continue north a few miles. That day he was in Franklin County, just north of where the Meramec River crosses the 5th Principal Meridian. Their average pace was about 5 miles a day. And with that, and the Holiday season coming up I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!

Once again I would like to thank all the committee people who took on the operation of being a part of their committee. And to Dan Lashley Missouri DNR Land Survey Division. For looking up the date where Prospect Robbins and Crew were on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sincerely
Randy Lewis
President

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HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Belinka Novotny-Held, Committee Chair

The historical committee thanks Larry Kroupa, sales representative with Kara Mid-America, who took photos at the 21st annual conference. Those photos have been printed and placed in the archived MMA photo albums. The photos will soon be available for viewing on the MMA website missourimappers.org.

The following "MMA History" is a reprint of an article submitted by Don Cleveland (GE Energy) in the 1980's while he was the Historical Committee Chair. I thought the information was worth sharing again with the members.

M.M.A. HISTORY

DID YOU KNOW...

The Certification Committee was originally called the Professional Admissions Committee.

The Annual Meeting Committee was originally called the Program Committee.

The First Formal Board Meeting was held on December 4, 1984 at the Hilton Inn of the Ozarks, Springfield, Missouri.

The Missouri Mappers Association was incorporated as a Missouri General **NOT FOR** Profit Organization on August 3, 1984.

Legislative Committee

Report of 93rd General Assembly, 1st Special Session: of interest to MMA

HB3 - Sponsor: [Pratt, Bryan](#) - CoSponsor: [Yates, Brian David, this bill](#) prohibits the posting of certain personal information on the Internet. Approved by Governor on 9/15/2005.

To repeal section 1 as enacted by the first regular session of the ninety-third General Assembly. This is in reference to bills SB 420 & HB 344 and approved by the governor on July 13, 2005. Section 1 read [1. No court or state or local agency shall post the home address, Social Security number, or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the Internet without first obtaining the written permission of such official. And also enacted an emergency clause.

This report is a summary of the 93rd General Assembly, 1st Special Session of bill effecting the Missouri Mappers Association.

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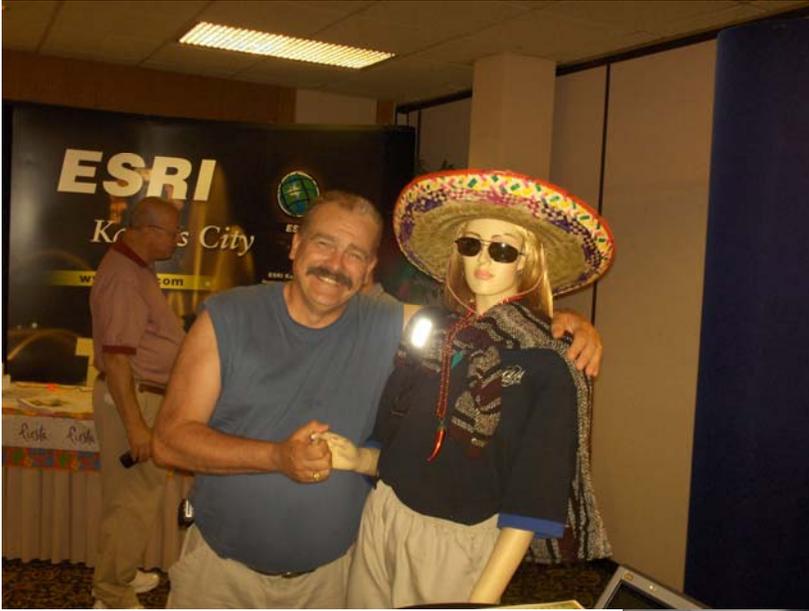


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CENTRAL EAST CHAPTER NEWS

The Central East Chapter of MMA met on August 4 at the 21st MMA annual meeting. The first order of business was the election of officers. The results of the election is as follows:

President: Belinka Novotny-Held, Jefferson County

Vice President: Wendy Nordwald, Warren County Assessor

Treasurer: Alice Lee, Jefferson County

Secretary: Sarah Anderson, Cape Girardeau County

Our next meeting is being planned for sometime during the first or second week in November. Plans are pending to tour the Defense Mapping Agency in Jefferson County.

An updated members list is being compiled for our chapter. If you would like to be included please send your name, address, phone, and e-mail address to bheld@jcao.org.

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Membership Report

Please check your address label to see if you are paid up for this year. Some of you may have missed the annual meeting and still wish to receive newsletters, so please renew your membership so you don't miss any newsletters.

I will send renewal notices out in the near future to all new assessors and those not currently members. You can get a membership form off of the Missouri Mappers Association website or you can call me and I will be glad to send you a form. Dues are \$15 for the year, due each year at the annual meeting time. We will try to put an updated membership list in the next newsletter.

Thank you,

Gladys Smith

Membership Chairperson

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AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Congratulations to the award recipients at the 21st Annual Missouri Mappers conference.

