

MMA NEWS

Missouri Mappers Association

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our organization showed the stuff we are made of at the 6th annual MOGIS (Missouri G.I.S.) conference in Columbia on March 26-28. We participated as a nonprofit vendor in the exhibit area. This was located in the Expo Center adjacent to the Holiday Inn Executive Center where we hold our Annual Meetings. This convention is probably best described as a cross between our MMA annual meeting and the 6-state Mid-America GIS convention which is held every two years. The MOGIS conferences are also held alternating years with the 6-state event. At our display, we had some working samples of Cadastral (property) maps and aerial photographs from around the state as well as some membership maps and organization information. The display looked very nice - thanks to the City Utilities of Springfield folks who obtained the display hardware and arrived early Monday to set it up.

In addition to manning the booth, I was invited to give a brief talk about our organization at the users group breakout session and further promote our organization. After hearing the backgrounds of some of the other user groups, I realized that our group has been around a long time (since 1984). Many of these GIS software specific organizations have only been around a year or two. I mentioned that our group was formed in the days of pure manual mapping, when GIS was a nonexistent acronym.

Many people inquired about our organization and some of the other vendors expressed an interest in exhibiting or speaking at our conventions in the future. Jennifer Peterson of City Utilities in Springfield was a moderator of the event and made sure an MMA application was in the handout packets for every attendee. We also had copies of the most recent newsletter available as well as workshop handouts, a promotional giveaway, and a prize drawing of some donated items.

I would like to again thank those who submitted materials for the display and also to those MMA

members who manned the booth to give me a break or just chat during the slow traffic times. We will discuss at the next Board Meeting making plans for displays at upcoming MOGIS and Mid-America GIS conferences.

NOTE - The 2002 Mid-America GIS conference is scheduled for April 16-18 in Kansas City, MO.

Thank you,
Chris Matthews, MMA President

WORKSHOP REMINDER

There are still seats available for some of the upcoming CAD and ArcView workshops that will be held in several locations across the state. Contact Jennifer Peterson to reserve your space (at 417-831-8430 or jpeterso@cityutilities.net). Workshops will be canceled if a minimum number of participants do not enroll.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 17th annual meeting of Missouri Mappers Association will be held August 1, 2, & 3, 2001 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. The Golf Tournament will be held again this year on Wednesday, August 1, 2001.

Information and registration for these events will be sent out under separate mailings from this newsletter.

CHAPTER NEWS

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

February 22, 2001, the Southwest Chapter meeting was hosted by City Utilities of Springfield, GIS group. Jennifer Peterson, President, opened the meeting and welcomed members of the newly formed Ozark GIS group. There was a short business meeting, and we discussed meeting times and dates. We then had some demos from members of City Utilities. Gilbert Guevara talked about electric detail maps and what information goes on the maps. He gave a brief talk on the electric territory and coverage areas of the electric department. Richard Brown gave a talk and demo on the making of the Electric Wall Map and what it takes to make the map. This map shows the whole electric coverage area of the Utility. The Electric Department used this map during outages and storms to keep track of where the outages are, and where to send the crews to fix the problems. Melissa Lawson talked about Facility Management and showed some drawings that she is currently working on. These drawings are used to track information about the different facilities - (such as when the facilities are being remodeled, or when minor changes are being done at each facility). Kyle Gjeruldsen of CADD Solutions gave a talk and demo on information about City Utilities intranet maps.

Our next meeting will probably be in June. Contact Joe Peltz at 417-831-8338 for more information.

Submitted by Richard Brown

CENTRAL EAST CHAPTER

The Central East Chapter met March 14, 2001 at Fredericks in Festus, MO. After the business meeting, Steve Kasten, Director of Technical Services with Walker Associates, Inc. was the guest speaker. Steve explained how various technical specifications in a Request for Proposal affect the bidding procedure and the ways to effectively cut productions without sacrificing mapping quality.

On June 13, 2001, Carl Sohn and the Franklin County mapping staff have graciously offered to hold the 2nd Annual BBQ at the City Park in Union. The cost for this meeting will be \$9.00. The business meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., and then a program will be presented on the baseball fields on "old fashioned" surveying. Norman Brown, RLS from the Land Survey Division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will be the surveyor.

August 2, 2001, we will have an informal meeting at the MMA Annual Meeting in Columbia.

