



MMA NEWS

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just a short note to let everyone know how proud I am of our organization. When I was at the NCRAAO Convention and people I did not know asked me about MMA, I was surprised and thrilled that they knew about us. We are the first state mapping organization and are setting examples for other states to follow. Kansas is just forming their own mapping association with Florida and Texas wanting to form one.

You, the members, should be proud of this. You have a fine organization. I am fortunate to have such an excellent board-of-directors and committee chairmen. To all the members, thanks for giving me this honor!

Jan Elliott, President

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Plans are well under way for the second annual meeting of the Missouri Mappers Association. This year's meeting will again be held at the Holidome (Holiday Inn East) in Columbia, Missouri, on August 4th, 5th and 6th. A new feature for this meeting will be the Monday evening banquet and entertainment by the Honorable Timothy Hays, the Mayor of Whoopup.

The self-proclaimed mayor is Jack Taylor of Columbia, Missouri, a former newspaper and magazine editor. To get into the role he developed as a sideline during his editorial career, Taylor dons chin whiskers, over-sized coat and upturned hat. He has addressed more than 2,000 audiences coast to coast.

The grassroots mayor touches on a variety of subjects in his presentation, always with a humorous twist. He often delivers 100 onelines, many of them containing an element of truth.

The speaker, after following the printing trade, edited small dailies in Missouri and Illinois before joining the Associated Press staff in New York and Chicago. He turned to the banquet circuit after 21 years with the University of Missouri information and publication staffs.

According to Taylor, there really is a Whoopup, a tiny settlement in Boone County, Missouri. But you won't find it on the map. Years ago, the residents decided the name of their town was not dignified enough, so they gave it a new name--Sapp. That's the way the county map lists it, but to many people in the area, there'll always be a Whoopup.

The program which follows on Tuesday and Wednesday promises to be very interesting and educational and hopefully will provide sessions of interest for everyone. The keynote speaker is Mr. D. Edward Crane from Wyandotte County, Kansas. His presentation will feature information on the Wyandotte County Base Mapping Program which has received national and international attention for its accomplishments, most notable URISA's "Exemplary System in Government Award" in 1984, and NACo's County Achievement Awards. The program's primary accomplishment has been to develop a computerized multi-purpose land information system using a high-

quality common base map and unique parcel identifier used throughout the agencies of local government.

Mr. Crane began his formal education as one of four students in a one-room country school outside Dodge City, Kansas. He completed his college studies at Dodge City Community Junior College (1967-69) and Kansas University (1969-71). He holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies from Kansas University, an interdisciplinary, special major program.

While continuing graduate studies at the University of Kansas, Mr. Crane worked as a research assistant for the Center for Research, Remote Sensing Laboratory (1970-1973). Research activities included analysis of radar imagery as a resource mapping tool. From 1973 to the present, Mr. Crane has been associated with the Wyandotte County Base Mapping Program, serving as Associate Project Director from 1973 to 1981 and as Project Director since 1981. Since January 1985, Ed has also been assigned responsibility for technical coordination of reappraisal in Wyandotte County.

Another feature of this year's program will be the exhibition and hospitality area. Invitations have been sent out to approximately 100 potential exhibitors and the response is good.

Following are further details on the program:

PROGRAM

Monday, August 4th

7:00 p.m. Banquet - Speaker Honorable Timothy Hays, Mayor of Whoopup

Tuesday, August 5th

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration

9:45 a.m. Welcome by Jan Elliott, President of MO Mappers Assn.

10:00-12:00 Keynote Speaker, Ed Crane, Wyandotte County Surveyors Office.

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (Deli Luncheon Sandwich Bar.)

1:30 - 3:15 MO Mappers Assn. Business Meeting

3:30 - 4:30 Concurrent Sessions

1. Computer Mapping
2. MO and Title Regulations

5:00 - 7:00 Hospitality and Exhibition Area.

Wednesday, August 6th

7:30 - 9:00 Breakfast Buffet.

9:00 - 10:00 Chairman of the MO State Tax Commission

10:00 - 12:00 Panel Discussion - Map Maintenance, Quality Control, and Resolving Mapping Problems.

