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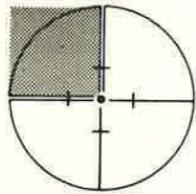


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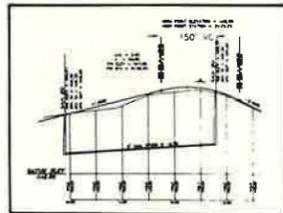
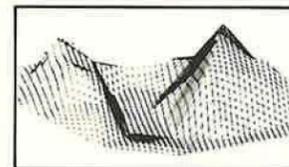
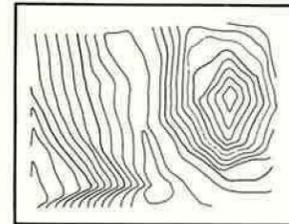
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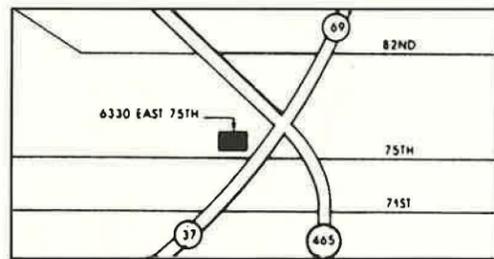
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## President's Message Gary R. Kent

Although Standards and Rule 13 continue to be in the spotlight, a number of other exciting things are happening to our Society and our profession.

At the July 22nd ISPLS Board meeting, approval was given on a petition presented by Rollyn Blankenbeker for the formation of a new chapter of ISPLS - the Initial Point Chapter. For more information on this development, see the article elsewhere in this issue.

Plans for the January 1990 ISPLS Convention to be held in Fort Wayne are progressing. This convention promises to be another great celebration of surveying in Indiana with a wide variety of presentations, programs and exhibits. Be sure to mark your calendar for January 18- 20, 1990.

The ISPLS Minuteman Program is in the development stages. If you are interested and did not volunteer to help at the Annual Meeting this past January, contact Dianne at headquarters.

ISPLS has added a new fax machine at headquarters. To telecopy a message to headquarters simply dial our regular number (317/546-0188). If your fax is automatic, your message will be sent. If you have a manual machine, respond to the taped message as directed by saying "fax" or making any other sound, and placing your receiver in your machine. Your message will then be sent. Should you wish to speak to Dianne, remain silent after the taped message and your call will be answered.

In addition to the fax machine, we have purchased a new copy machine and will soon have a new computer at headquarters. These purchases provide us with the means to help us serve our members in the most efficient manner possible.

Regarding ISPLS headquarters itself, the Board is currently studying a number of proposals and hopes to announce a new headquarters location soon.

With regard to Rule 13, the Board of Registration has scheduled a hearing on August 17th to discuss amendments to the Indiana Survey Standards. The ISPLS Standards Committee and an Ad Hoc Committee on Rule 13 are currently studying a number of issues and proposed changes and will be making a presentation to the Registration Board on the 17th.

The ISPLS Board has voted to file several complaints with the Attorney General's Consumer Complaint Division on the basis of surveying which is not in compliance with Rule 13. As I mentioned in my last letter to you, recordation is now statute law. ISPLS intends on seeing that the Indiana Survey Standards are enforced.

Should you have specific problems with Rule 13 or wish to have a speaker come to your area or chapter to discuss the Standards, contact ISPLS headquarters and we will try our best to address your needs. Please read the article on Rule 13 elsewhere in this issue.

Surveying in Indiana is in a constant state of change. The Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors is prepared to assist you in adapting to this change.



Gary Kent poses with Luther Condre (left), registration board member, and Wesley Day, ISPLS standards committee chairman.

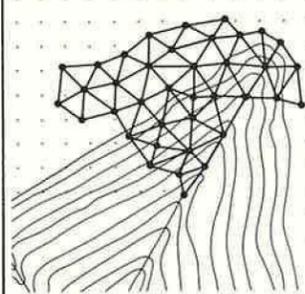


ISPLS President, Gary Kent, addresses participant in the State Registration Board's certificate presentation program May 5, 1989.

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## Some Misconceptions Regarding Rule 13

As we head into our second year of 864 IAC 1.1-13 (Rule 13 - the Indiana Survey Standards), I continue to hear many surveyors saying many things about the standards that are just plain wrong.