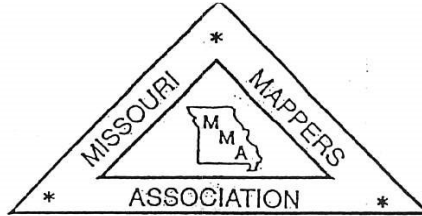
Respectfully submitted,

Kim Swisher, CEMMA President

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Information Technology Committee is currently in the process of creating a website for Missouri Mappers Association. Kevin Rasmussen is seeking suggestions and comments from the membership, and a history of MMA needs to be compiled for the site. Anyone who would like to submit any suggestions can contact Kevin at his new email address: kevinras@rollanet.org.

The Awards Committee still needs nominations for Mapper of the Year and Boss of the Year Awards. Applications are included in this publication. They are also requesting any suggestions for Fireball Award. Please get involved with your organization, and submit your nominee for these awards to Belinka Novotny-Held using the application forms or call her at (636) 797-5467.



OUTSTANDING MAPPER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

The "Outstanding Mapper of the Year" award is presented yearly at the MMA Annual Meeting. It is presented to honor an individual who has displayed outstanding abilities in the cadastral mapping field. Nominees should be a current member in good standing, have been a member for at least one year, have a base knowledge of mapping, map management and be technically proficient in mapping techniques and standards. Nominations should be brief and explain why the nominee merits the "Outstanding Mapper of the Year" award. The Award Committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the MMA Officers and Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted through June 1, 2001.

Name of Nominee: _____

Employer: _____

Employer's address: _____

Phone: _____

I believe _____ should be nominated for

Outstanding Mapper of the Year because _____

(Continue on additional sheet if needed)

Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

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Hillsboro, MO 63050

Phone: 636-797-5467 Fax: 636-797-5470

OUTSTANDING BOSS OF THE YEAR AWARD Application

The "Outstanding Boss of The Year" Award is presented at the MMA Annual Meeting. It is presented to honor the "top boss" who has displayed "above and beyond" efforts in mapping, with the employees in the mapping department and not limited to leadership, management & people skills. Nominees should be a current member in good standing, have been a member for at least one year and planning on attending the annual meeting. Nominations should be brief and explain why the nominee merits the "Outstanding Boss of the Year" award. The Award Committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the MMA Officers and Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted through June 1, 2001

Name of Nominee _____

Company _____

Company
Address _____

Company Phone _____

I believe _____ should be nominated for

Outstanding Boss of the Year because _____

(Continue on additional sheet if necessary)

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JUST FOR FUN

YOU MUST BE A MISSOURIAN IF...

You've never met any celebrities
Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars
waiting to pass a tractor on the
highway
You've seen all the biggest bands ten
years after they were popular
You measure distance in minutes
"Down South" to you means Arkansas
You know several people who have hit a
deer
Your school classes were canceled
because of heat
You've ever had to switch from "heat"
to "A/C" in the same day
You know 501 uses for soybeans
Stores don't have bags, they have sacks
You see people wear bib overalls at
funerals
Your idea of a really great tenderloin
sandwich is when the meat is twice
as big as the bun and accompanied
only by ketchup and a dill pickle slice
You learn your pickup will run without
a muffler
You install security lights on your house
and garage and leave both unlocked
You think of the four major food groups
as beef, pork, beer & Jell-O salad with
marshmallows
You consider the title "Pork Queen" an
honor
You carry jumper cables, chains, a
shovel and kitty litter in your car

Submitted via the Internet from
Patty Williams, Warren County



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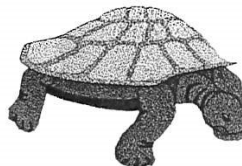
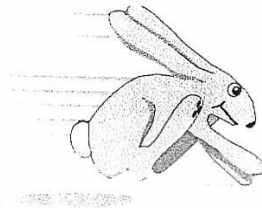
Jennifer Peterson of Springfield, MO
announces that she and her husband are
expecting the arrival of their second baby in
November. Jennifer works for City Utilities of
Springfield, and is currently a Director on the
Board for Missouri Mappers.

Marti (Buckner) of Hickory County
Assessor's Office announced that she and Jim
Suiter were married February 17, 2001.

Congratulations to all of them.

Submitted by Gladys Smith

WHO DO YOU THINK WILL GET



THERE FIRST?