- A. Representative of MO State Tax Commission -
- B. Representative of Title Insurance Co. -
- C. County Assessor -
- D. Registered Land Surveyor -

The registration fee for MMA members attending the meeting is \$40.00. (Subscribing membership qualifies one employee to register for \$40.00. Registration for all additional employees will be \$50.00. This will pay \$40.00 for registration and \$10.00 for individual membership dues.) MMA members unable to attend the Monday evening banquet may register for \$25.00 and

non-MMA members for \$35.00. Tickets are also available for spouses and guests who may want to join us for the banquet, buffet luncheon or buffet breakfast. To register for the meeting, please complete the registration form which follows and mail it to Mary Ann Kaiser, Miller Associates Engineers, Planners and Surveyors, Inc., 409 Vandiver Drive, Building 5, Suite 100, Columbia, Missouri 65202 prior to July 15, 1986. Checks should be payable to the Missouri Mappers Association. The registration fee should accompany the registration form which is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Full refunds will be made for cancellations requested more than 10 days before the meeting. A cancellation fee of \$15.00 will be charged for requests received after that deadline.

Hotel reservations are to be made directly to Holiday Inn. Special rates of \$46.00 for a single room and \$52.00 for a room for two or more persons, plus sales tax, will be provided by the hotel. You may call the Holidome at 314-449-2491 for additional information or registration or you may return the enclosed registration form directly to the hotel.

NCRAAC CONVENTION A SUCCESS

The North Central Regional Association of Assessing Officers convention was held April 13, 14, 15, 1986, at the Lodge of Four Seasons. The convention was organized by our fellow Missouri Mapper Sam Jones.

NCRAAO is compiled of eleven states. The attendance this year was approximately 360 which represented all eleven states. The convention began with a golf tournament on Sunday followed by a reception in the evening. The reception was hosted by the Missouri Assessor's Association, Kansas City Chapter-IAAO, and the Missouri Mappers Association.

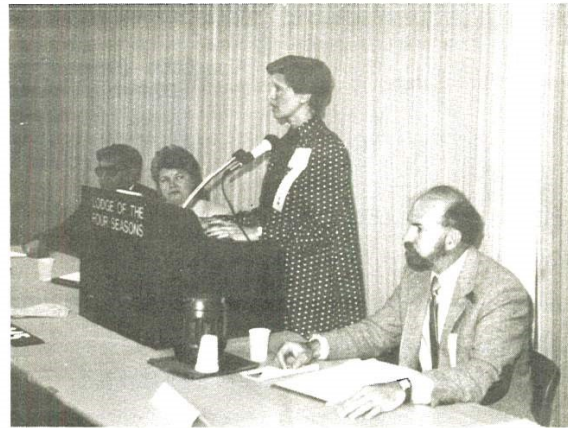
The programs began Monday morning with a general session and a program on CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal). A delicious luncheon was then served with IAAO President Bill Diggs speaking. In the afternoon there were three concurrent sessions on "The Challenge of Appraising Unusual Properties", "Effective Uses of Personnel", and "Planning the Reappraisal and Contracting for Appraisal and Mapping Services."

Tuesday morning has concurrent sessions on "Stress and Conflict Management", "Implementation of a Multi-Use Cadastral Mapping System", and "Preparing a Residential Appeal." The Missouri Mappers Association was responsible for putting on a three hour session on the implementation of a multi-use cadastral mapping system. This consisted of Jan Elliott speaking on General Mapping and Aerial Photography; Murray Rhodes spoke on Lands--A Multi-Purpose Land Information System; Gail Sawicki followed with a program on Multiple Uses of the Maps Within the Courthouse; and Gerald Kerr closed with a presentation on the Franklin County Emergency Numbering System.

The afternoon sessions were on "Developing Low Cost Public Information Programs", and "Soil Mapping with a Desktop Computer." The convention was topped off and closed by a banquet with entertainment provided by Jerry Prunty's Country Jubilee.

The convention was highlighted with an exhibitor's area consisting of twelve exhibits. This area was set-up by our own Vice-President Rick Stuart. Also, one of the exhibits was Bob Pirrie and Associates of Perryville, Missouri. Bob is one of our Professional Missouri Mappers designees. There were door prizes given away at the close of the convention.

To summarize the convention, it was a great success! MMA was honored and proud to participate in it. Our hats must be tipped off to Sam Jones, Rick Stuart, and all of the others who made this convention such a success.



"MMA Panel giving presentation at NCRAAO meeting: left to right, Gerald Kerr, Gail Sawicki, Jan Elliott and Murray Rhodes."