Whether this is due to people repeating rumors without verifying the facts themselves or merely reflects a difficulty in understanding the Standards due to their complexity is uncertain. Regardless, this misinformation begs attention and I will address several aspects here.

### New Tax Parcels

Perhaps the most common piece of misinformation is that a survey must be performed if a new tax parcel is to be created. This is simply untrue.

The Rule 13 applies only when a survey has been performed. If a survey involves what will become a new tax parcel, then the survey must be recorded according to Rule 13. Nowhere in the standards; however, is there any wording requiring a survey when a new tax parcel is involved.

The decision you as a surveyor must ask is "can I prepare a proper description for the new parcel without a survey?" The answer must be based on your professional judgement.

In many cases a cut-out can easily be described without a survey. A simple example of this would involve a 5 foot strip off the south side of Lot 5 to be taken for a right of way widening. There is no reason whatsoever that a survey has to be performed in order to prepare a description for such a parcel. And the Standards do not require a survey.

On the other hand, a client may contract with you to cut her farm into several parts based upon the location of a creek and several fencelines. In such a case you must perform a survey to ascertain the locations of the fences and creek in order to prepare accurate descriptions. To prepare such descriptions without the benefit of a survey is non-professional and unethical at the very least.

### Survey of the Remainder ?

Is it commonly reported that if a portion of a parcel is being cut out, the remainder of the parent parcel must be surveyed (and described).

Proper professional practice requires that if you perform a survey related to the creation of a new tax parcel, you must locate the related lines of the parent parcel. On the other hand, there is no requirement in Rule 13 to survey - or describe - the remainder of the parent parcel unless you have been contracted to do

### Recordation

Most of the County Recorders have set up new procedures, books and/or indexes to handle the recordation of surveys. If you are not aware of the procedures in your county, you need to contact your Recorder.

For those in areas represented by an ISPLS Chapter, scheduling a Chapter meeting with the Recorders in your area would be an excellent way to educate each other about the process. Otherwise, you may wish to schedule a special meeting with the Recorders and Surveyors in your area.

After having spoken to the Recorders Association twice in the last eight months, I can state with more than a little trepidation and embarrassment that the County Recorders in the State of Indiana may very well be better educated and prepared on survey recordation than most of the Surveyors.

### "Mortgage Inspections"

At the Standards Workshop held following the ISPLS Annual Convention in January, Luther Condre of the Board of Registration expressed the intent of the Board of Registration regarding the so-called "Mortgage Inspection".

Mr. Condre stated that it was the intention of the Board that only the Indiana Surveyor Location Report may be used in situations that formerly called for the non-descript "Mortgage Survey", "Mortgage Inspection" or whatever else you might want to call it.

It is my opinion that the basis for this interpretation is that a "Mortgage Inspection" is, in reality, a type of retracement survey and as such must meet the requirements for such - except that Rule 13 allows for the use of the Surveyor Location Report. No other exception is given which could be interpreted as allowing the continued use of the non-descript "Mortgage Inspection".

As always, the ISPLS Standards Committee members are available for presentations regarding Rule 13. Should you wish to discuss the Standards or schedule a meeting or seminar, contact Society headquarters.

