

MMA News

MISSOURI MAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Letter from the President

If you didn't come to the 2003 Missouri Mappers Conference, you really missed an exciting AND educational opportunity. You'll have the chance to read more about it in this issue of the newsletter but I wanted to share with you that I thought it was the best one I've attended since 1999. The change in location was a hit, so we've already made reservations for next years meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn Sun-Spree at Lake Ozark on August 4-6, 2004. In the next newsletter, we'll publish the results of the 2003 conference evaluations. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill one out. It's feedback that really helps us plan a successful conference.

I'd like to thank last years board members for nominating me to be your leader for the next year. I will strive to carry out the work of the membership. With that in mind, I encourage you to contact me and give me some feedback about what you want to see in the next year for MMA. I can be reached at work 417-831-8430, home 417-788-8841

or by email
grgpetersn@sbcglobal.net.

Let's welcome new board member and the 2004 Annual Meeting Chair, Stephen Daw who is the GIS Director for Shafer, Kline & Warren. We're excited to have him on board. He was recently on the Mid America GIS Consortium conference committee, so he has lots of experience putting together educational meetings.

We're going to stick to the recent trend of three board meetings during the year, and we'll see if we can accomplish everything during those times. The schedule as it stands at the moment is October 3, 2003, March 5, 2004, and June 4, 2004 at the Phelps County Courthouse in Rolla. Directions are posted on the website www.missourimappers.org or contact our Secretary, Richard Brown at 417-831-8577. We will get started at 10am in the Multi-purpose room. All members and committee chairs (or representatives) are invited, and ENCOURAGED to participate. Please send any committee reports or business items to me at least three

days in advance so I can get them on the agenda.

Take a look at the enclosed committee list and you will see several new names. You might notice we've got a couple of committees with co-chairs. If you've ever served on a committee, you know there are usually one or two people who do all the work while there are others who sign up then don't participate. Then there are some committees that require a lot of work to get anything accomplished, like putting on the annual meeting or workshops, etc. It's best when one or two people don't have to do the work of ten people. With co-chairs they can each work with the committee members to encourage everyone to participate more fully.

We're going to see some new things coming from MMA and I am hopeful that it increases our membership numbers. This organization will thrive and grow if we want it to and if we are willing to do the work required. If we're not willing to do anything different or roll up our sleeves to get things accomplished, then it won't.

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I see many opportunities to cultivate the previous years of hard work the membership has invested into this organization. It's a solid foundation that provides a platform for us to continue to build on. Some of the things I'll ask the membership to consider this year is updating the by-laws, creating mission and vision statements and outlining a long range plan of goals to work toward. With decreasing budgets, we are going to have to compete with travel and training dollars more each year. If MMA is viewed as providing value to our employers, then it will be easier for us to justify our participation in workshops or the annual meeting. I look forward to serving you during the year of our 20th Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Peterson

What is the Missouri Mappers Association?

The Missouri Mappers Association is a nonprofit organization. Its purpose is to bring together those persons concerned with property mapping in state and local governments and private industry, to create a framework in which we:

- Cooperate in the investigation, study, discussion, and recommendation of improvements in property mapping and land record management.
- Promote the interchange of ideas and experiences.
- Improve the practice of property mapping and knowledge through education and training.
- Support legislation beneficial to property mappers and land record management.

Headlines from the 2003 Annual Meeting

The 2003 MMA Annual Meeting was a huge success. We had beautiful weather and the atmosphere was unbeatable.

There were two workshops this year. The "Addressing" workshop, taught by Tim Haithcoat, had 27 attendees. The other on "Basic Mapping Techniques" presented by Larry Bollinger, had 23 attendees.

One hundred fifty eight people registered from 48 counties in Missouri. There also were participants from Illinois, Kansas and Iowa. Nineteen exhibitors displayed their products and proved to be very informative. This year Missouri Mappers received 15 door prize donations from Missouri businesses.