Just for Fun...

An eye doctor, a heart surgeon and an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) executive die and are in heaven. God asks the eye doctor why he should be let into heaven, and the doctor explains to God that he helped people save or regain their sight. God says, "Welcome to heaven, my son."

God then asks the heart surgeon what he had done in life that should allow him into heaven. "I saved people from death from heart attacks and heart disease," the doctor replies. "Welcome to heaven, my son," God says.

God then turns to the HMO executive. God asked him what he was, and the man replied that he worked for an HMO. "Welcome to heaven, my son," says God, "but you have to leave in two days."

This is the actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. Radio conversation released by the chief of naval operations, 10-10-95.

CANADIANS: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

CANADIANS: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

CANADIANS: No, I say again, you divert YOUR course.

AMERICANS: This is the Aircraft Carrier US LINCOLN, the second largest ship in the United States Atlantic Fleet. We are accompanied with three Destroyers, three Cruisers and numerous support vessels. I DEMAND that you change your course 15 degrees north. I say again, that's one-five degrees north, or counter-measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

CANADIANS: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



Check out the MMA Web Page!
www.missourimappers.org



Happy Birthday!

APRIL – Carl Sohn, (Franklin County), Sherry Turner (St. Charles County), Randy Lewis (Lewis-Bade), Mike Sutherland (Warren County), Bette Davis, Gregory Peck, Butch Cassidy, Russell Crowe, David Letterman, Jay Leno, Ulysses S. Grant, Michelle Pfeiffer, Charlie Chaplin, Leonardo da Vinci

MAY – Kim Swisher (Sanborn, Inc.), Audrey Hepburn, George Clooney, Harry Truman, George Carlin, Katherine Hepburn, Jimmy Stewart, Jewel, Drew Carey, John Wayne, Wild Bill Hickock

JUNE – Curtis Ellison (Franklin County), Carolyn Kinnison (Franklin County), Ingrid Carney (St. Charles County), Dean Martin, Andy Griffith, Michael J. Fox, Elizabeth Hurley, Joe Montana, Tim Allen, Paul McCartney, Nicole Kidman, John Goodman, Derek Jeter

Some food facts:

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. Also: The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion: Eat & drink what you like.
It's speaking English that kills you!!!!

One good turn gets most of the blankets.

Mental Floss prevents Moral Decay.

Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change.

I'd explain it to you, but your brain would explode.

A conclusion is simply the place where you got tired of thinking.

I don't have a solution but I admire the problem.

Don't be so open-minded, your brains might fall out.

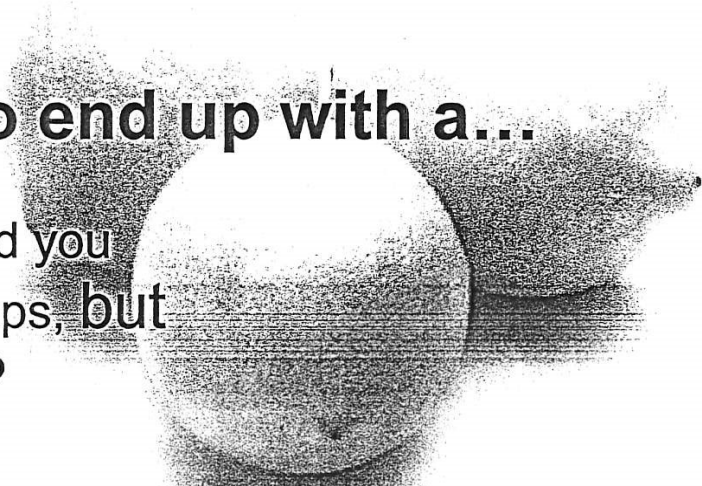
If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished!

Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie!"...till you can find a rock.

Purchasing A GIS Is, In Some Respects, A Lot Like Buying A Car.

You don't want to end up with a...

You have paper maps and you
may even have digital maps, but
do you have a GIS?



A GIS is not just an automated mapping system, but an information system with the ability to view data as a whole, share data with other offices, maintain and edit data efficiently and accurately, provide visual query and statistical analysis, and ultimately improve the decision making process.

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MMA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop
May 17, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop
May 21, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop
May 23, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop
June 22, 2001	MMA Executive Board Meeting
August 1, 2, & 3, 2001	MMA 17th Annual Meeting

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