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“The game of life is a lot like football. You have to tackle your problems, block your fears, and score points when you get the opportunity.”
 -Lewis Grizzard



What is it?

Although the average age of a licensed surveyor is 56 years, we doubt any of them have used this antique and simple but surprising accurate survey tool. Correctly identify the apparatus and you may be eligible for a free luncheon at your next chapter meeting. Answers may be emailed to smerrill@ucls.org. The winner will be determined by the earliest received date and its time of response.

In This Issue: Surveyor Sam continues to share his/her “Tricks of the Trade” experiences to make our work more efficient. Surveyor Sam again invites each of us to contribute to the betterment of the profession by sharing ideas.

Each month, the UCLS publication committee invites four members to participate in the “getting to know our members” section. This month three of the four requests were completed - thank you very much.

Did you know UCLS has a Facebook page? Yes we do!

The submitted dastardly deed is not really dastardly but one should be aware of acronyms.

Do you have a picture to share? We invite you to share charismatic photos of yourself and/or coworker, panoramic images of Utah’s scenic wonders, or pictures of survey related tools and equipment. Additionally, we need interesting and unique descriptions or survey related stories to share with our membership. Remember, if you do not participate you have no right to complain. Please let us know your thoughts, recommendations, suggestions, or complaints.

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Another Trick or Two

By: Sam Surveyor

Summer time can get hot. This year has been no exception. The ground bakes and becomes very hard. At times, I have set the hub down and with one really good hit, shred it into a million splinters. No wood will ever get in the ground! There are many who have special metal stakes to make a hole and then put in the hub. I have tried this and it does work - but I think there is a better way. When I was young and my father took me with him pheasant hunting, we often walked along railroad tracks. "Here, put these in your pouch" he said, when finding loose **railroad spikes**. I would be lucky if we did not walk along to many tracks. We always had a few railroad spikes in the truck for hard ground. One summer we had a job to lay out a runway for an airport. Every 25' we had to put a red top. The ground was so hard but we found that spikes worked like a dream. A & K railroad in Salt Lake sells railroad spikes. I suggest you get the used spikes, which look almost like new. A spike costs about twice that of a hub and they sell them by the keg. A keg is ten gallons - if it was water - and weights 150 lbs. Do not lift this by yourself! Go to the yard office at the back of the lot and they will help you.

When I have to set my instrument at one station for a long time and want a back sight to check now and then, I set some type of marker. I have seen many surveyors leave nice tripods with a tri-back prism or range pole in the streets over a monument and often wonder, what would happen if I moved it over just a bit - would they notice? Have they ever had a car hit them? When I'm setting in the street, sometimes I feel like there could never be enough warning signs and cones. Perhaps it would be better to set something to mark the back sight that would not be so costly. The trick I found helpful is an **orange cone**. I can place it right over the point. The hole in the top lets me lower a plumb bob or range pole onto the point. Once line has been taken, I make a 3 or 4 inch line on the top of the cone side facing the instrument that I can see as a back sight. The cone is stable enough to hold position and if the line sight ever moves from the center of the cone, I will know it has been hit or moved. If it is hit the damage is minimal.

Maybe you have a trick or slick way of doing something. Send it in and I'll write about it if you don't need the attention. I hope to see you in the trades, I mean fields. Remember I'm pulling for ya.

Golden Spike Chapter Report

by: Dave Balling

On Wednesday July 17, Doug Kinsman, the Tooele County Surveyor who is also serving as the Legislation Committee chair, addressed us. We met at the Iggy's sports Grill in Centerville.

Doug talked about the latest issues that the committee is working on. There is a lot of discussion about vacating and amending plats of subdivisions. Ernest Rowley is working directly with the bill sponsor. I asked Doug if he would also write an update of the trespassing laws in the state.

Our next meeting will be at 12:00 noon on 14 August, Troy Langston from Monson Engineering will inform us on the newest technology in the field. He generally has a great presentation. We will meet at the Javier's Restaurant on Harrison Blvd. in Ogden. I have always liked Mexican food.

I want to check to see if you ever read this. There was a man driving and being somewhat distracted on his cell phone he did not notice that the new Mercedes in front of him had stopped. He rear-ended it and the damage was major. He got out and approached the driver who happened to be a very short midget. The other driver also got out to see the damage and was shaking his head in disgust. "I AM NOT HAPPY!" He said. The first driver then replied, "Well, which one are you?" I will know if you read this because the next time you see me you will ask "which one are you?"

