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President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

The days are getting shorter and the temps are getting a little cooler! It won't be too long before there will be those morning fogs. The old folks always said that for every foggy morning in August there would be a snowy morning in coming winter. With as hot as it was a couple of weeks ago, some snow would be welcome.

Shorter days also mean it's tax bill time. This is the first year Yadkin County has fully converted to calculated acreage for assessment purposes. Bills went out the last Friday in July and so far, we haven't had too many complaints on the acreages.

It never ceases to amaze me what people do not know about what they own.

Today, one lady called wanting to know why her acreage went from 1.21 acres to 4.69 acres. She was deeded the property in 1997 from her mother who inherited the property from her father. I was able to get the whole history on the land from the time the crust cooled, and sometime in there I-77 came through and took some of the land. Her deed refers to the centerline of I-77 and follows the centerline of the interstate and actually plots out to 5.86 acres. The deed also makes no reference to the amount of acres conveyed.

I have no clue how it came to be that she was being assessed on only 1.21 acres but we've increased her acreage to the 4.69 that is outside the right of way of I-77 and the adjoining SR road.

After trying to explain for several minutes that she owned more than the 1.21 acres to begin with and that she had gotten a great deal on her tax bill all these years since 1997 and the county would not try to collect anything she might have owed in taxes had she been billed for what was actually there. She still couldn't understand why the acreage had increased. I finally ask her hadn't she ever heard of global warming that things

expand when they get warm. She laughed and ask if that's what I thought had happened.

She then admitted that she had never set foot on the property and didn't even know if there was an access to it. Will wonders ever cease?

The Property Mappers Association has completed another successful mapping school. There were over 80 students this year, the largest number in recent memory if not ever in the 25 year history of the association.

We had two students from Florence, SC, one from Georgia. One student told me she was from Virginia Beach, but that was a lie.

Fall Conference is fast approaching! Get to send your registration soon. It's not too early to send them in this week. Steve Randone of Brunswick County and his committee are really working hard to put together a super conference celebrating our "25th year". With the extra day, we're adding some great concurrent sessions for Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Also for those members that are interested in IAAO Course 600 and Course 601, the Association is sponsoring each of these classes. Course 600 will be held in Clemmons, NC (that's in Forsyth County near Winston-Salem) the week of November 14th - 18th, 2005. The Course 601 will be in Asheville the week of April 3rd - 7th, 2006.

Room rates for both locations are really reasonable, somewhere around sixty bucks a night. Too bad the room rates for the Fall Conference aren't so reasonable!

Yours in mapping from the banks of the Yadkin River,

John
(aka Lord Yadkin)

Record Breaking News!!!!!!!

As of August 1, 2005 the NCPMA has over 400 members!!!

Thanks to all our board and committee members that have worked hard to make this happen.

Also, a BIG THANKS to all our members who support our organization and keep encouraging others to join our "mapping family"!

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Memorium...

We extend our deepest sympathy to Patricia Pike of Onslow County on the loss of her Father on July 17th. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

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Logo Contest Winner!!!

Congratulations go out to David Weisgerber of Polk County, who entered our logo contest and WON! He was up against some tough competition, but only one could be the winner! GOOD JOB David!!!!

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2005 Legend Directories

The new *Legend* is printed and ready for distribution. We gave out as many as possible to the students at mapping school, but there are still a lot left to be mailed. They should be hitting the mail within the next few weeks. Thanks for your patience.

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IAAO Course 600 & 601

The NCPMA is sponsoring both of these IAAO courses at a drastically reduced rate to NCPMA members. A Course 600 Registration form is found on page 5 of this newsletter and on the website. If you need more information, call or email Tammy Southern. See the calendar of events page 6 for dates and locations.

2005 Mapping School

MAPPING DOWN ON THE RIVER

THE 26TH ANNUAL MAPPING SCHOOL WAS HELD IN NEW BERN AUG. 1ST-5TH. WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT WITH 76 STUDENTS ATTENDING. IT WAS MY FIRST SCHOOL IN NEW BERN AS WELL AS THE MAJORITY OF THOSE IN THE REGULAR CLASS. THE SHERATON IS A BEAUTIFUL FACILITY AND I THOUGHT THAT BOTH THE FOOD AND SERVICE WERE EXCELLENT. THE MONDAY NIGHT PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FEATURED LIVE BLUES MUSIC FROM *ED LILLEY, THE ONE MAN BLUES BAND*, WHO ROCKED US WITH HIS ORIGINAL "THE MAPPING BLUES."

WE HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET CHUCK SZYPSZAK AND SHEA DENNING, OUR NEW CONTACTS AT *THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT* IN A GROUP SESSION ON TUESDAY. THEY COVERED THE REAL ESTATE PORTION OF THE PROGRAM AND PROVED TO BE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE. THE GROUP SEPARATED INTO REGULAR AND ADVANCED CLASSES FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK. THANKS TO KEN HILL AND *SPECTRUM* FOR THE HOSPITALITY ROOM ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIFTY OF US TOURED *TRYON PALACE BY CANDLELIGHT*. THE WEATHER WAS THREATENING BUT WE MADE IT TO A RESTORED HOME FOR DOWN EAST BARBEQUE AND A BUCKET OF "NANNER PUDDIN."

THURSDAY WAS A FULL DAY OF HITTING THE BOOKS FOLLOWED BY TESTS FRIDAY MORNING. FOR ME THE WEEK FLEW BY. I WISH WE ALL HAD MORE TIME TO SOCIALIZE AND ENJOY THE SIGHTS OF NEW BERN BUT THERE IS A LOT OF MATERIAL THAT HAS TO BE COVERED IN A SHORT TIME. I HOPE ALL WHO ATTENDED GAINED SOMETHING FROM THEIR CLASSES WHETHER YOU WERE GOING FOR CERTIFICATION OR NOT. FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARDS TO THE FACILITY, ITINERARY, INSTRUCTORS, OR SOCIAL EVENTS.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THE INSTRUCTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IT WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU. ALSO, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR NEW MAPPERS. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE CONFERENCE.