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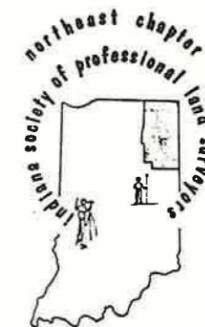
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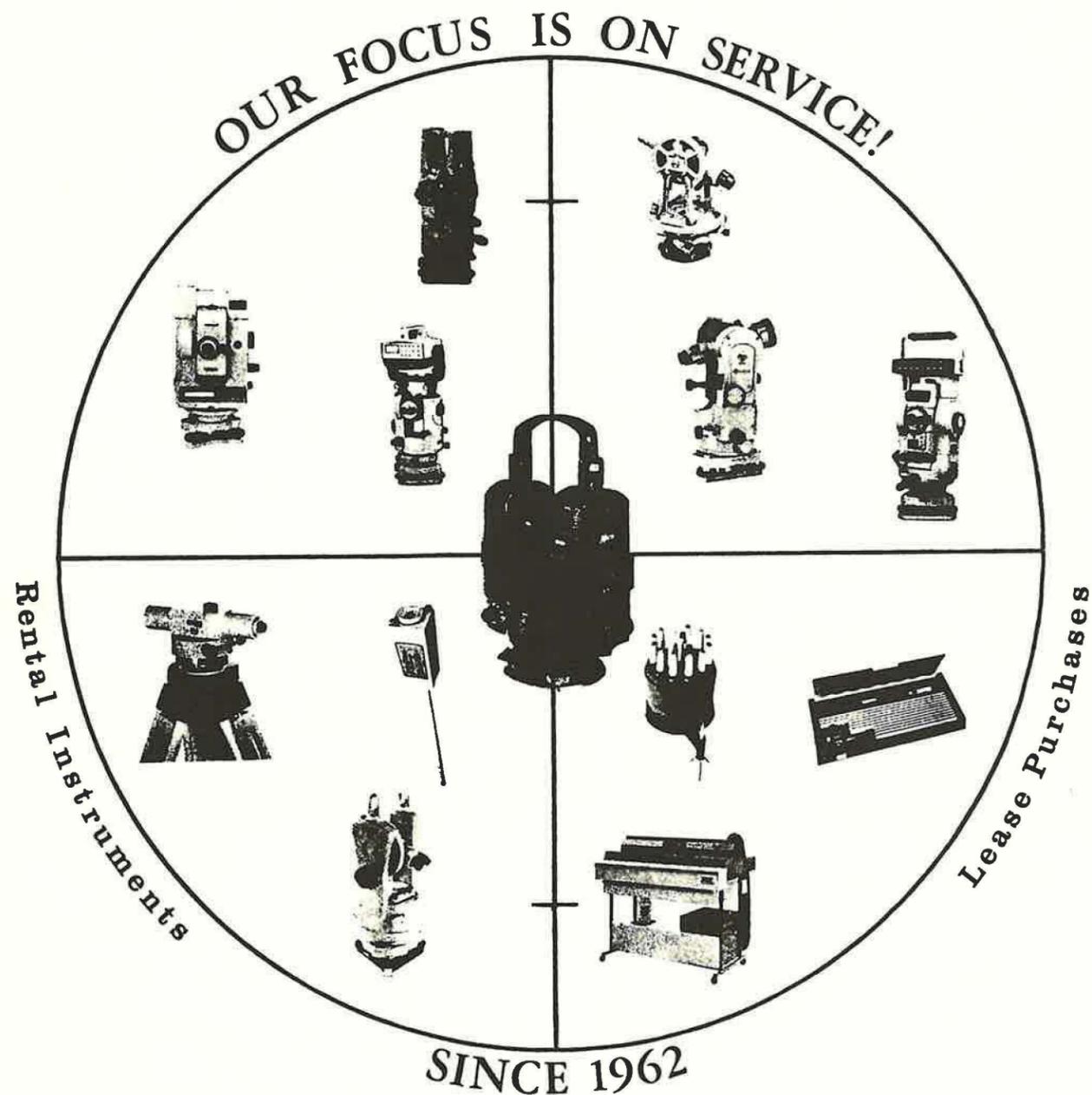
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## NEW ISPLS SOUTHERN INDIANA CHAPTER FORMED

On July 22, 1989, the ISPLS Board of Directors approved a petition from sixteen southern Indiana land surveyors to form a new chapter to be named the "Initial Point Chapter" principally centered in the eight-county area of Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Orange, Scott, and Washington counties.

Six meetings are planned annually on last Tuesday of month at revolving locations. The next meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, New Albany, on September 26 at 7:30 pm. The charter member dues are \$10.00 and the business address is Initial Point Chapter, P. O. Box 157, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47131. One future goal is to host a Bi-State annual meeting.

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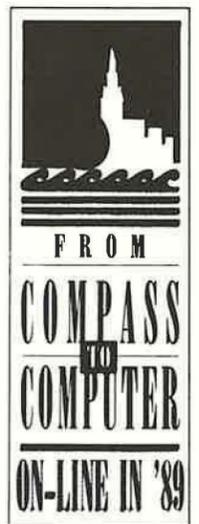
Officers of newly-formed Initial Point Chapter are President, Vic McCauley, on right; and Vice President/President Elect, Rollyn Blankenkober.



