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Christmas Gift Suggestions:
 To an enemy - forgiveness
 To an opponent - tolerance
 To a friend - your heart
 To a customer - service
 To all - charity
 To a child - a good example
 To yourself - respect
 -Oren Arnold



Where is it

One of the challenges of today's surveyor is the restrictions (both physical and legal) that prohibits us from occupying public survey monuments. To obtain permission to access property can be both frustrating and time consuming. Regardless of whether or not the property is posted, do you seek permission from the land owner before entering, ignore the law (it will only take 5 minutes to get the shot), or proclaim your surveying license grants a legal right to access the property?

Can you identify this month's "where is it" location? We acknowledge there may be multiple locations where a "No-Trespassing" sign is posted. Nevertheless, the first member who responds and correctly identifies a posted location may be rewarded with a free meal at their next chapter meeting. Answers may be emailed to mail@ucls.org or srmerrill@ucls.org. The winner will be determined by the earliest received date and its time of response.

In This Issue: become informed on the activities of your chapter and the ac-

complishments of the UCLS committees. Additionally, you will be updated on laws that change GPS licensing rules, lightsquared's latest attempts to invade GPS broadcasting frequencies, and the "map it once-use it many times" congressional act. Enjoy the poetry of a recorded deed, consider the best candidate on the 2013 UCLS election ballot, and ascertain the preliminary UCLS annual conference program. UCLS is please to offer each of its members, who are licensed land surveyors, an opportunity to be a part of the National Society of Professional Surveyors without increasing their membership dues.

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. We need your contributions and suggestions. Remember, if you do not participate you have no right to complain. Please let us know your thoughts, recommendations, ideas, and/or complaints.

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Membership Committee

By: David Bronson

Some concerns have been reported to the UCLS board by its members. They are receiving advertisements from various vendors soliciting enrollment in courses or seminars in surveying related fields. The concerns of the board are **“if I am audited will these courses be accepted by DOPL?”**

The answer to that question is not black and white. There is a cost associated with these courses or seminars and there is no guarantee they will be accepted. State code is vague in the exact requirements. It gives only a general outline. This gives all involved some latitude. After talking with DOPL, it is my impression that they are fairly lenient with their interpretation of the state code. They do not want to get into the business of pre-approval of these types of courses. They refer back to State Code and expect the vendors and the professional surveyors to make sure what they present or register for meets state code. It is the membership committee opinion that vendors who offer courses in Utah need to tailor their curriculum to reflect requirements set out in State Code. As well the professional surveyor who is putting out money to take courses or seminars needs to do his or her own research, and become familiar with state code, and ensure the course meets the requirement.

The system is not perfect, but the membership committee feels that it is workable. If you really have a situation that needs clarification you can contact DOPL. We have also included the section of the state code that pertains to continuing education for you to review if you are not already familiar with it.

Historical Committee

By: Greg Hansen

The UCLS Historical Committee has the assignment to prepare articles on the “History of Surveying in Utah” and “The History of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors”. Last month we submitted our first article, “The History of Surveying in Utah.” This publication is about the early explorers and surveyors that had an impact on our state from the mid nineteenth century to the beginning of the twentieth century. It is an interesting read that just touches the surface on the states early history and will soon be placed on the UCLS’s website.

We are asking all UCLS members help and participation in putting together the History of the UCLS by submitting their biographies and photos. More importantly however, we need to track down biographies, obituaries, photos, documents and other information pertaining to our mentors, employers, and past surveyors throughout the state.

There is a UCLS questionnaire form that can be downloaded off of the UCLS website and was also included in the November Foresight publication. Members can also send any information to anyone of the following:

Greg Hansen (Hansen and Assoc. -Brigham City 435-723-3491 greph@haies.net)

Dan Perry (UVU Associate Professor -Provo 801-863-8525 perrydl@uvu.edu)

Jerry Fletcher (Salt Lake City jf_caddman@yahoo.com)

We are also working on the 2013 UCLS Calendar and plan on having our information together by the first of December ready for publication.

Membership Committee

By: David Bronson

Participation Points: This was an idea presented to the board by James Coutts. The idea was to give points to UCLS members for being active in Chapter and Convention activities. Then have a drawing at the convention that would reward point holders. This sounded like a good idea. However, problems arose when we got down to the details. After discussing this for several meetings the committee came to the conclusion that there were too many inequities and accounting problems. A motion was made to abandon the points system. We are currently looking at other ideas to increase member participation.

