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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Spring is upon us and the summer is just around the corner. Even though we had a mild winter, I am looking forward to some WARM weather.

I hope everyone is looking ahead and making plans to attend the 14th Annual Missouri Mappers Association Convention in Columbia. We have good information, good exhibits, good food and good times for all. If you are not new to mapping, please come to help the new ones find out "what it is all about".

In the October newsletter, I requested each committee to develop a goal and submit their goal to me. So far, I have not received any written goals, but I hope the committees have given some thought to my request and can submit their goals to the membership at the annual meeting. I feel this will aid communications between board members, committee members and the general membership.

Please feel free to contact me either at my work number (417) 745-6346 or at my home number (417) 745-6061 if you have any questions.

Marti Buckner
President MMA

WHAT'S NEW

1998 Missouri GIS Conference A Huge Success

60% from Municipal / County Government

The 1998 Missouri GIS Conference set a record for attendance for the third straight year. This conference has grown from 150 attendees in 1996 to over 400 this year. This increase shows just how popular GIS and digital mapping is becoming in the State of Missouri.

For those who could not attend topics included educational sessions such as Introduction to GIS, Advanced GIS Modeling, Internet GIS, Introduction to the Missouri Spatial Data Information Service, and GIS Planning and Management. Also concurrent paper and panel presentations covering applications of GIS in local government, natural resources, social and health agencies, census and public safety. More technically oriented users enjoyed the technical 'How To' sessions. Finally, the conference covered how we as a state can participate in federal initiatives to make our own data better!

Dr. Fred Limp, Director of the Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Mike Domaratz, Federal Geographic Data Committee, Washington D.C., were the featured speakers for the conference. They shared some interesting developments related to GIS and the data and systems we use.

Remember to visit Tim Haithcoat from the Missouri Spatial Data Information Service (MSDIS) at the MMA Annual Conference.

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Announcements

Advertising

Don't forget your business card or digital artwork can be published in the next three issues of the MMA News. The Cost is only \$25.00! Please send your business cards, comments or corrections to: Ken Agey 1019 Admiral Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64106

Change of 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: Ken Agey 1019 Admiral Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64106

ARTICLES for the NEXT ISSUE

SEND YOUR MMA ARTICLES (MS WORD or other digital format would be helpful but not mandatory) to Ken Agey by June 10, 1998. Thanks to those who helped produce this newsletter. Remember this is your Newsletter, it can not be produced without the input of the members.

Introduction to ArcView GIS

Introduction to ArcView GIS Classes is being offered April 15-16 from 9am - 5pm at M.J. Harden Associates, Inc. Kansas City, MO. The cost is \$375 per person; \$350 if two or more attend from the same organization. Register by April 8 by calling Heather Milton at (816) 889-1152. Seats are limited, MJH reserves the right to cancel or reschedule the class times.

Official MMA Golf Tournament!

We have an official MMA Golf Tournament!!! To reserve your spot or sponsor a hole in the Tournament call **Bryan Dickerson** at (816) 889-1152. Bryan is checking into courses and insurance on a \$10,000.00 prize for a hole in one on one of the par threes additional prizes will depend on sponsorship. Don't play but want to help? Call Bryan Volunteers needed!!

Date: Wednesday July 29, 1998.

Time: TBA

Course: TBA

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Notice

There has been a change in the date for the quarterly board meeting to be held prior to the annual meeting. The original date of July 24 has been changed to June 26, 1998. The meeting will still be held in Vienna at Sally's Restaurant starting at 11:00a.m. Please make note of this date change and try to attend the meeting if you have any business to present before the board.

Committee News

Newsletter: Contact me if you need a digital copy of the membership MS Access database (440KB). The database contains Membership expiration date, PMM status, Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Home and Work Phone.

Education: A workshop detailing manual drafting of curves is in the planning stage for the Springfield area. Contact Ryan Pulis (816) 889-1158 if you have an idea for a class in your area.

Membership: MMA Memberships are from annual meeting to annual meeting. Even if you paid late, they are still due at the annual meeting. The Official Membership List has been included.

No other committee reports submitted this quarter. Committee reports need to be in 2 weeks before MMA news is published (June 15, 1998 for the July issue).

County News

The Caldwell County staff had been investigating the use of GIS technology for quite some time. Like many organizations considering such an implementation, their strategy evolved over time. Initially, the project's focus was on automated mapping to plan for growth. Another focus was on the need for an automated street / address database covering the entire County for emergency 911 dispatching. A countywide photo base was created. The urban area was mapped to a 1"=100' & 1"=200' scale, with the remainder at 1"=400' scale. Caldwell County then proceeded with the countywide conversion of 7,900 ownership parcels.

Send your County News for publication to Ken Agey MMA News c/o M.J. Harden Associates 1019 Admiral Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64106.