Land surveyors attending the organizational meeting at the Jefferson County Courthouse, July 18, 1989, were (clockwise from far left) Rollyn Blankenkober, Robert Isgrigg, Frank Ballintyn, David Blankenkober, Mark Gardner, Ronald Vuckson, Barry Stewart, Marvin Stoner, Paul Moffett (far right), Scott North, Bill Saegesser, Victor McCauley, Dallas Montgomery, Elbert Grosskopf, Tom Boofter, and David Ruckman (not pictured).

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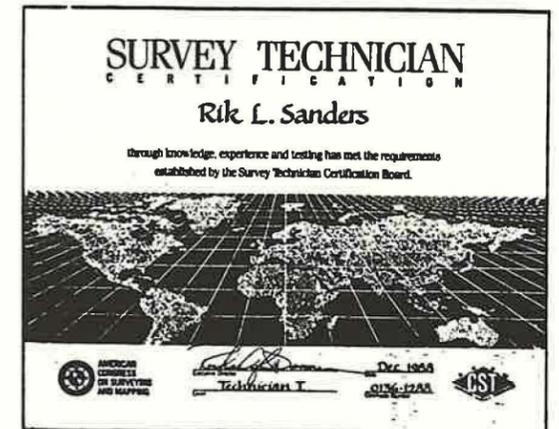
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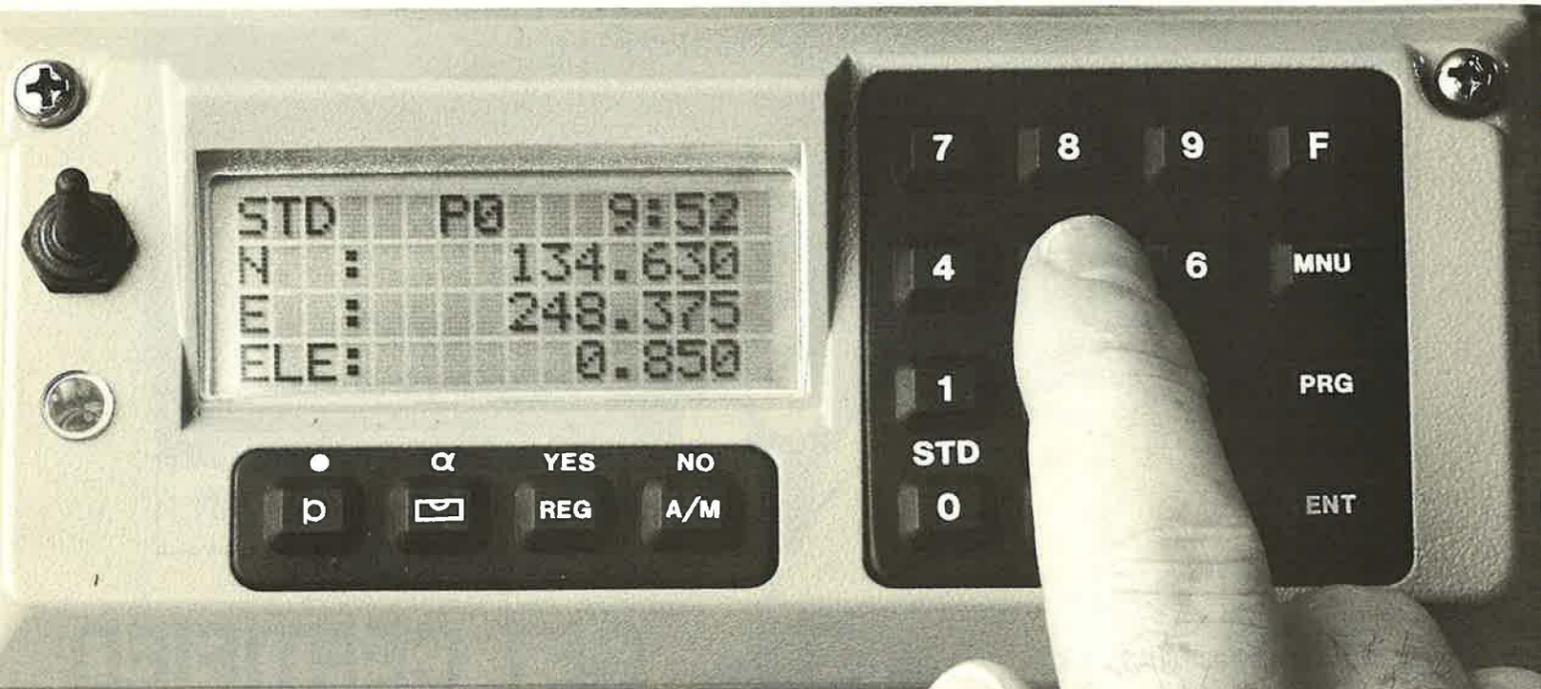
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## Baltimore Hosts ASPRS/ACSM Agenda for the '90s ASPRS/ACSM/Auto-Carto 9



