

# JANUARY 2010

## FEBRUARY SPS CHAPTER MEETING

The regular business meeting will be held on the 2nd of February at 6:30 PM, at  
*Porter's Place*

**TOPIC: ESRI Survey Add-Ons for GIS Software**



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### Minutes of the January 5, 2010 Chapter Meeting

There being a quorum present and Chapter President Dan Price called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.

December Meeting Minutes Approved – MSP

#### **Treasurers Report:**

Checking: \$10,590.89      Savings: \$1,890.18

Six (6) Month CD: \$7,505.80 .

- Yearly contributions made:
  - TWIST education fund: \$500
  - RTC Dave Elser Foundation: \$2000
  - PPI scholarship fund: \$500
  - 2010 Survey Camp deposit (reimbursable): \$1055

#### **Committee Reports:**

Survey Career Awareness / Membership Committee: February will begin the “Adopt a Member” incentive program. Encourage a long lost fellow member to come to a meeting. Details to follow...

Welcome new member Mike Ireland!

Education: Nothing to report this month.

Pierce County Liaison: Doug Casement reported that there were several topics discussed:

- Sprinkler systems will be required in all single family dwellings, implemented July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- State energy code: The governor called for 30% more efficiency.

- Update on shoreline codes: The county will be going for greater uniformity with vegetative retention policy.
- Fee changes: Some fees have decreased and they will be looking to collect impact fees at a later point in the project.

**Board of Trustees:** Nothing to report.

**Scheduling:** James Ray is coordinating February's presentation: A visit from an ESRI representative to share survey add-on products. For April, Larry Signani may make a presentation on his historical climb of elevating the top of Mt. Rainier.

**Presentation:** Ben Peterson gave a heck of a presentation on the "Hoosac Tunnel". Some fabulous hi-lights:

- Started in 1848 and completed in 1875, the 5 mile tunnel was Boston's competitive response to New York's Erie Canal.
- In 1838, Alvah Crocker chartered the "Troy & Greenfield Railroad Co." He was the initial overseer of the project until surveyor Herman Haupt was brought in to conduct the project in 1855. That's when the decision was made to dig the tunnel from both sides of the Hoosac Mountain. A simple method was employed, flopping the scope 180° to make sure either end was on the same alignment.
- Many lives were lost and the invention of nitroglycerin revolutionized "controlled" explosions. The cheap gun powder they had been using took a life every 10 days on average.
- Slow progress inspired the decision to dig down directly from the top of the mountain for an intermediate connection between the two ends. This "inverted tunnel" led to a frightful event called the "Bloody Pit".
- Out of this came the invention of an elevator by none other than Otis himself. Also, new management was inspired to care more for the workers and compensate their families as workers' lives continued to be lost.
- And who can forget the shenanigans of the "Dirty Short Fuser" Ringo Kelly? Said to be an active ghost still haunting the tunnel to this day.

**If you ever find yourself in the vicinity of western Massachusetts, try to work in some time to visit old Ringo. Recommended reading: "A Pinprick of Light: The Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Its Hoosac Tunnel" ~ [Carl R. Byron](#) (Author)**

### **New Business**

- Refresher courses have been cancelled at South Sound Community college due to lack of registrants. The college has re-categorized the classes and therefore increased the room fee to \$110 per night (up from \$35). For those who did sign up, contact Bill O'Neill or Steve Ivey & handouts will be made available to you.
- Jason Vanderhoek is a teacher who was sponsored this last year to participate in TWiST. He joined the meeting as a guest and thanked the chapter for enabling this week long training event. He is a pre-engineering teacher at Bonney Lake high school.
- Vic Banks, by way of Dan Price, invited all members to participate in upcoming career day events. He made a formal request for the total amount he anticipates needing for the TWiST program. We send \$500 annually, and he request \$840 from our chapter. We will send the residual \$340.

### **Old Business**

#### **Good of the Order**

1. Chapter Chatters are now on our website.
2. Registration for the 2010 conference has begun.
3. Fall Seminar 2011: Amanda Askren and Mike McEvilly are committee chairs.
4. Jerry Broadus' book on Washington State common law is now available from [www.lsaw.org](http://www.lsaw.org) for \$75.

5. Amanda is now with PPI ~ congratulations Amanda on your new position!
6. Bill Sleeth announced that at the annual WCCS meeting the decision was made to drop the survey information warehouse. There is an imminent need for a software upgrade and there are no funds available to cover this cost.
7. Larry Signani & Gavin Shrock were honored at the latest APWA conference.

Bill Glassey is still looking for railroad right of way stories.

Ben Peterson is still moving on his legacy project – he’s looking for photos, stories, data, etc.

## Attendance

There were 26 members, 9 associates, 3 guests. Total 38.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**LSAW**  
**South Puget Sound Chapter**  
**February 2, 2010 Meeting Agenda**  
**(Agenda subject to change)**

6:30-ish pm “Call to Order”



Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions and sign in sheet - Welcome returning “long time no see” members

Approval (hopefully) of January minutes



Treasurers Report



Committee reports

Survey Career Awareness Committee: **Dick Lovering**  
Membership Committee: **Desi Harpel**  
Old Time Survey Camp: **Gary Letzring**  
Trig Star: **Dan Price**  
Pierce County Liaison: **Doug Casement & Tom Kerth**  
Board of Trustees: **Amanda Askren**  
Scheduling: **James Ray**  
2011 Fall Seminar: **Amanda Askren & Mike McEilly**

Old Business

- LSAW Monumentation Committee: **Aaron Blaisdell**
- 2010 Conference: [www.lsaw.org/conf\\_2010.php](http://www.lsaw.org/conf_2010.php) March 3 -6, 2010 @ Hotel Murano
- 2010 Refresher courses sponsored by North Puget Sound Chapter are being held in Kirkland on Thursday nights @ Lake Washington Technical College, see [www.lsaw.org](http://www.lsaw.org) for information (also attached to this chatter)
- Jerry Broadus’ awesome new book, “Washington State Common Law of Surveys and Property Boundaries” is available for \$75 at [www.lsaw.org](http://www.lsaw.org)
- Also available is the 2009 Survey Reference Manual Update (cost \$60)

Presentation

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