Don't forget the upcoming Fall Forum and it is never too late to get involved in UCLS. Be a member of a committee - or better yet - plan to be an officer.

Utah 2013 Trig-Star State Contest

	Student	Graduation Year	High School	Time	Point Score	Teacher	Sponsor
1st Place	Songlin Wu	2013	Gunnison	0:42:50	88	Mark Otten	Chad Hill
2nd Place	Supraj Prakash	2013	Clearfield	0:44:11	88	Ashley Martin	Brad Mortensen
3rd Place	Christian Brown	2015	Desert Hills	0:39:00	76	Dow Christenson	Bob Hermondson
	Tyler Bowles	2013	Syracuse	0:45:04	76	Jamie Bateman	Brad Mortensen
	Linh Cam Hoang	2014	Morgan	0:53:32	76	Hiedi Valdez	Trent R. Williams
	Rachael Colson	2014	Hurricane	0:54:20	76	Ken Cahoon and Shelly Kid-Thomas	Arthur LeBaron
	Brett Loertscher	2013	Clearfield	0:54:50	76	Ashley Martin	Brad Mortensen
	Veronica Jacobs	2013	Clearfield	0:57:30	76	Ashley Martin	Brad Mortensen
	Jacob Zamora	2015	Northridge	1:00:00	76	Wayne Somner	Dallas Buttars
	Xuwen Wang	2014	Clearfield	0:52:34	74	Ashley Martin	Brad Mortensen
	Steven Free	2014	Syracuse	0:36:10	70	Jamie Bateman	Brad Mortensen
	Garrett Sorensen	2014	Gunnison	0:49:00	70	Mark Otten	Chad Hill
	Kyle Rasmussen	2014	Hurricane	0:54:50	70	Ken Cahoon and Shelly Kid-Thomas	Arthur LeBaron
	Alyssa Walton	2013	Northridge	0:59:20	70	Wayne Somner	Dallas Buttars
	Joey Carlisle	2014	Gunnison	1:00:00	70	Mark Otten	Chad Hill
	Sam Thayer	2015	Hurricane	1:00:00	70	Ken Cahoon and Shelly Kid-Thomas	Arthur LeBaron
	Chase Nielsen	2014	Morgan	0:54:01	66	Hiedi Valdez	Trent R. Williams
	Matt Richards	2013	Desert Hills	0:36:57	65	Dow Christenson	Bob Hermondson
	Emily Davis	2013	Syracuse	0:59:15	60	Jamie Bateman	Brad Mortensen
	Sam Harrison	2015	Northridge	1:00:00	59	Wayne Somner	Dallas Buttars
	Justin Nance	2015	Desert Hills	0:52:58	52	Dow Christenson	Bob Hermondson
	Richard Sellers	2014	Rich	0:40:02	46	Glenn Smith	Surveyor Scherbel Ltd
	Zhaochen Zerg	2014	Morgan	0:53:22	46	Hiedi Valdez	Trent R. Williams
	Jessica Adams	2014	Syracuse	0:44:27	40	Jamie Bateman	Brad Mortensen
	Amelia Ward	2013	Rich	0:40:20	28	Glenn Smith	Surveyor Scherbel Ltd
	23 Winners		8 Schools			9 teachers	7 Sponsors
	75 Participants						

Facebook users! Did you know that the UCLS has a Facebook page? Come "LIKE" us at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Utah-Council-of-Land-Surveyors/194730725671> or just login to your Facebook account and search for "**Utah Council of Land Surveyors**". It's just that simple! Come on over and stay a while...you never know who you might see posted in the photos section. It could be you from a past convention!



UCLS Salt Lake Chapter Summer Social BBQ

Time: 5:30 PM

Date: August 15, 2013

Summer BBQ is upon us. We are looking forward to socializing with you and your families. Please bring a side dish either a salad or dessert to share. (let me know your preference when you RSVP) We will be providing the Main dish and drinks.

Cost is \$10 for each UCLS member families are free.



**Dr. O. Roi Hardy Park
12400 S 1000 W, Riverton, UT 84065**

**Map: <http://mapq.st/12BcUml>
Park on either side of River we are in the pavilion on the West side**



RSVP to David Mortensen: 801-755-6891 email dmortensen@bushandgudgell.com no later than August 12th at Noon.