Annual Meeting

Make plans now to attend the 14th annual MMA conference in Columbia. We will be at the Holiday Inn Select again this year from July 29 – 31.

New this year will be the first "official" MMA Golf Tournament with a prize of **\$10,000.00** for a hole in one on a yet to be determined par 3.

Following the Golf Tournament and Wednesday registration join the exhibitors for a Wednesday night Exhibit Banquet. This will give you a chance to visit one on one with the exhibitors before the conference opens.

Exhibitors will be giving sessions on their products and services from 7 – 9 P.M.

A special edition of MMA News for the Annual Meeting will be coming the first week of June. This will include all the details, about speakers, social events, exhibitor information, and costs.

Speakers:

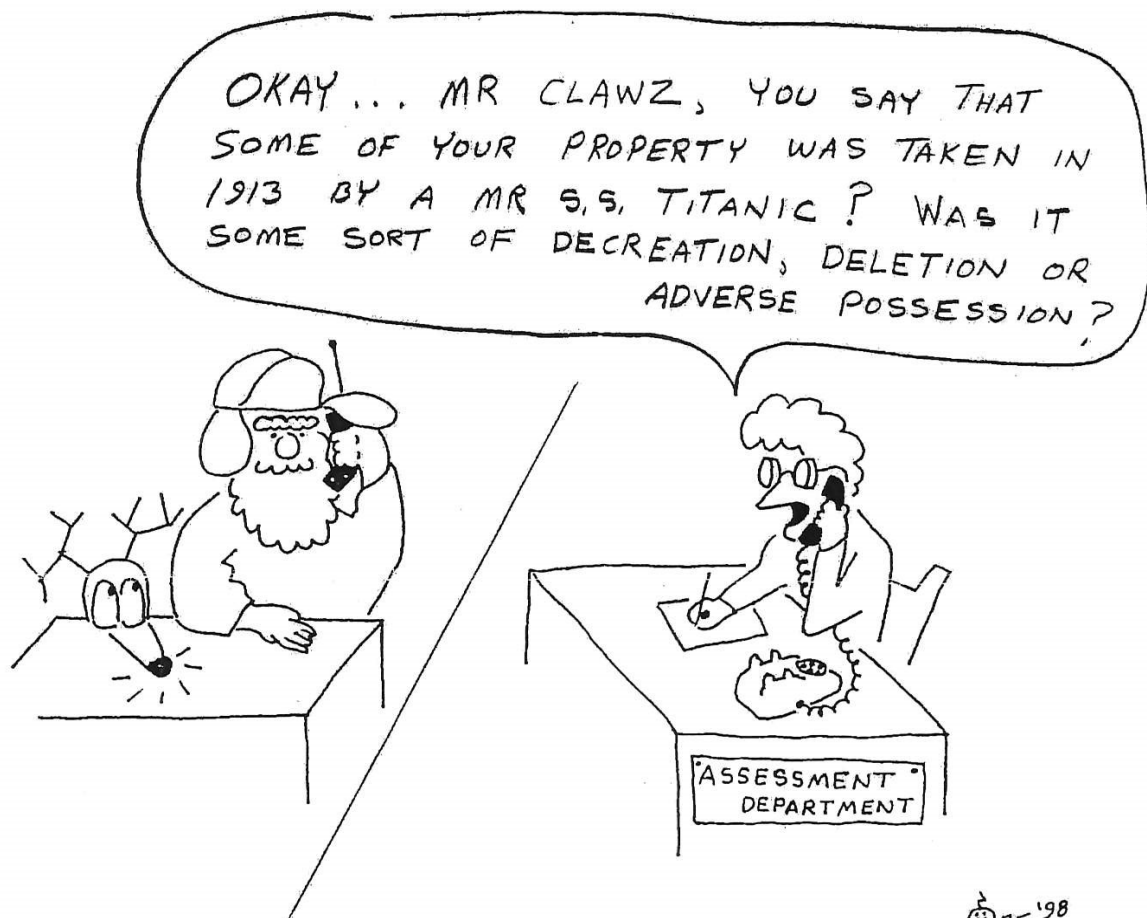
The success of the Annual Meeting depends on you! Teach us what you do, we can all learn from each other. Speakers will have 20 minutes to an hour to present topics.

Posters: MMA Showcase...

This is your "Show and Tell". Let your artistic talent show what you have been up to over the past year. Posters will remain up during the MMA Conference. Posters are limited to public sector users.

Here's what you need to do:

Send a one page abstract with title of presentation, name, title, organization, address, email, telephone, fax number, and complete description of topic. Entry Deadline is June 15, 1998. to Ken Agey MMA Annual meeting 1019 Admiral Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64106. Fax (816) 889-1130 or e-mail kagey@mjharden.com.



A special thanks goes out for the artwork from Bruce Fisher of the Jackson County Mapping Department.