"George Donotello, Director of Reassessment for the State of Kansas and Bill Diggs, IAAO President at Sunday's reception."

MMA WELCOMES NEW FRIENDS TO THE WEST

A new organization is emerging on the western horizon. The name: Kansas Association of Mappers (KAM). The game: Improving property mapping and land records management, and providing a framework for cooperation among the various governmental units, private industry, and other mapping associations.

A steering committee has been established to get things started. The committee has been working hard to prepare the initial mass mailing seeking membership applicants. The first meeting for all members and interested parties will be held in conjunction with the Kansas Appraisers' Symposium in June. The tentative schedule calls for I.A.A.O. Course 6 in September and a regular meeting to elect officers in November.

We hope to emulate the tremendous success of the Missouri Mappers Association. With the flurry of mapping activity in Kansas as a result of the reappraisal program, we believe KAM has something useful to offer. Who knows, maybe through cooperation between MMA and KAM, property mapping can be promoted as a legitimate science! Ah, such lofty ideals. For more information, membership applications, etc., please direct correspondence to: Kansas Association of Mappers, P.O. Box 2518, Topeka, KS 66603 or contact Cy Smith at (913)296-2365.

The Missouri Mappers Association extends a hearty "welcome" to the formation of the Kansas Association of Mappers. We are sure with the dedicated personnel available and the lofty objectives of the Association the Kansas Association of Mappers will indeed enjoy the success Missouri Mappers Association has experienced.

CERTIFICATION/DESIGNATION UPDATE

The Professional Missouri Mapper Certification Examinations were administered on March 12th and March 15th at Cape Girardeau and Columbia, Mo. After completion of the grading of all examinations the following candidates have satisfactorily fulfilled all requirements to be awarded the PMM designation by the Missouri Mappers Association: **Mr. Stan Balsman, Mr. Gary Drennen, Mr. Ken Eftink, Mr. Robert Norris and Ms. Gail Sawicki.**

To qualify as a "Designated Member" the candidates had to meet the requirements of:

1. Have five (5) full years of cadastral mapping experience or its equivalent.
2. Be engaged in the use, production or maintenance of cadastral maps.
3. Successfully complete a certification examination with a minimum score of 70% correct.
4. Attended a minimum of 30 hours of study in mapping, surveying, or a closely-related subject.

The attainment of the PMM is a true challenge. In addition of ability, it requires a substantial amount of study and knowledge. The candidates who achieved this difficult goal should be very proud. Congratulations to the new designated members.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The education committee, since our December report, has been at work developing a three day workshop. The subject again will be map maintenance, however the format has been reworked to provide more time for "hands on" experience.

Tentative plans are for the workshop to be presented the 17-19 of June, in Columbia, Missouri. The committee expects to finalize our plans soon. A pamphlet will be sent to all members providing complete details as to dates, instructors, location, costs and registration.

The program will consist of twenty hours of instruction covering survey history, map compilation and final inking. In addition we are working with the County Assessor's Training Commission in order to receive accreditation of the workshop so that assessors who attend will meet their annual education requirement as set forth in Section 67.130.1 RSMo.

In other matters, we want to encourage members to pass on any ideas, requests or suggestions to the committee so that we can better serve the educational needs of our association. A couple of ideas that are under consideration are the development of a manual on cadastral mapping and the presentation of workshops on a regional basis. While we are trying to implement these suggestions, it will require the full and active

participation of both the committee and the membership to succeed. If you have any input or would like to serve on the committee, please contact Bob Norris at 314-751-1733.

ASSESSMENT MAINTENANCE

At the end of the Legislative Session the Conference Substitute for House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 476 dealing with maintenance of assessments and allocating funding for this maintenance was passed by both the House of Representatives and the senate and sent to the Governor for signing. This bill directly affects assessment and cadastral maps and funding for their maintenance. The MMA encourages it's members to request a copy of the bill for further study. For more information contact Jan Elliott at 751-1728.

HELP WANTED

Chief cartographer in charge of six to 10 person office. Office located 30 minutes from Springfield, Missouri in the heart of the Ozarks. Send resume to: John Foglesong, D.D. Hamilton Mapping, P.O. Box 11, Marshfield, MO 65706.



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THE LITE TABLE

The following legal description was recorded in Jackson County February 23, 1985.