Life Insurance: This idea was presented to the Board by Lisa Isom. The idea was to make available to the UCLS members Term Life insurance at a group rate. Lisa needed membership information required by her firm to come up with a price quote. Susan had on file most of the information Lisa needed except for one item. they required the birth date of each member which UCLS does not have. This is problematic because there may be members who do not want that information given out. It is the committee’s recommendation that the board get approval from the membership before going forward with the insurance option. The membership needs to understand they will have to supply their birth date.

The committee would like to look at other insurance options with the Boards approval.

Publication Committee

By: Steven Keisel

As per the amended and restated UCLS bylaws, dated 02/19/2012, the principal duties of the Publication Committee shall be to prepare and mail newsletters and other announcements to the membership of the Corporation.

The monthly digital newsletter is gaining support and feedback has been positive. The “who, where, or what” am I section of the newsletter has been popular. Additionally, advertisements for job openings and the sale of surplus survey equipment has been requested.

Unfortunately, the general membership of UCLS has been reluctant to contribute or submit content for the newsletter and therefore chapter, committee, and executive officer submissions are appreciated and welcome.

Construction Committee

By: David Mortensen

We met in November and will be meeting again in December. We are going to be working on a Standard for Construction Staking over the next few months. We are looking for new members throughout the state that would like to join in. **We are looking for new membership to our committee.** We will be utilizing Go to meeting.com for our meetings so you can join in from anywhere in the State. Our next meeting will be on December 12th starting between 11:30 to Noon. Chapter Presidents will you please tell all surveyors that attend your meetings that if they want to be involved in our committee to please contact Russ Flint at russ@flintutah.com. Thanks for your help.

Legislative Committee

By: Dale Robinson

The committee would like to thank all those who participated in our recent poll about trespass legislation and our ability to complete survey services. We had a very good response and your answers gave us a great perspective on the issue. **While some would like to enact legislation that would guarantee a surveyor's right to access monuments on private property, most surveyors do not want requirements for certified notification or explicit permissions that would likely be enacted at the same time.** Our current standard of practice states, "The surveyor must be sensitive to the concern of land owners when accessing survey monuments and shall provide identification upon request." Many surveyors have experienced the benefits of knocking on a door for permission to enter and finding that the owner not only can show them where the monument is located but also has valuable parole evidence about other monuments in the vicinity. **The committee recommends that we do not pursue legislation that guarantees access for surveyors.** We have greater flexibility to complete surveys without explicit requirement for notification and/or permission. Every surveyor will eventually contact a stubborn land owner who will deny their access to a needed monument (many of us already have a story to tell). We also recognize that these owners are the exception and that professional communication is usually the key and just good business.

Trespass Survey Results (76 Respondents)

- I have attached the spreadsheet of the data
- 2/3rds of respondents have been denied access to monuments on private land
- 2 respondents (4%) have been cited for trespass while 20% have been responsible for damages caused
- Only 1/3rd of respondents include an access clause in contracts. We didn't ask how many discussed access as part of the scope of services.
- From the comments:
 1. Almost 70% left no comments
 2. Almost 20% of respondents suggested that access was needed and important
 3. 5% suggested that standards in place are good enough - no change
 4. 5% suggested that notice be required
 5. 1 comment suggested Colorado Law as an example - notice by certified mail.

Sen. Ralph Okurland suffered a heart attack, but he will be sponsoring a survey items "boxcar". This allows us to utilize legislative research to craft possible legislation for this issue if desired.

Land Surveyor Licensing rule (amended by DOPL Staff)

Track 1

-Associates of Applied Science degree in Land Surveying or Geomatics; and
-4 years of supervised experience.

Track 2

-Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate degree in field related to land surveying or geomatics that includes course work as currently outlined in rule; and

-4 years of supervised experience.

Track 3

- Bachelor's degree in land surveying or geomatics; and
- 4 years of supervised experience.

Track 4

-Master's or PhD degree in land surveying or geomatics; and

-3 years of supervised experience;

Track 5

-PhD degree in land surveying or geomatics; and
- 2 years of supervised experience.

This represents the rules change that staff will accept.

Ryan in monitoring committee agendas for other issues that might affect us.