NSPS News

Website

NSPS is in the process of revamping its website and is looking for related photos to be posted from time to time on the site. Credit will be given for photos selected. Please submit your photos to trisha.milburn@nsps.us.com. Include name of photographer and a brief description of the photo.

Surveying Mathematics Made Simple

A new series of e-books with useful formulas and helpful hints with easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions. http://www.cc4w.net/eflyer/books_eflyer.pdf

NSPS Apparel Now Available Through Lands End

NSPS has arranged through Lands End to have logo apparel available. To order directly from the NSPS Lands End eStore. NSPS logo currently available in white, black and blue.

Visit http://ocs.landsend.com/cd/frontdoor?store_name=NSPSINC&store_type=3

Getting to Know Our Members

Name: **Jack Berry**

Residing at 6680 S 2445 E Cottonwood Heights, Utah

My spouse is Therese Berry and we are the parents of two children.

My hobbies and/or interests include Skiing, mountain biking, and river running.

When I retire, I want to go skiing, mountain biking and river running.

I have been a member of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors since 1990 and all things considered - I think UCLS is doing a great job.

My current employer is Rockhill LLC where I am the owner responsible for everything.

I have been employed by this company for 4 years but have been involved in the surveying profession since 1978.

I became a surveyor because I love physical geography and surveying is applied geography.

During the past 4 years, the "great recession" has had the greatest impact on the surveying profession. However, during the next years, I believe a growing economy will have the most influence on its future.

In my opinion, the future of licensed professional surveying will remain broadly focused around boundary surveying. Much of our business is now, and will continue to be, the result of the fact that we carry insurance and are experts at surveying, not necessarily, because we are licensed.

Geospatial tools; such as Google Earth, hand-held GPS, scanners, and wide array of GIS software tools; are advancing so fast and adding value to so many other disciplines that professional surveyors will only be one profession taking advantage of the geospatial renaissance we are experiencing. Education, experience, and knowledge are the key for surveyors to advance as future markets emerge and our surveying techniques and equipment continue to change. When clients want to know an exact position on the ground, in relation to other exact positions, we must do all we can, (for all time and eternity) to make sure that client calls a licensed land surveyor.



Name: **Robin E. Beasley**

Residing at 1922 E Southbridge Way, Sandy, Ut

My spouse's name is Beverly Beasley and we are the parents of 2 children, and grandparents of 2.

My hobbies and/or interests include: skiing, hiking, traveling, photography, snorkeling and scuba diving. In addition to my

career as surveyor, I am also a certified ski instructor (retired) and spent over 40 years teaching.

Now that I am retired, I'm enjoying skiing (85 days last season), hiking and travelling.

I have been a member of the UCLS since 1989.

My most recent employer was Horrocks Engineers where I worked in their right-of-way department performed QA/QC work for them as well as other right-of-way work. Prior to Horrocks, I was with ESI Engineering for 25 years where I performed a variety of duties. In my last 10 or 15 years at ESI, my responsibilities included scheduling field crews, heading their GPS operations and UDOT right-of-way project management. Some of my most notable work was establishing large static GPS networks for transportation projects.

I became a surveyor because I needed summer work to compliment my winter ski teaching and I loved working outdoors and in the mountains.

During the past 15 years technology innovations have had the greatest impact on the surveying profession.

However, during the next 10 years, I believe data management will have the most influence on its future.

In my opinion, the future of surveying is bright and new technology will continue to evolve and make it an exciting and challenging field to be involved with.



Getting to Know Our Member continued...

Name: **Eric J. Bernkoph**

Residing at: 1447 Hudson Street, Ogden, UT

My spouse is Debbie and we are the parents of three children.

My hobbies and/or interests include tennis, biking, skiing, and visiting ghost towns.

When I retire, I want to travel and recreate, maybe do some part-time surveying.

I have been a member of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors since 1990.

My current employer is Salt Lake City Engineering.

My position or title is PLS/GIS Specialist and I'm responsible for municipal surveys and some GIS database maintenance.

I have been employed by this company since 1990 but have been involved in the surveying profession since 1973.

I became a surveyor because I wanted to work outdoors and I had a strong math background.

During the past 10 years, technology has had the greatest impact on the surveying profession. However, during the next 10 years, I believe surveying principles and practices will have the most influence on its future.

In my opinion, the future of surveying has advanced through technology and will be an exciting profession.



"Where is it" July



Darren Williams was the first to recognize the location of last month's "where is it" competition, however, Victoria Ostradicky was the first to correctly identify the statute and its location at the corner of 2300 East Parley's Way.

