



MMA NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

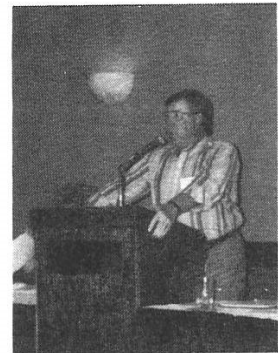
As I think about our upcoming Tenth Anniversary and the responsibility of the Missouri Mappers Association, I have to first think back. Back to when a few people conceived the idea for our organization, and the drive to make it a reality,

They gave us our start, but it has taken many good people, like yourselves, to continue to build this organization to what it is today,

The programs and educational workshops that we offer are some of the best in the state. We strive to bring people together, to help each other in the continually changing field of mapping. If you have a need or question, there's someone in the MMA that you can help. I have had a part in this building process over the last few years, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve as this year's President.

In the upcoming year, we should againstrive to build our organization to be the best it can be, to reach out to those that may just be starting in mapping and help those who have a need.

I know that with your help we will continue to improve the quality of mapping in the state of Missouri.



FLOOD

"Flood!" Somehow that lacks the adrenalin response one gets with "Fire!" And yet human lives were lost. Pets, livestock and wild animals perished by the millions. Untold lifetimes of hard work were wiped out in the form of homes, businesses and farms.

"Flood!" It was really just a wet spring that forgot to stop. It marched on relentlessly for months, higher and higher, dissolving levees, chewing up dikes and sandbag barriers, w\sweeping aside all the human sweat and resolve we put into stopping it.

The Mississippi and Missouri rivers run beside or through 39 of Missouri's 114 counties. Other rivers in Missouri also flooded. We measured the flood's progress in inches per day. Inches that added up to disaster. The probability for flooding of this magnitude is once every 500 years.

Here we are, the mappers of Missouri. Many of us were called upon to document high water lines and tabulate flooded parcels. Some provided information for emergency operations, like persons' names and addresses inside an evacuation perimeter. FEMA got information from our maps and databases either directly or indirectly so victims of the flood could receive needed funds fast.

Let's come together and learn from our experiences. Let's look at how we aided our counties and how we will continue to help our counties adjust and recover in the coming months and years. Let's talk about how we can better prepare ourselves and our departments for disasters of all types. This was a "slow" disaster. Next time the disaster may be of the "fast" type: earthquake, chemical leak or nuclear accident. Let's talk about optimizing our usefulness to Emergency Management Operations in our areas.

MMA is planning a FLOOD IMPACT SYMPOSIUM on Friday, November 5, 1993. Please consider attending.

Please attend for the benefit of ALL MISSOURI Counties and yours.

FLOOD IMPACT SYMPOSIUM

A flood impact symposium is being planned for the Missouri Mappers Association on Friday, November 5, 1993 in Columbia, Missouri. Specific location and program agenda will be forthcoming

The program will include brief presentations by those involved with flood parcel mapping, property reports, emergency operations assistance, damage assessment and other flood related experiences.

Many of our mapping departments have special demands from local, state and federal entities. As a result of the flood of '93. The symposium will be a chance to share experiences of this disaster and put thought into preparing for and approaching potential and future disasters.

Short 10 of 15 minute presentations should allow for a wide variety of experiences and a minimum of preparation time. Those with suggestions and ideas for the symposium, or those interested in presentations are encouraged to contact Chris Matthews or Sarah Sturgis at:

St Louis County
Revenue, Technical Services
41 S. Central
Clayton, MO 63105
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THE 1993 ANNUAL MEETING



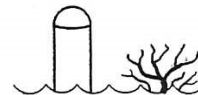
The Ninth Annual meeting of the Missouri Mappers Association was called to order by Sandy Estes. Debbie Cochran, President, welcomed everyone in attendance. She covered over the past year's activities and talked about the formation of two new committees, Cadd committee and Historic committee. Debbie also mentioned the two new chapter that were formed, Central East and Central West. Central East Chapter co-chairperson Gary White summarized the past meetings. He talked about the different speakers and the discussions that were held. Central East also discussed future multi-county aerial flyovers to cut costs. They would welcome interest from all other Missouri counties. Central West chairperson Marty Buckner talked about the new chapter that was formed in January 1993. She mentioned that they were taking turns visiting each of their different counties' mapping departments, discussing techniques and sharing ideas.

The first speaker for the meeting Jim Matlock, of Missouri Department of Natural Resources, discussed the different programs the department was offering. One of which was on tax map overlays and how they can be made available on microfiche or a hard copy map. He suggested anyone interested in the programs make an appointment by calling his office (314)-368-2313 on any workday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Dan Roe, PMM of Miller and Associates, the second speaker of the day, discussed the PMM (Professional Missouri Mapper) designation. Dan mentioned that at the present time there are fourteen PMMs in the MMA.

He further outlined the process for certification, and also gave an overview on the requirements to maintain this designation.

Robter Meyers from the Missouri State Land Survey spoke about mapping accuracies, state and county boundaries, the remonumentation program offered by the MSLS, and GPS.



MISSOURI MAPPERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS FLOOD IMPACT SYMPOSIUM

WHY?

The flood impact symposium was created because of the unusual and serious floods of the summer of 1993. Many of our counties experienced the worst disaster in modern history, and many of our mapping departments had sudden and extraordinary demands placed on them. This symposium will be a chance to share and relate how we handled special requests from emergency operations, public works inspectors, planners, family services, utility companies, F.E.M.A., and other agencies who needed maps and ownership information.