John E. Dailey, (left), Cleveland, Ohio, is president of the National Society of Professional Surveyors, and James P. Weidener, Florida, is president of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping.



Walter S. Dix, secretary-emeritus and a founding member of ACSM, was honored by friends in celebrating his 90th birthday.



Several delegates attended the icebreaker reception held at the B&O Railroad Museum.



**1989 PURDUE SUMMER SURVEYING  
FIELD PROJECT HELD  
IN TIPPECANOE COUNTY**

After holding the four-week summer surveying field project course at the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Leadership Training Center near Trafalgar in southern Johnson County the past seven years, the course returned to the Purdue University campus and work involved several surveying projects at the Hoosier 4-H Leadership Center on the Wabash River about ten miles southwest of the West Lafayette campus. The 4-H Club staff as well as the County Surveyor, were very cooperative. A boundary survey of the 200 acre camp was executed; a GLO survey was uncovered, retraced, and several monuments found; all primary and secondary traverses were tied to state plane coordinates; a calibrated EDM base line was measured; a 1958 photogrammetrically-compiled topographic map was updated; most survey stations were permanently monumented for future users; and the students presented their results at a client-report meeting. Old timers will recognize the 4-H Club Center as the former Ross Summer Surveying Camp used for civil engineering students from 1928 to 1960. The staff consisted of Curtis, Holderly, and Tait (a GTA). Pictured in foreground are, left to right, Mike DeVoy, Haubstadt; Jeff Stenger, Sunman; Mark Brooks, Peru; Curtis; second row, Brian Rodgers, Chicago, Illinois; Scott Sumerford, Shelbyville; Percy Harding, Lafayette; third row, Holderly; J. Ross Drapalik, Martinsville; Bryn Fosburgh, Wisconsin; and Graham Tait, Scotland.



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Tim Hanson, (Kokomo), on right, chairman of student chapter, presided and introduced the speaker, John Schneider (Indianapolis) past president of ISPLS.



Dan Pusey (West Lafayette), on left, presents Scott Zeigler (Albion) with the ISPLS John McEntyre Endowment Scholarship award of \$1000.



Prof. Ken Curtis, on right, presents the Jud and Betty Rouch Land Surveying Scholarship of \$100 to Randell Gann (Reelsville).



New initiates in April 1989 were, left to right, Greg Eberle, Lafayette; Mark Brooks, Peru; and J. Ross Drapalik, Martinsville. They joined active members Mike DeVoy, Haubstadt; Tim Hanson, Kokomo; Percy Harding, Lafayette; Doug Wilcox, Mercer, Pennsylvania; and Steve Olo, Highland.

**17th ANNUAL PURDUE STUDENT CHAPTER SPRING  
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Five of the seven 1989 graduating seniors are, left to right, Steven Olo, (Highland); J. Ross Drapalik (Martinsville); Tim Hanson (Kokomo); Hans Musser (Goshen); Percy Harding (Lafayette). Not pictured are Douglas Wilcox (Mercer, PA) and Jerry Christoph (Buffalo Grove, IL). Hanson received the "Outstanding Graduating Senior Award" and Drapalik received the Student ACSM Award.



New incoming student chapter officers include, left to right, Michael DeVoy (Haubstadt) vice-chairman; Jeffery Stenger (Sunman) secretary; Mark Brooks (Peru) chairman; and Randell Gann (Reelsville) director.