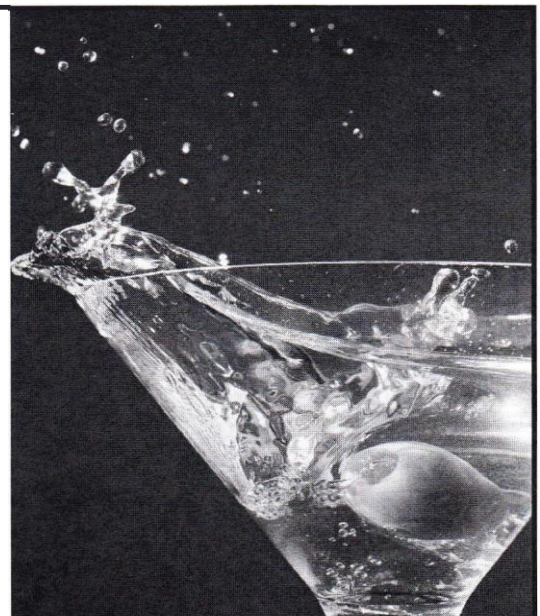
The statue of Parley P. Pratt stands, with his surveying equipment, looking toward the route where he personally explored, surveyed, built, and maintained the first road for public transportation in the scenic canyon east of Salt Lake City, later named "Parley's Canyon". In 1848, Parley P. Pratt unsuccessfully petitioned Salt Lake City for eight hundred dollars to construct a road through Big Canyon Creek in the Wasatch Mountains just south of Emigration Canyon. Pratt thought Emigration Canyon was much too difficult and that the city needed another entrance into the valley. The city refused his request for money, but he obtained the deed to the canyon and late in July 1849 began road construction in earnest on the road known as the "Golden Pass Road" because of all the gold miners on their way to California. Today it is the route of Interstate Highway 80.

How's Your Day Going?

There I was, sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making local stepped up next to me, grabbed my drink and gulped it down in one swig. "Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he said, menacingly.

I burst into tears. "Come on, man," he said, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I said. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me. So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I bought a drink. I dropped a capsule in and was sitting here watching the poison dissolve; then you showed up and drank the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"



Dastardly Deed

NOTICE OF INTEREST and QUIT CLAIM

REGARDING THE DRAPER IRRIGATION CANAL

This Notice of Interest and Quit Claim is made as of the 21st day of November, 2006, regarding the DRAPER CITY, a Utah municipal corporation ("City"), DRAPER IRRIGATION CANAL ("Canal") as it currently adjoins SOUTHFORK SUBDIVISION and along the southeasterly boundary of the CORBY G. CAMPBELL and SUZANNE P. CAMPBELL, Joint Tenants, ("Campbell") property, all located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 4 South, Range 1 East of the Salt Lake Base and Meridian in Draper City, Utah.

WHEREAS, City is the holder of certain rights granted to it by Draper Irrigation Company pursuant to a Quit Claim Deed With Easement Reserved recorded with the Salt Lake County Recorder on March 13, 2001 as Entry No. 7141907 in Book 8433 at Page 5046 (the "City Deed"); and

WHEREAS, Campbell is the holder of certain claims of interest in portions of the Canal Property as described in that certain Warranty Deed recorded with the Salt Lake County Recorder on August 28, 1997 as Entry No. 6726608 in Book 7745 at Page 0748 ("Campbell Deed"); and

WHEREAS, the City Deed describes and purports to convey the Canal Property to the City; and

WHEREAS, the deed for the Canal Property was obtained from the Utah Lake Irrigation Company by the Draper Irrigation Company pursuant to a Deed recorded with the Salt Lake County Recorder on April 14, 1921 as Entry No. 448514 in Book 9R of Deeds at Page 331 (the "DIC Deed"); and

WHEREAS, the original Canal Property was obtained by the Utah Lake Irrigation Company pursuant to Warranty Deeds recorded with the Salt Lake County Recorder on November 25, 1914 as Entry No. 333728 in Book 7K of Deeds at Page 539 (the "ULIC Deed"); and

WHEREAS, the City Deed, the DIC Deed, and the ULIC Deed consistently describe and convey a strip of land 3 rods (49.5 feet) wide lying 1 rod (16.5 feet) on the right or southeasterly side and 2 rods (33 feet) on the left or northwesterly side of the canal channel; and

WHEREAS, the ULIC Deeds describe the Canal Property consisting of various specific courses and curves which generally follow the alignment of the existing canal channel; and

UCLS FALL FORUM 2013



“PAY ATTENTION TO DETAIL”



The UCLS Convention Committee is pleased to announce the location and date for the UCLS Annual Fall Forum for 2013 which will be held at the Salt Lake Community College, 4175 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, Utah on September 27, 2013 beginning at 8:00 am.