The **Mapper of the Year** award went to Kay Schenewark who has worked at the Benton County Assessors office for 28 years. Kay has been a member of MMA since it began in 1984.

The **Fireball** award was presented to Shane McDermott who is the GIS manager at Poeping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc. Shane has produced the MMA newsletter for 3 years.

Eddie Whitworth, Assessor of Camden County since 1997, received the **Outstanding Boss of the Year Award**. Ken Olive (Chief Deputy Assessor) and the Camden County Assessor's staff submitted the nomination.

Shannon Armstrong's effort in putting together this year's excellent annual meeting deserves applause. Her hard work earned her the **Annual Meeting** award. Shannon is employed with Sidwell.

Two individuals received special recognition of appreciation. Recognized for his contributions to MMA was Dawson "Slick" Heathman. Slick will be retiring this year. Mike Sutherland was recognized for being instrumental in helping the passage of SB210.

Kim Swisher (Kucera) was recognized for serving as President of MMA for the 2004-2005 year.

Chapter officers and committee chairs were presented with certificates of appreciation and board members received a gift of appreciation.

Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this a successful year and for a job well done.

Belinka Novotny-Held, PMM
Awards Chairperson (2005/2006)





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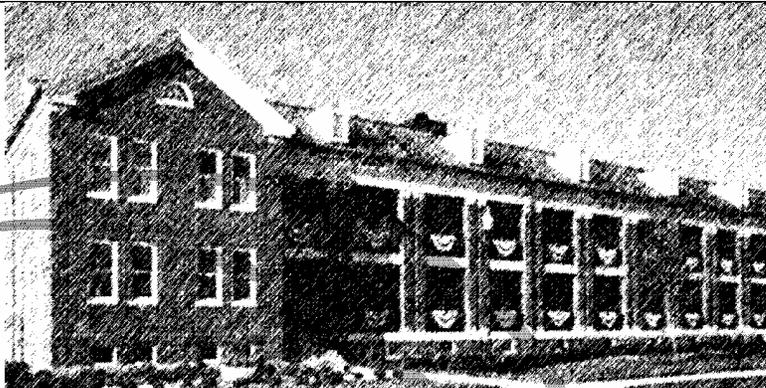
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September 30, 2005 Treasurer's Report

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Education		\$80.00
Exhibitor Fees		\$400.00
Golf Tournament		\$756.50
West Central Dues		\$65.00
Newsletter Ads		\$0
Misc. Raffle		\$636.00
Interest Earned		\$8.40
Total Receipts	\$2,915.90	
Beginning Balance + Receipts		\$33,248.17

Disbursements

Tropic Island Cruises		\$1,808.00
Alice Lee (Food for BBQ)		\$121.76
Bear Creek Golf Course		\$1,515.90
Randy Lewis (Food for BBQ)		\$154.08
Shannon Armstrong (Food for BBQ)		\$97.44
Postmaster (stamps)		\$7.40
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Sew Personal (Shirts)		\$85.80
Sun on the Run Tan & Travel (Cruise)		\$1,200
The Resort At Port Arrowhead		\$10,758.63
West Central (Dues Collected)		\$120.00
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We expect to print out approximately 275 newsletters, as well as emailing the link on the MMA website to multiple people and organizations.

We are still in need of information to print. If you have any stories, interesting pictures, or GIS/Mapping related news, please send them to Shane McDermott at shanem@psba.com.

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Certification Committee Report

On Thursday Aug. 4, 2005, during the MMA Annual Conference, a meeting was held for the PMM designees in attendance. A discussion of modifying the PMM designation or adding a separate designation for those individuals that do mapping in a digital format rather than ink and Mylar was held. The general consensus was that there should be some changes made to allow those individuals to receive a designation.

On Friday October 7, I met with the MMA board and received approval to proceed. In the near future the PMM committee (Tim Houtchens, Linda Reynolds, Linda Crane, Stan Balsman and Belinka Novotny-Held) and I will be meeting to make the necessary modifications. Suggestions from the general membership are welcome so please feel free to contact any of us. You can email me at assessor.gis@callawaycounty.org. At this time our plan is to complete the modifications in time for the testing which will take place next year in May or June.

Respectfully submitted,

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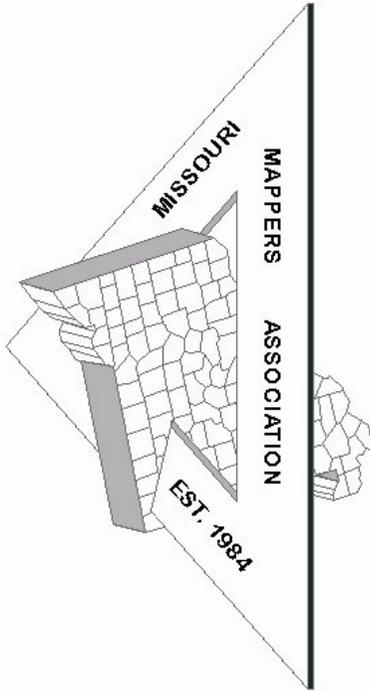


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