**LAMBDA SIGMA INITIATION**

In April 1989 three undergraduate land surveying students were initiated into the Purdue University land surveying honorary, Lambda Sigma, which was founded in April 1978 on the Purdue campus in West Lafayette. The honorary is open to distinguished land surveying students in the top quarter of the junior class and the top third of the senior class. Professor Kenneth Curtis serves as faculty advisor.

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### Report of Great Lakes Regional Council

I attended the GLRC meeting held in the Gibson Room of the Stouffer Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland on April 2nd representing ISPLS. We exchanged packets of information from our state societies. I have now scanned this data and recommend the following distribution:

1. A draft of the North Dakota law requiring Professional Development to the proper committee. (Gary Kent's article on certification had been reprinted in North Dakota's newsletter.)
2. A Wisconsin salary study contained much information on pricing. Perhaps copies should be studied by the ISPLS board or a professional practice committee to determine what activity should be developed by ISPLS in that area.
3. The draft of the "Minimum Standards for Mortgage Location Surveys" in the State of Ohio should be forwarded to our Standard Committee. (Ohio's delegate to GLRC is now Alden McGhee.)
4. Michigan requested a copy of our standards. I have already sent Don Gilcrest a copy. Later in the meeting the council

voted to exchange copies of standards. Our staff should send copies of our standards to all the other states represented on the council. As we receive the other states' standards perhaps we should start a three-ring binder for our standards committee or the library.

5. In the Minnesota packet is a copy of their "Recommended Procedures for the Practice of Land Surveying".

New G.L.R.C. officers were elected as follows:

Chairman - Russel Kastelle - North Dakota  
Chairman-Elect - Donald Wall - Iowa  
Secretary-Treasurer - Roger Brand - Minnesota

The minutes of the September 11, 1988 meeting were approved as distributed and the chairman reported a balance of \$783.72. It was determined that the Great Lakes Regional Council was adequately funded, and there would be no assessment from the affiliates for 1989 operations.

It was reported that Martin Menk was working with a "Big 10" education committee that might recommend in-state tuition fees between Big 10 schools for specialized programs. Details were not available. The survey program at Purdue might qualify.

Candidates for NSPS Board of Governors President, Art Griffin and Jim Boyer, made brief presentations. No endorsement followed.

A resolution recommending that NSPS investigate organizing surveyors in local government on a nationwide basis was endorsed.

A resolution recommending that NSPS investigate the Canadian Free Trade Agreement for its impact on surveyors was endorsed.

Harold Charlier informed the council that laws effecting surveying (or any other subject) can be researched by state. In our case we would ask for:

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This service is supposed to be excellent, but the work is copyrighted and not cheap. The books are to include attorney general opinions, trial court decisions, and appellate court decisions.

GLRC still supports Minnesota's effort to hold the 1994 ACSM convention. Ed Miller thanked GLRC affiliate newsletter for printing his P.O.B. Salary Study, but he fears that he does not have adequate return for an accurate sample.

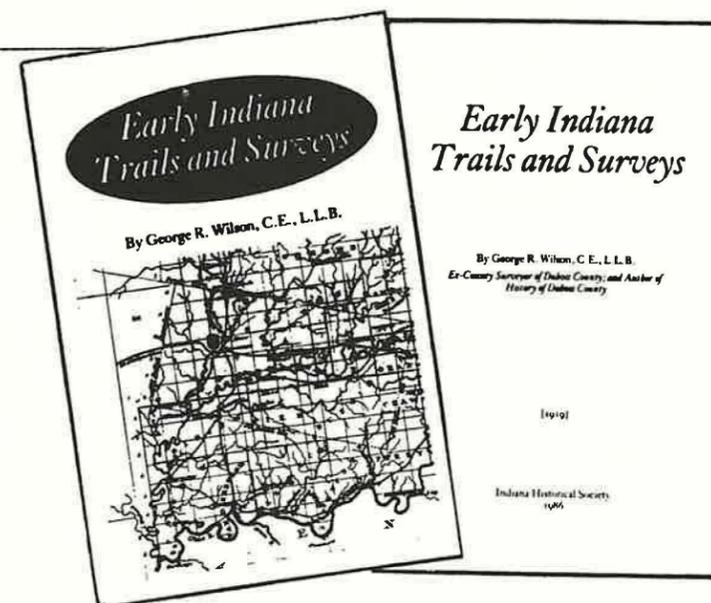
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**GPS APPLIES TO THE PRACTICAL SURVEYOR**  
**Robert W. Foster, PE, PLS, Framingham, Massachusetts**