The annual meeting committee thanks Kara-Mid America, MJ Harden, Sanborn and Sidwell for their Happy Hour sponsorship. Thanks and recognition are extended to Kim Swisher who organized the vendors, Jim Kyle who arranged the golf tournament and Jennifer Peterson who enlisted the guest speakers. Thanks to Alice Lee, Maria Jaggie, Sherry Turner, Gladys Smith, Marti Suiter, Mark Reynolds and Stan Balsman who helped in some way to make this annual meeting successful.

Plans are underway for the 20th Annual Missouri Mappers meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn Sun Srpee Resort. Mark your calendars for August 4th, 5th and

6th, 2004.

Please visit the web site for updated information. We all look forward to seeing you next year.



2003 Awards

Fireball: Kevin Rasmussen
Mapper of the Year: Sandy Snelling, Camden Co.
Annual Meeting: Belinka Novotny-Held, PMM
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GIS Day 2003

The National Geographic Society has sponsored Geography Awareness Week since 1987 to promote geographic literacy in schools, communities, and organizations, with a focus on the education of children. GIS Day 2003 will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003. Geography Awareness Week 2003 will be held November 16-22, 2003; the theme of this year's Geography Awareness Week is "Habitats."

***"GIS Day 2003 will be
held on Nov. 19, 2003"***

efforts of GIS Day 2002 participants, millions of children and adults were educated on GIS technology through geography.

GIS users and vendors are invited to join the National Geographic Society, the Association of American Geographers, the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, the United States Geological Survey, The Library of Congress, Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard, and ESRI in opening their doors for GIS Day. GIS Day 2003 will be held on Nov. 19, 2003.

In 2002, thousands of organizations hosted GIS Day events in countries all around the world. Through the combined

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MMA Conference Golf Tournament Results - by Jim Kyle

The MMA 3rd Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Bear Creek Valley Golf Course with 10 teams and 40 players turning participating. The weather was great and everybody had a great time. I want to personally thank all of the companies that donated prizes this year, without you we wouldn't have been able to award prizes. I also want to thank everybody that played this year, we had a great turnout. Maybe next year we will have even more teams participate. We had winners for A flight, B flight, 2 closest to the hold, long drive and longest putt. Here are this years winners:

A flight: Larry Schall, Mark Allen, Tom Sanders
 & Jim Angerer

B flight: Walter Ertz, Rodney Cope, Scott Shipman
 & Rick Hanamm

Longest Drive:	Jim Kyle
Closest to Hole #2:	Robert Harley
Closest to Hole #16:	Jim Angerer
Longest Putt:	Roger Arnzen

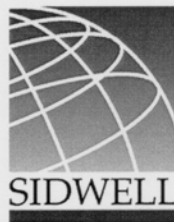
Make Plans for next year. I believe we will be back at Lake of the Ozarks and we will likely play Bear Creek Valley again. We had a great turnout this year with the 12 Noon starting time and will likely start at the same time again next year.

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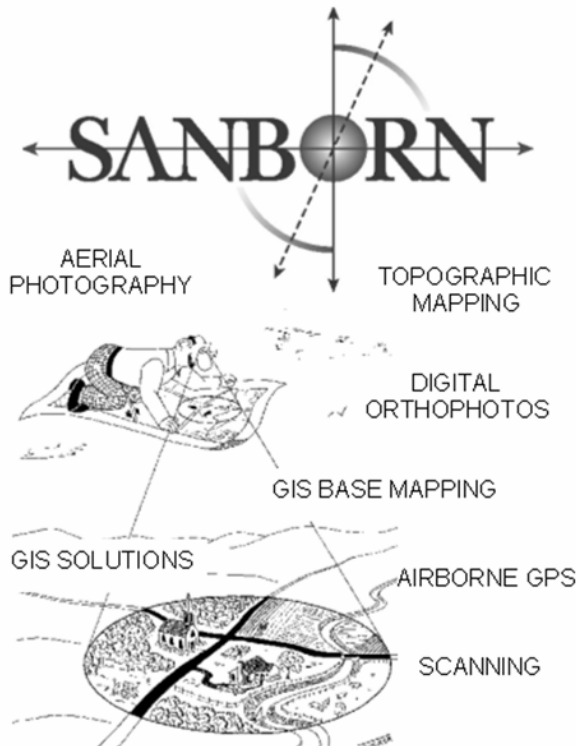
When I first got involved with MMA, I often wondered how people knew what was going on with the organization if they didn't attend the board meetings and something wasn't in the newsletter.