We are once again pleased to provide training and classes for the technical, field crews and the professional alike. As in the past, this will be a one day event with lots to learn and discuss.

Our keynote speaker for the fall forum will be Joshua Vandiver the Regional Sale Manager for HDS Leica Geosystems, Inc. Joshua will present a Scanning for Surveyors 101: High Definition Survey data Collection. This is a timely presentation for our industry with all the new advancements made with the technology.

In addition to Joshua, we are extremely excited to have Kelly Francis from Aero-Graphics and Jim Kaiserman the Wasatch County Surveyor as presenters. Kelly will be talking on the Basic elements of photogrammetry, including camera systems, ortho-photo production and raster/vector data conversions along with Control Survey techniques and Accuracies, Field verification of photogrammetric surveys, Levels of precision and accuracy standards and the Basics of LiDar. Jim will present a discussion on Lost, Obliterated and Replacing Section Corners which he has presented to several county surveyors and other chapters which issue has become another timely and critical part to our industry.

We look forward to meeting and seeing you all again to help our profession move forward with new technology as well as preserving our past.



Getting old?

\$5.37!

That's what the kid behind the counter at Taco Bell said to me. I dug into my pocket and pulled out some lint and two dimes and something that used to be a Jolly Rancher. Having already handed the kid a five spot, I started to head back out to the truck to grab some change when the kid with the Elmo hairdo said the harshest thing anyone has ever said to me. He said, "It's OK - I'll just give you the senior citizen discount."

I turned to see who he was talking to and then heard the sound of change hitting the counter in front of me.

"Only \$4.68," he said cheerfully, I stood there stupefied. I am 48, not even 50 yet - a mere child!

Senior citizen?

I took my burrito and walked out to the truck wondering what was wrong with Elmo. Was he blind? As I sat in the truck, my blood began to boil. Old? Me? I'll show him, I thought. I opened the door and headed back inside. I strode to the counter and there he was waiting with a smile. Before I could say a word, he held up something and jingled it in front of me, as if I could be that easily distracted! What am I now - a toddler?

"Dude! Can't get too far without your car keys, eh?"

I stared with utter disdain at the keys. I began to rationalize in my mind. "Leaving keys behind hardly makes a man elderly! It could happen to anyone!" I turned and headed back to the truck. I slipped the key into the ignition, but it wouldn't turn. What now? I checked my keys and tried another one. Still nothing! That's when I noticed the purple beads hanging from my rearview mirror. I have no purple beads hanging from my rearview mirror. Then, a few other objects came into focus. The car seat in the back seat, Happy Meal toys spread all over the floorboard, a partially eaten doughnut on the dashboard.

Faster than you can say ginkgo balboa - I flew out of the alien vehicle. Moments later, I was speeding out of the parking lot, relieved to finally be leaving this nightmarish stop in my life. That is when I felt it, deep in the bowels of my stomach; hunger! My stomach growled and churned, and I reached to grab my burrito, only it was nowhere to be found. I swung the truck around, gathered my courage and strode back into the restaurant one final time.

There Elmo stood, draped in youth and black nail polish. All I could think was, "what is the world coming to?"

All I could say was, "Did I leave my food and drink in here?"

At this point, I was ready to ask a Boy Scout to help me back to my vehicle, and then go straight home and apply for Social Security benefits.

Elmo had no clue. I walked back out to the truck, and suddenly a young lad came up and tugged on my jeans to get my attention. He was holding a drink and a bag. His mother explained, "I think you left this in my truck by mistake."

I took the food and drink from the little boy and sheepishly apologized.

She offered these kind words: "It's OK. My grandfather does stuff like this all the time."

All of this to explain how I got a ticket doing 85 in a 40. Yes, I was racing some punk kid in a Toyota Prius. And no, I told the officer, I'm not too old to be driving this fast.

As I walked in the front door, my wife met me halfway down the hall. I handed her a bag of cold food and a \$300 speeding ticket. I promptly sat in my rocking chair and covered my legs with a blankie.

The good news was I had successfully found my way home.