Vic
(Dean of Mapping)

!!!!Let's Celebrate 25 Years!!!!

Hello All,

Conference time is upon us. Man, that was quick! It seems like yesterday that our first notice of the conference was posted. Time sure flies when you're having fun. And fun is exactly what we have on the conference agenda this year. So get prepared!

It is not everyday that we can be in an environment where our mind can be challenged, knowledge accumulated and fun can be achieved. Therefore, you do not want to miss our 25th celebration. The conference committee has been working overtime to bring you an experience that will accomplish all this and more.

The workshops for Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning are expensive (it will cost you your time) but well worth it. (Remember that the workshop with the conference can give you 24 hours toward certification.) We have arranged a concurrent workshop setting for Tuesday with some of the latest software applications. Wednesday, is a workshop for all. This workshop will take you on a journey from aerial photography to the delivery of orthophotos. This will be a workshop that you would not want to miss!

The conference will have many interesting topics that we all can relate to. We have tried to incorporate the wishes and ideas of our members. The conference will also emphasize our rich history that has only been possible due to the talented members of the past.

I am really excited about this year's conference. The committee has been able to incorporate many great ideas that they or our members have had. So get your registrations in before the deadlines.

The deadline for the conference registration is Sept. 9th. Please make checks payable to "NCPMA" and send, along with your registration form to:

Steve Randone, MIS Director
Brunswick County
PO Box 249
Bolivia, NC 28422

Rooms must be reserved at the Sheraton Imperial by Sept. 4th to take advantage of the conference rate of \$105.00 per night (single or double) plus tax. Their number is (910) 941-5050.

The conference has always been a great opportunity to formulate new relationships and re-establish old ones both professionally and personally. Each conference I have attended, I have been able to bring back new ideas and solutions for the betterment of our county. It has always been a wonderful learning experience in a relaxed atmosphere with awesome people. This year will be no exception, so please come join us.

The 25th Anniversary Conference Committee is looking forward to serving and celebrating with you this memorable moment in time for the NCPMA. We look forward to seeing each of you there.

Steve Randone
NCPMA 2005 Conference Committee Chair

North Carolina Property Mappers Association 2005 Annual Conference Registration Form

Sheraton Imperial Hotel – RTP, NC – October 4-7, 2005

Name _____

County _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Job Title _____

Email _____

Phone Area Code (_____) Number _____ Ext. _____

Pre-Conference Workshops (free)

Please indicate which Workshop Sessions you plan to attend (if any)

- Tuesday, October 4th Afternoon Workshop
 Wednesday, October 5th Morning Workshop

- For hotel room reservations, please contact the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center at (919) 941-5050 before September 4th.
- One banquet ticket is included per registration. Guest tickets may be purchased at a discount in advance (below) for \$25 or at the conference for \$30 each.
- Please Return this completed form by **September 9, 2005**. Please submit one form per conference participant. Make checks payable to “NCPMA” and mail to:

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Registration Questions to:
srandone@brunsko.net
Phone (910) 253-2390
Fax (910) 253-2399

Registration Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Registration – NCPMA Member		\$ 100	\$
Registration – NCPMA Non-Member		\$ 130	\$
Additional Advance Banquet Tickets (per person) Non-refundable		\$ 25	\$
<i>Make checks payable to “NCPMA”</i>		Amount Enclosed	\$



IAAO Course 600 Registration

Make checks payable to "NCPMA" and mail with this form to:

Tammy Southern, NCPMA Secretary
Forsyth County GIS/Mapping
PO Box 757
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Deadline: October 13, 2005

November 14-18, 2005 @ The Village Inn, Clemmons NC

Name: _____
Last First MI Designation (CMS, GISP, etc.)

County/Organization: _____

Work Address: _____

Email: _____

Position/Title: _____ **Dept.** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____
Area Code Number Ext. Area Code Number



**IAAO Course 600 is being sponsored by the
North Carolina Property Mappers Association**

Serving Property Mappers in North Carolina since 1980.

<http://www.ncpropertymappers.org/>

Course Tuition (Make checks payable to NCPMA) Return Receipt Requested

NCPMA Member -- \$350* **Non-Member -- \$475**

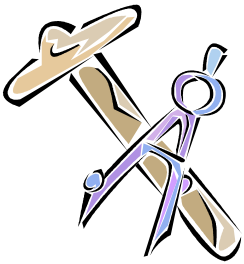
*Due to the large discount for NCPMA Members, you may not join the Association just to receive a lower tuition rate. Tuition discounts for new members will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Refunds for cancellations after 10/13/05 may be subject to a cancellation fee. If the registrant is unable to attend, you may send a substitute participant without penalty.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Village Inn (where the course will be taught) at a rate of \$57.25 per night plus tax. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 336-766-9121. In order to assure availability at the quoted rate, please make reservations by October 13, 2005.

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Payment Received Amount: _____ Check Number: _____

NCPMA Member? Yes No Member since: _____



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2005

1-5 NCPMA Mapping School Sheraton Grand Hotel, New Bern NC

September 2005

7-9 Carolina URISA and GITA Summer Conference Hilton Center City, Charlotte NC

18-21 IAAO Conference Anchorage, AK

October 2005

4-7 NCPMA Fall Conference Sheraton Imperial, RTP NC

8-12 Annual URISA (National) Conference Kansas City, MO

November 2005

14-18 IAAO Course 600 The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC

April 2006

3-7 IAAO Course 601 Ramada Inn, Asheville, NC

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