Sven and Ole

Sven and Ole, Two Minnesota engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A woman walks by asks what they are doing.

"Ve're supposed to find da height of dis flagpole," said Sven, "but ve don't haff a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her pocketbook, took a measurement, announced, "Twenty one feet, six inches," and walked away.

Ole shook his head and laughed. "Ain't dat just like a voman! Ve ask fer da height and she gives us da length!"

Color Country Chapter

By: Scott Woolsey

Color Country Chapter Met, with 9 Members Attending, at the Cedar City Sizzler on the 7th of Nov. with Scott Bishop being the main speaker reporting on his appointment as the Land Surveyor or replacing Von Hill. And a Discussion on the Proposed Rule Changes to be licensed as a land surveyor. A lively discussion on the proposed rule changes and most felt that the 2 year option was sufficient. Concern was expressed in that UVU had dropped their Tele course that was needed by one of our members and that he would now have to travel to UVU to take the classes. Our next function will be a winter social at Rusty's Ranch House with the wives and significant others invited.

Salt Lake Chapter

By: David Mortensen

On October 18th we had our most well attended luncheon of the year. The first part of a discussion on methods and technologies for 3d Model Generation was discussed by a panel of presenters. We thank all of you that were a part. They will be coming back for the second part in January. We hope to see you all then. We are looking forward to tomorrow's discussion on the Economic outlook by David Eaton, with Ameriprise Financial.

Book Cliffs Chapter

Presentation By: Wayne Jeppson

By: Jerry Allred

In a recent Book Cliff’s chapter meeting, Wayne Jeppson, Investigator for the Department of Professional Licensing talking to the group about several issues of interest to the members.

One of the items discussed at our meeting held in Price, was that of the **requirement to file plats when we perform surveys of easement and right-of-way corridors**. Wayne referred to state statute 58-22-102(11): *“Professional land surveying or the practice of land surveying means a service or work, the adequate performance of which requires the application of special knowledge of the principles of mathematics, the related physical and applied sciences, and the relevant requirements of the law for adequate evidence to the act of measuring and locating lines, angles, elevations, natural and man-made features in the air, on the surface of the earth, within underground workings, and on the beds of bodies of water for the purpose of determining areas and volumes, for the monumenting or locating property boundaries or points controlling boundaries, and for the platting and layout of lands and subdivisions of lands, including the topography, alignment and grades of streets, and for the preparation and perpetuation of maps, record plats, field notes records, and property descriptions that represent these surveys and other duties as sound surveying practices could direct.*

The preparation of right-of-way plats showing corridor locations, lengths, widths, and relationships to property lines, and section aliquot part lines are covered by this definition. The surveys necessary to create these plats create boundaries, and determine property lines. This data is often used to determine compensation to the landowners conveying rights in the corridor.

These corridors include all types of pipelines, roads utilities, etc. The plats prepared for these types of surveys are required to be filed with the county surveyor’s office.

The question was also asked as to **what constitutes a responsible charge**. Specifically, in the case of company owners or officers who are not Professional Land Surveyors, but who direct the survey effort of the firm? This situation also applies to governmental agencies which have Professional Land Surveyors on staff but whose work is directed by non-licensed supervisors. The issue becomes even more complicated when the fees, schedules, and resources allocated to the project are negotiated or established by someone other than the surveyor who is ultimately responsible for performing the survey. In some cases, the PLS becomes answerable to those controlling the budgets, (money, time, personnel, resources). This can be a problem for the PLS required to meet and organizational bottom line rather than the requirements for a complete and thorough survey. The challenge will be for the PLS to work out an arrangement with his/her employer which will allow the PLS to meet the statutory requirements.

We appreciate the time Wayne took to address our group and for the helpful information he presented to us. He has always been helpful in answering questions and has been a great resource for us.

Narrowbanding & its Impact on GPS

On January 1, 2013, all public safety and business industrial land mobile radio systems operating in the 150-512 MHz radio bands must cease operating using 25 kHz efficiency technology, and begin operating using at least 12.5 kHz efficiency technology. This deadline is the result of an FCC effort that began almost two decades ago to ensure more efficient use of the spectrum and greater spectrum access for public safety and non-public safety users. Migration to 12.5 kHz efficiency technology (once referred to as Refarming, but now referred to as Narrowbanding) will allow the creation of additional channel capacity within the same radio spectrum and support more users.