It has recently become apparent that there have been times when Executive committee decisions weren't properly communicated to the membership. In an effort to change that, I've asked Shane McDermott, our new MMA News Editor to set aside space in each

newsletter so we can better keep you informed. As always, we welcome submissions, questions to be answered in the newsletter or interesting pieces of information to share. In the next issue we will publish some specific things we address at the next board meeting.

Jennifer Peterson, President

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St. Louis, **Missouri** — Surdex Corporation announced it has been awarded a \$2.7 million contract by the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Services Agency, Aerial Photography Field Office for the 2003 National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP).

The project entails the acquisition of 1:40,000 scale color or color infrared aerial photography for the states of Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas during the summer of 2003. Surdex will produce nearly 16,000 1 or 2-meter resolution digital orthophotos for the 220,000 square miles of coverage for a fall delivery.

Surdex's teammates include Keystone Aerial Services, M.J. Harden

and Associates, Tuck Engineering, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), Aerial Surveys International and John F. Kennefic Photogrammetric Consultants.

"This is one of the largest projects Surdex has undertaken and the award reflects the fact that our team has the experience, capability and capacity necessary to successfully accomplish the NAIP program objectives", said Ronald C. Hoffmann, president of Surdex Corporation.

"Surdex and our teammates will be utilizing common tools and processes to ensure consistency throughout the effort."

Due to the aggressive NAIP schedule requirements, the project requires tight coordination for the acquisition of aerial photography and also the processing of the data into the deliverable products. Aerial photography acquisition, image

scanning, data processing, and quality control functions are distributed amongst the team members. Many of the processes and software tools have been developed by the Surdex research and development staff and have been conveyed to teammates for use on the project. These tools include Surdex's Collaborative Project Management System (CPMS), a web-based project management and status reporting system used by both the team and the client.

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Calendar of Events

What	When	Where
MMA Board Meeting	October 3, 2003	Phelps Co. Courthouse
SWMMA Meeting	October 9, 2003	Stone Co. GIS Dept.
Columbus Day	October 13, 2003	
Daylight Savings Time Ends	October 26, 2003	
Halloween	October 31, 2003	
Election Day	November 4, 2003	
Veterans Day	November 11, 2002	
Thanksgiving Day	November 27, 2003	
MMA Board Meeting	March 5, 2004	Phelps Co. Courthouse
MidAmerica GIS Symposium	April 18-22, 2004	Kansas City, Missouri
**go to http://magicweb.kgs.ku.edu for more information		
MMA Board Meeting	June 4, 2004	Phelps Co. Courthouse
MMA Annual Meeting 2004	August 4-6, 2004	Lake of the Ozarks

Contact Richard Brown (417) 831-8577 - richard.brown@cityutilities.net for more info on MMA Meetings

Update from the Legislative Committee

This is a brief report on the legislative activities this summer.

I have been meeting with several key legislators this summer as well as the Governor's Budget Director and budget administrators for the House and Senate. We have been explaining the need for funding to improvement of the technology in the assessor's offices. I have also met with the lobbyist for the

school administrators. We have a meeting set up for September the 19th in Jefferson City with the Executive Board of the School Administrator's to explain our plight. Hopefully we will get them on board to support or at least not fight our attempts at getting our funding bill passed the next year. We will also be presenting our technology bill to the Missouri Association of

Counties for their endorsement at the annual Conference in November. I have a hearing in JC today on The Joint Committee on Education; the recommendation from this committee could have a great influence on funding for all assessors' offices though out the state.

Thanks,
Darrel King
Legislative Committee



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