COMPARISON				
GPS Measurements Vs. Calibrated Base Line*				
Base Line Distance (feet)	GPS Distance (feet)	DIFF (GPS-Base Line) (feet)	Apparent Accuracy	Observation Time (minutes)
492.123	492.105	-0.018	1:27,340	19
918.658	918.660	+0.002	1:459,329	67
2952.680	2952.679	-0.001	1:2,952,680	42
3871.332	3871.329	-0.003	1:1,290,444	42
4593.190	4593.185	-0.005	1:918,638	38

\*Marlboro base line established by the National Geodetic Survey in conjunction with the Massachusetts Geodetic Survey in 1979. GPS observations made by Schofield Brothers, Inc., Geodetic Survey Division in December 1988.

It is not too early in the evolution of the global positioning system to examine some of its practical applications. In the surveying profession GPS has progressed from prototype to appliance. Many of the large surveying engineering firms have invested in the equipment, of which there are several models and manufacturers to choose from.

Much has been written about the use of GPS in grand and dramatic applications. Mountains have been measured, the earth's crustal deformation has been calibrated, and regional geodetic networks have been established. What about GPS use for the more pedestrian surveying applications?

My company has purchased four Trimble 4000SL receivers which read the civilian L1 beacon signal from the Global Positioning System NAVSTAR satellites. The receivers automatically acquire and track up to five satellites, precisely measure the carrier and code phases and store them in an internal, solid state, battery backed-up RAM memory. Data is processed on Trimvec Plus GPS software. To date our experience indicates an unprecedented speed of positioning and a precision of measurement that meets or exceeds other surveying and mapping systems.

There is a subtle difference in the positioning and measuring functions as recognized by surveyors and mappers. Whereas in mapping the professional is interested in position relative to the earth's surface, or national or regional boundaries, the local surveying engineer may be more interested in measuring the relativity of features within his neighborhood of interest.

Whereas the mapper may have latitude and longitude concerns, the local surveyor must relate a structure to a property line, or a property line to a highway layout.

The original objective in the development of GPS was to allow the United States military to track their planes, ships, and personnel. Towards this end most early research and implementation was for point positioning where a single satellite receiver could be used to determine fairly accurate (+/- meters) geographic position. The receivers track several satellites transmitting coded radio signals. Any precise positioning in this mode depends upon certain data that the U.S. military holds as classified.

It is possible, however, to use the signals to determine precise relative positions without the use of classified codes, and in this mode the application is recognizable to any surveyor. GPS receivers may be used to measure a direction and distance between two points. When two receivers are used a routine traverse procedure applies beginning at a known point, establishing new stations along a traverse route, and ending at another known point. Additional receivers allow more new stations to be established in a given time period and more redundancy for a stronger survey. In this mode GPS makes it possible for the surveyor to do what he has always done - measure direction and distance - without regard to visibility or distance between points.

The first thing we did after unpacking the boxes last Fall was test our new equipment against a calibrated baseline. As the accompanying chart indicates the only

question was whether the baseline itself was of an accuracy commensurate with the precision of the equipment.

Note that the shortest line was measured in the shortest observation time. This was unplanned; the vehicle battery powering the receiver went dead after only 19 minutes of observation. And yet the apparent accuracy of this observation was over one in twenty-seven thousand (1/27,000). The longer lines, with longer observation times, yielded apparent accuracies of from one in a half-million (1/500,000) to one in nearly three million (1/3,000,000). We find no precision-related reasons to doubt the applicability of the global positioning system for normal surveying work.

One of our first practical applications of GPS surveying was in establishing the location of a town line. A cartographer was having trouble positioning a housing subdivision on a parcel map being prepared for the town. The question was raised as to the method by which the town line - a boundary of the subdivision - had been determined. In Massachusetts a town line may only be determined by occupying the town corner monuments. There are road stones which purport to show where the town line crosses roads, but these are good for showing a snow plow operator where to turn around - and not much more. The Massachusetts Department of Public Works publishes coordinate data for town corners but these are not considered legally reliable for establishing town line locations.