After January 1, 2013, licensees not operating at 12.5 KHz efficiency will be in violation of the Commission’s rules and could be subject to FCC enforcement action, which may include admonishment, monetary fines, or loss of license.

To learn more, please read the VHF/UHF Narrowbanding FAQs at <http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/public-safety-spectrum/narrowbanding-faq.html> or contact Roberto Mussenden at 202-418-1428; Email: Roberto.Mussenden@fcc.gov



Origin of the “Acre”

The work “acre” is derived from the Old English “accr,” originally meaning, “open field.” Its cognate to Norwegian is “ackre,” to Swedish is “aker,” to German is “acker,” to Latin is “ager,” and to Greek is “garos.”

Originally defined as the amount of land tillable by one man behind one ox for one full day. Most field configurations were long and narrow, in order to facilitate the difficulty in turning an ox-drawn plow.

The UCLS Education Committee needs your scholarship donation.

We still are in great need of financial support and HELP with contributions of items for auction. Please look around your office for old equipment, instruments, promotional items (T-shirts, etc.) that we can auction off in the 2013 convention.



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**Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at the South
Towne Expo Center from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Relax afterwards in the ProSoft/Monsen Engineering Hospitality Suite. Stop in for food, prizes and the opportunity to mix and mingle with your industry peers.

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NSPS Meets with FCC

The National Society of Professional Surveyors met with officials from the FCC to discuss the LightSquared issue and its effect on the GPS user community. Curt Sumner, NSPS executive director, emphasized the costs to surveying and mapping professionals as well as other GPS users, in terms of equipment replacement if they are forced to replace or upgrade their equipment; he discussed the need to resolve the uncertainty of where the LightSquared issue is going and how that uncertainty is affecting the GPS user community, and finally he discussed what steps the FCC should take on the LightSquared issue going forward.

FCC officials attending the meeting were Roderick Porter, deputy chief, International Bureau; Gardner Foster, assistant bureau chief, and Ronald Repasi, FCC engineer. The officials were receptive and acknowledged many of the points raised by NSPS. Sumner made clear that although the FCC has been in communication with the U.S. GPS Industry Council, that organization does not represent the GPS user community and rarely spoke with NSPS about the LightSquared issue. The FCC acknowledged the need for outreach to the GPS user community.

NSPS also raised the issue about LightSquared's latest proposal involving a license modification and its plan to relinquish its authority to conduct terrestrial operations at 1545-1555 MHz, the part of its band closest to the GPS band. NSPS emphasized the need to test this proposal plan before issuing any new license modification to LightSquared.

The meeting between NSPS and the FCC officials was productive, with the FCC learning about the concerns of the GPS user community in general and NSPS members in particular.

For more information on this meeting and what the NSPS is doing on this and other issues affecting the geospatial community, contact Curt Sumner, NSPS executive director, at Curtis.Sumner@nsp.us.com.

UCLS Board Meeting Agenda

November 17, 2012

9:00 A.M.

Washington County Building

197 East Tabernacle

St. George, UT

(Breakfast Included)

- I) Welcome & Call to Order - Brad Mortensen
- II) Roll Call
- III) Additions to Agenda
- IV) Approval of Minutes
- V) Secretary Report -
 - a) Budget review
 - b) Prospectus on use of scholarship funds - Mike Nadeau
- VI) Follow Up Items
 - a) Nomination Committee finalize nominations for this year
- VII) New Items
 - a) Rule changes with respect to unprofessional conduct from DOPL and UEC
 - b) Russ Flint - question on UCLS offering an account for all members with County Recorders
- VIII) Committee Reports
 - a) Membership
 - b) Public Relations
 - i) Wood Hollow Fire Service Project
 - ii) Progress on web site content assignments
 - c) Legislative
 - i) Results on right of entry poll
 - ii) Report on progress with 4 year degree and experience rule changes
 - d) Education
 - e) Publication
 - f) Workshop & Convention
 - i) Results of DOPL request for reimbursement funds for Fall Forum
 - ii) Update on plans for Convention
 - g) Standards and Ethics
 - i) Results of Corner record guide poll
 - h) Testing
 - i) Historical
 - j) Construction Surveying
- IX) Chapter Reports
 - a) Book Cliffs
 - b) Color Country
 - c) Golden Spike
 - d) Salt Lake
 - e) Timpanogos
- X) NSPS Report
- XI) WestFed Report
- XII) UCLS Report
- XIII) Adjourn

The next board meeting will be in Salt Lake City on January 19, 2013. The specific location has yet to be determined.