PROGRAM

This symposium will be a "mixed bag" of presentations by persons involved in flood mapping, users of flood maps, and the importance of G.I.S. data for present and future disasters. There will also be a session of roundtable discussions between local and government entities (assessors, emerg. operations personnel, mappers etc.) to address specific issues or problems that arose from the flood and to improve response for future disasters including earthquakes, tornadoes and nuclear or chemical disasters. These discussions are contingent on attendance at symposium.

DATE AND LOCATION

November 5, 1993 Univ. of Missouri - Columbia
Memorial Union (map enclosed)

COST

\$20.00 MEMBER / \$28.00 NON-MEMBER *
INCLUDES COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS AND
LUNCH BUFFET.

* Includes membership through 8/94

SCHEDULE AND SPEAKERS

9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. REGISTRATION/COFFEE
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. BRIEF PRESENTATIONS BY
MAP DEPTS. EXPERIENCES W/FLOOD MAPPING.
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. LUNCH BUFFET
1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. PRESENTATIONS BY:

Gary Schuchardt, Emerg. oper. dir. St. Charles Co.
Dr. Bob Wiseman, Chief of Water Resource Mngmt.
for state of Kansas
Tim Haithcote, Professor of geography, U.M.C.
Gene Zimmerman, St. Charles Co. Assessor

REGISTRATION

You may register by mail, arrival registration will be from 9:15-10:00 and the program will start around 10:00 with coffee, tea, refreshments served from registration through program
Questions? or those interested in morning presentations please call Chris Matthews or Sarah Sturgis
at (314) 889-2238

Please return this portion by Oct. 29, 1993

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING:

MEMBER
\$20.00

NON - MEMBER
\$28.00

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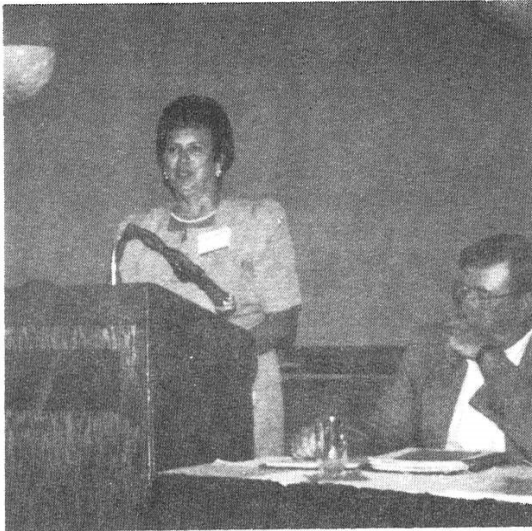
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Mary Ann Kaiser of Miller Management Services Inc. gave a very informative presentation on 911 at the 1993 MMA annual meeting. 911 is a very vital service to have in your county, whether it be Basic 911, where you verbally communicate your identity, location, and nature of problems, Semi Automated, where the dispatcher receives the phone number visually as well as verbal communications, or Fully Automated where the dispatcher is instantly made aware of your phone number, address, location, ambulance service, fire and police protection.

As Mappers, we can work with this program to provide locatable addresses that will enable emergency personal the fastest contact possible.

As Mary Ann said so well, "If one life is saved in your county it has been worth the time and money."

Have you got a "difficult" person on your staff? Joyce Kuhn, a professor at Longview Community College, gave a fascinating, dynamic talk on "Dealing with Difficult People". She addressed 3 major areas in her talk: increasing your listening effectiveness, dealing with frustration and rejection and finally, ways of dealing with the 5 types of difficult people in the work place. Augmenting this useful talk were some excellent handouts. Get copies from someone who was there, they'd be worth your while if you have a "Difficult" person in your office.



We noticed an archaic figure in the crowd. He wore stringed deerskin garb and sported a well worn, leather hat. In short, he stepped out of the 18TH century backwoods to us about the original surveying of Missouri. His mysterious pouches contained antique surveying equipment, include a complete "chain".



The backwoodsman was Norman Brown of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and he gave a delightful, informative talk, punctuated with colorful stories, anecdotes, and their amusements.

No snoozers were seen at this talk.

ELECTION

Ivan Hewitt chaired the meeting for the election of officers. The election committee submitted the following

President.....Jerry Joe
 Vice-President..Carl Sohn
 Secretary.....Carol Ann Freeman
 Treasurer.....Carol Spilker
 Director.....Joe Ferris

All were elected as presented by the committee.

CASINO NIGHT

Millions of dollars were won and lost at this year's casino night. The tables were packed with wild-eyed, money-crazed, MMA members. At the auction following casino night, Gene Zimmerman, assessor of St. Charles county, was the highest bidder on a spiffy new lunch box (\$20,000). When asked, "Were you satisfied with that bid price?", Zimmerman said,



"I only wish I had won enough money for the golf balls!"

CONGRATULATIONS!

AWARDS

Awards were presented as follows:

Convention awards...Linda Crane & Sandy Estes
Educatin award.....Richard Sohn
Fireball award.....Mary Beasley
Mapper of the Year..Phil Shelton
PMM Certifications..Linda Crane
Jeff Davis
Loyla Bondera

Thanks, MMA for the **FIREBALL AWARD!**

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the conference, missing both the good time and the opportunity to receive the award in person.

Keith Conaway is assuming the position of chairperson of the publications committee. Let's all help him with newsletter contributions.

Jean Beasley

Special thanks to all the outgoing MMA Officers and committee Members. The Mma has experienced a near doubling of membership and formation of two active regional chapters. The Association continues to gain strength and shows growing autonomy from its sponsoring organizations, the State Tax Commission and International Association of Assessing Officers.

Kudos to our Past Leaders and many thanks for the generous support and encouragement of both the S.T.C. and the I.A.A.O.

REMINDER!

Lets stay active in the MMA! Please mail your dues to Carol Spilker, Treasurer.



1993-94 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ANNUAL MEETING

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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