All that part of Section 22, Township 49, range 31. Beginning at the southeast corner of the northwest ¼ of the northeast ¼ of said section 22, and running thence west to a coffee bean tree 10 inches in diameter with three notches on the north side of thereof, or to a point west from said beginning and due *north or south* of said tree, said tree being near the southwest corner of a *little field*, thence north on west boundary of said field to a point due east of the spring, thence west to the middle of the head of said spring, thence down the center of the brance of said spring far enough to include all of the east ½ of the northwest ¼ of said section 22, north of said branch and 15 acres north of said branch of the west ½ of the northwest ¼ of said section, the west line of said 15 acre tract to be parallel with the east line of said last mentioned half quarter, thence north to the north line of said section, thence east to the northeast

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for the 1986 MMA Convention:

Check one:

MMA Member Full Registration \$40
MMA Member Excluding Banquet \$25

Non-member Full Registration \$50
Non-member Excluding Banquet \$35
(Every employee of an attending firm or company will need to register individually.)
Additional tickets for spouse/guests:

_____ Banquet \$12.50

_____ Buffet Luncheon \$6.75

_____ Buffet Breakfast \$7.35

Enclosed is my check for _____

Make checks payable to Missouri Mappers Association. Mail to Mary Ann Kaiser, Miller Associates, 409 Vandiver, Bldg. 5, Suite 100, Columbia, Missouri 65202.

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ADDRESS _____

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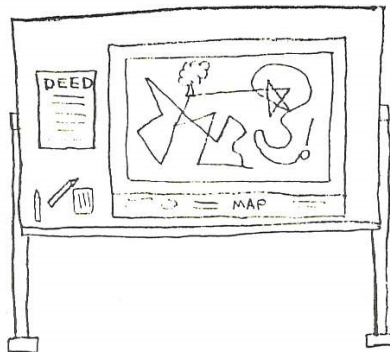
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corner of the northwest ¼ of the northeast ¼ of said section 22, and thence south to the beginning, supposed to contain 105 acres, except 24¼ acres off the east side.

Our thanks go out to Elva Beltz of Jackson County for sending us this interesting legal description.

If you have any peculiar legal descriptions or surveys, please share them with us. Send them to: Ken Eftink, 44 N. Lorimier, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.



"That's what the deed described"

LAST CHANCE RENEWAL

If you have received a renewal notice and have not returned it yet, please do so immediately. Your renewal will maintain your Charter Membership in the Missouri Mappers Association. Annual dues are \$10.00 for regular members and \$25.00 for subscribing members. Send to: Sylvian Schoeneberg, Moniteau County Courthouse, California, MO 65018.

BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISING

Don't forget to send us your card if you want it published in the next issue. This service is free to our members and is continuing to grow.

CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS

If you have moved recently, please let us know so you will get the MMA News on Schedule. Send change of address notices to Sylvian Schoeneberg at Moniteau County Courthouse, California, MO 65018 or call 314-796-4637.

INK TIPS

"Damaged Pens"

Inking is an important part of our map maintenance program and, in order to do the job properly, you have to have a set of technical pens in good working condition. If you don't have a set of pens in good condition, you may as well turn your map maintenance over to a kid with a crayon.

If you have done any inking at all, you know you have to keep your pens clean to do a good job. But what do you do when you've thoroughly cleaned your pens and:

Your number 2 pen makes a wider line than your number 3 pen.

Your jewel tip pen makes a scratching sound as you draw it across mylar and when you look at it closely you realize you've lost your jewel.

The cleaning wire on the plunger is bent like a bobby pin.

You're using the scribe and you drop it and break the point off the nib.

Well, you can buy new replacement nibs but they cost about \$15.00 and up so that gets expensive. However, we have found that most major technical pen manufacturers offer a service where they will repair or replace any damaged parts on the pen for a fraction of the cost of buying new pens. This service usually costs about \$3.00 for stainless steel points and \$4.00 for jewel tip and tungsten carbide points. All you have to do is mail them the damaged nib from your pen. It usually takes 3 to 4 weeks to get the nib back so it's a good idea to have an extra nib on hand to use while the other is being repaired. By doing this you will have an economical way of keeping your pens in good working condition so you can do top quality inking job.

FOR SALE/WANTED COLUMN

Members, do you have a piece of mapping equipment you have been wanting to sell or buy? If you do, we will advertise it for you in the MMA News free of charge. Simply let us know the name and type of equipment you are advertising along with your name and number. Send them to Ken Eftink, 44 N. Lorimier, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.



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