Note: Minutes to this and other meetings may be found on the UCLS website.

NSPS 100% Membership Program

On November 17, 2012 at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Executive Board of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors (UCLS) voted to support the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) and participate in the 100 percent membership program.

What does this mean for NSPS?

The purpose of the NSPS 100% State Affiliate Membership Program is to continue to build and enhance our national influence by joining our memberships into a single unified organization that represents the majority of the surveying and mapping professions.

What does this mean for UCLS?

A unified national organization will better serve the interests, objectives, and communication needs of UCLS members while providing a more powerful voice in promoting and protecting the surveying and mapping professions. This unity of purpose will also advance the sciences and disciplines, encourage public and private sector cooperation, create an active public relations program, and advance the protection of the public welfare relative to surveying and mapping issues.

What does this mean for UCLS Members?

Professional Licensed Land Surveyors who are current members of UCLS will concurrently enjoy the benefits of NSPS membership. With an investment of \$0.11/ day - \$40.00/ year, NSPS membership benefits may include but not be limited to:

- A strong national legislative and regulatory voice (think lightsquared)
- Academic accreditation (ABET)
- Real estate settlement (RESPA)
- Joint Governmental Affairs Program
- Government Partnership (NGS, USGS, NOAA, BLM, FEMA, FIG, NAFTA)
- Informative website
- PBS Show - Spotlight on Surveying
- Weekly Radio Show with Curt Sumner
- ALTA Standards
- Student Competition Programs
- National Surveyor's Week
- Trig Star Program
- NCEES Exam Prep Review
- Surveyor's speaker kit
- Insurance Program Discounts
- Scholarships
- Certification Programs (CST, CFED's, Hydrographic, ALTA)
- Model Standards
- Publications (News and Events, SaLis)
- Stolen Instrument Bulletin Board
- Reduced Cost for Books

When will this happen?

Prior to January 1, 2013, the UCLS will provide the NSPS Secretary/Treasurer a list of their members who are Professional Licensed Land Surveyors and whose legal residence is in the State of Utah

Anything Else?

UCLS is participating in the 100% NSPS membership program on a trial basis. Therefore, the UCLS Executive Board voted to cover the cost of NSPS membership dues, without increasing UCLS dues, during the initial one-year trial period. After which the program will be reevaluated to ascertain the benefits of NSPS membership.

UCLS / WFPS 2013 CONVENTION UPDATE



**“ARE WE
TRAINING OUR
SURVEYORS
RIGHT OR RITE”**




As mentioned previously, the UCLS/WFPS 2013 Convention is set for February 26 – 28, 2013 at the South Towne Expo Center, 9575 South State Street, Sandy, Utah kicking off promptly at noon with open registration and our first session at 1:00 pm. The UCLS online registration will be opening up in January 2013 so start planning.



I love this Country.

The convention hotel will be the Country Inn&Suites, SLC South Towne located at 10499 South Jordan Gateway, South Jordan, UT 84095, Phone 801-553-1151, Fax 801-553-1161. You may start making your reservations now, ask for the UCLS Convention Rate of \$90.00.

Currently one of our featured presentations Tuesday afternoon will be AutoDesk's Field-To-Finish presented by ProSoft with a concurrent session on Mineral Rights by Linda Smith, PLS. Tuesday evening we will be favored with a  Hospitality Suite sponsored by ProSoft & AutoDesk to help mix and mingle with old friends and new (look for ProSoft's announcement). This will also be a wonderful time to meet all the NSPS Student Competitors that will be taking part of the competition on Wednesday and get to know the WFPS Association as well.

Wednesday will be a busy day filled with our keynote speaker Charlie Tucker with his presentation on Rail Road Surveying while at the same time the NSPS Student Competition will be underway. Wednesday night will be our awards banquet where we will also be presenting the winners of the Student Competition and they will get to showcase their winning project.



We are pleased to have Assistant Attorney General Charles Stormont, The Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman – Brent Bateman, Aaron R. Smith PLS, Bill Stone PLS, Jeff Hurst, Earl Morriss Esq. PLS, Arthur LeBaron PLS, Trent Williams PLS, Jake Griffiths, and UVU to name a few that will be presenting our various session on Thursday talking about property rights, water rights, surveying right (rite) in Utah and how to market yourself and/or your survey company. We are very excited to have a session on TrigStar, Surveying/Machine Grading, as well as several other wonderful breakout sessions.



The UCLS Annual Board Meeting will be held Thursday night following all the convention fun and the WFPS Annual Board Meeting will be held Friday for all those wanting to participate and join in. We are looking for donations as well as help with the scholarship auction from each of you and our various committees so please contact Scott Bishop or James Olschewski for your donations or to provide input.





me-rid-i-an (mə-rid'ē-ən)n 1. the starting point, the basis of design. 2. a high point.

Meridian Engineering, Inc. is a full service engineering, surveying and right of way firm headquartered in Salt Lake City (West Jordan), Utah. Meridian offers professional consulting services throughout the intermountain region. We are proud of our past and excited about our future. We are currently offering employment opportunities for office and field surveyors for our office in Salt Lake City.

Surveyors/Survey Design:

We are searching for qualified office and field surveyors with recent field experience. Successful

candidates will have a minimum of 5 years experience. Preference will be given to individuals who are capable of conducting online and courthouse research and have platting and drafting experience. Must be able to read and interpret engineering drawings, legal descriptions, subdivisions, right of way drawings, and demonstrate survey specific math skills. Must understand and be able to process survey field data and have working knowledge of AutoCAD and/or Microstation. Knowledge of the UDOT right of way process and CAD standards will be helpful.

Meridian runs AutoCAD Land Development Desktop, AutoCAD Civil 3D 2013, and Microstation V8i as our primary design and drafting programs. Our survey equipment is state-of-the-art utilizing conventional and Trimble robotic total stations, and GPS surveying systems. Meridian's preferred processors are Word and Excel.

Meridian Offers Competitive Compensation Packages

Health Benefits • Liberal Paid Time

Off

Simple IRA with Matching Funds

Paid Training • Education Reimbursement

Flexible Work Schedules: 5-8's, 4-10's, 4-9's

+4

Ownership Opportunities

Meridian employs a diversified team of professionals with extensive technical experience and expertise in transportation, municipal engineering, utility design, land planning, site development, surveying and mapping, right of way design, and construction management. We encourage our staff to be the best they can be through creativity and technology.

We are a diverse and dynamic firm that prides ourselves in state of the art computer systems, pleasant work environment, excellent benefits package and professional development of staff.

If you are interested in excelling and helping us grow and want to learn more about Meridian, please e-mail the survey manager at mnadeau@merid-eng.com or call 801.569.1315

Grant Deed Poetry

*That we, Houghton Brownlee and Walter S. Benson, of said County and State,
 Having heard the intention of our dear city fathers certain pavements to lay,
 With gutters and curb, 'long Leander Highway;
 Being publicly minded and not wishing to stand,
 In the way of city progress or its free spending hand,
 In consideration of that and the love and affection,
 We bear for our town and its tender protection,
 Have given and granted, sold and conveyed,
 And do grant and convey before cement is laid,
 Lot Number One in Block Number One,
 As shown by map of Alta Vista Addition,
 To the city of Austin, said County and State,
 Relinquishing all title before it's too late,
 And we forever quitclaim so that neither of us,
 Our heirs or assigns, can raise any fuss as to who owns the same,
 We'd like to keep this little piece of ground
 For our children, so far or that may come around,
 But with winter coming on and cotton five cents,
 We feel we can't stand the paving expense.
 So we abandon to you, Dear fathers, in power,
 Said lot with its grass, vine, weed and flower.
 We have no idea what you can do with this land,
 Maybe a playground or park, or a hamburger stand,
 Or perhaps build a roost where buzzards can molt,
 Or remove there the body of Alice Ben Bolt,
 But we do hereby vacate renounce and quitclaim
 All title and interest and right in the same.
 Witness our hands at Austin, Texas, this the 15th day of September, 1931*

Houghton Brownlee **Walter S. Benson**

Deed from the Official Records of Travis County, Texas
 Recorded on January 9, 1933 in Volume 485 at Page 628



November - Who is it?

One should never judge a book by its cover - or is it - one should never judge the cover by its book?

Nevertheless West Valley City's Development and Right of Way Section Manager, Steve "Ferrigno" Dale was correctly identified by the following UCLS members:

- Corbin Van Nest 11/05/2012 - 9:32 AM
- Darlene Jeffreys 11/05/2012 - 9:46 AM
- Randy Smith 11/05/2012 - 11:08 AM

UCLS 2013 Election Ballot					
State Chair Elect	James Olschewski; Ken Hamblin				
West-Fed Rep ₁	Michael Nadeau; Dan Knowlden, Sr.;				
	Book Cliffs	Color Country	Golden Spike	Salt Lake	Timpanogos
Chapter Representative ₂	David Kay	Ken Hamblin	Trent Williams; Val Schultz	Dale Robinson; Steve Dale; Darren Williams	Jim Kaiserman
Secretary Treasurer ₂	Arneldon Davis	Roger Bundy	Travis Gowen	Darlene Jeffreys; Greg Wilding	Chad Poulsen
₁ 4 – Year Term					
₂ 2 - Year Term					

Getting To Know Our Members

Name: **Brandon E. Anderson**

Residing in **St. George, Utah** spouse is **Stephanie of 14 years and I am a parent of 3 children.**

My hobbies and/or interests include: **Golfing, hiking, coaching my kids little league teams.**

When I retire, I want to play a lot of golf, vacation with the wife. Enjoy my grandchildren.

I have been a member of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors since **1998** and wish **they would get a new logo. Something that is simple and easily reproduced so wearing any apparel would be some what cool.**

My currently employer is **Rosenberg Associates**

My position or title is **Principal Land Surveyor** and I am responsible for **all survey related items within the company.**

I have been employed by this company since **2002** but have been involved in the surveying profession since **1997**

I became a surveyor because **I enjoy the mapping and investigation side of the profession. Every day there is something different about what has gone on, and as a surveyor it is your opportunity to retrace history.**

During the past **12** years, **the GPS** has had the greatest impact on the surveying profession. However, during the next **20** years, I believe **the GPS** will have the most influence on its future.

In my opinion, the future of surveying is **being bombarded by numbers and precision. To many times I see the “luxury car” being delivered when the “compact car” will suffice. As Surveyors we need to step back and ask ourselves what is the intent.**

The UCLS Historical Committee would like to place a members profile section in the UCLS monthly newsletter to share our experiences and get to know our fellow professionals. Please fill out the questionnaire, found on the UCLS website and include a photo of yourself. It is also important that we **profile some of our mentors.** Is there a surveyor that made an impact on your career? If so, please consider sharing an experience or something that they may have impressed upon you.

On behalf of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors Executive Board, Chapter Officers, and Committee Members - happy and safe holiday greetings and a wish for success in the coming year.

**Map it Once, Use it Many Times Act
Introduced in Congress**

The ‘Map It Once, Use It Many Times Act’ (H.R. 4233) brings Federal Geospatial information and data gathering to the fore-front. It establishes the National Geospatial Technology administration, establishes a National Geospatial database, reorganizes geospatial data, and it regulates the acquisition of geospatial data from public and commercial sources, among other things”

It also sets up a National Geospatial Policy Commission that will include a number of representatives of Federal agencies and eleven citizens “with experience in geospatial activities appointed by the President”; including two state government employees, two regional or local government employees, one employed in tribal government, one employed by a nonprofit organization, one employed by a university and four employed by private geospatial firms.

It also has language requiring contractor performance of Federal geospatial activities and the Federal use of Private Geospatial Firms.

ACSM and NSPS met recently with the House Natural Resources Committee staff to discuss concerns about certain language in the legislation pertaining to membership on the National Geospatial Policy Commission (we are asking for more representatives from nonprofit organizations) and language in Section 402 of the bill that limits geospatial association participation to association composed “exclusively” of geospatial firms. This language would exclude participation by ACSM and NSPS.

ACSM/NSPS are working to find co-sponsors for the legislation in the House of Representatives.

Has Your Contact Information changed?

Update your profile at <http://www.ucls.org> by clicking:

- Member Login
- Username / Password
- Members / Member Profiles
- My Profile

If you have forgotten them - Susan will be able to provide usernames and passwords.

Help us stay in touch with you!