Since the housing subdivision in question was several thousand feet from the town corners in each direction, our solution was to relate several points within the subdivision to the town corner monuments by GPS survey; an application of the global positioning system was a natural for this problem. The results of our survey showed that the town line was seventy feet from where the developer thought it was. As a result large portions of five house lots are in the wrong town; one house is totally over the line. The legal and political solution to that problem must be found by methods other than GPS.

There is no longer a question of the practicability of GPS surveying methods for the difficult and unusual applications. More to the point, GPS is a practical solution to the normal surveying problems facing the practitioner. Consider establishing ground control for aerial photogrammetry, an exercise common to many surveyors in private practice. Evaluation of the GPS alternative is a simple matter of time and cost: how long will it take, and at what cost, to establish control by conventional

methods as compared to GPS survey.

Conventional methods, defined as tape and transit or electronic distance measuring and theodolite, are limited by crew efficiency, labor requirements, weather and visibility conditions, and access to control. The major limiting factors in GPS surveying are number of receivers used and access to the satellites. Because the government has not yet launched a full constellation of satellites, the window of access is only about five hours each day, occurring at different times of the day at different times of the year. In a GPS survey application where four receivers are used a reasonably well-trained crew can establish six to nine control positions per day given a five hour window of access. It is not difficult to compare production by GPS survey to production by conventional survey. Allowing for manpower and equipment costs the applicability of GPS surveying to control work for a specific project can be determined. On certain projects a production rate of six to nine control points by conventional survey methods is not attainable due to local conditions, accessibility of existing control, and so on. GPS is a method of survey whose time has come, even without a full array of NAVSTAR satellites.

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## GPS: A TECHNOLOGY WHOSE TIME HAS COME

*There is likely to be a post-collision surveying engineering profession with a totally new look*

**Robert W. Foster, PE, PLS, Framingham, Massachusetts**

### Navstar, GPS and the Surveyor

The greatest improvement in the science of surveying since the (EDM), the Navstar Global Positioning System (GPS). With its constellation of satellites, it will allow surveyors to calculate their position with unprecedented accuracy. By the mid 1990's, 21 GPS satellites will be orbiting the earth in 6 planes, providing around-the-clock access. The window of access at the present is only about five hours each day.

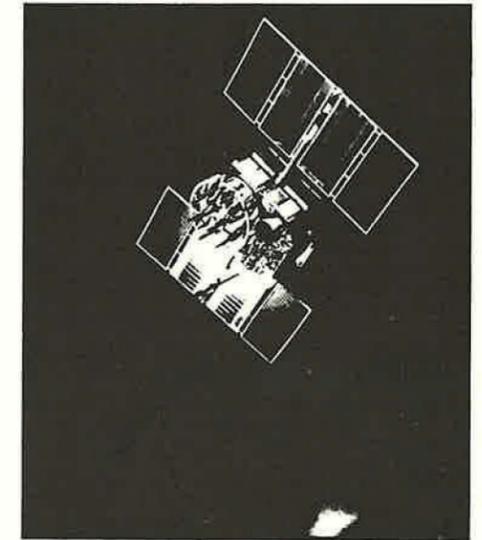
The Global Positioning System was originally developed to allow the United States military to track their planes and ships. But it also offers enormous potential for civilian applications, such as air traffic control, search and rescue operations, and of course, land surveying. With their own GPS receivers, surveyors can access and use these same signals without the use of the military's classified codes.

The Navstar Global Positioning System consists of three segments: 1) the orbiting satellite constellation, 2) the ground control and

processing facilities, and 3) the user equipment sets that receive positioning information from the satellite(s). The user equipment typically includes an antenna, signal receiver/processor, and a control/display unit. Once these little black boxes capture GPS signals, they automatically compute latitude, longitude, altitude, velocity and precise time. They can be used in the air, on land, at sea, at any time (once the full array of satellites are in place) -- and in any weather.

The key to the Navstar accuracy, according to Rockwell International who builds them, is a set of atomic clocks that lose or gain only one second in 300,000 years. Ground stations track the satellites to correct their positions and synchronize their clocks.

The latest series of Rockwell's GPS satellites are designed for compatibility with two launch systems: the Space Shuttle and the Delta II booster.



Development of the global positioning system has introduced a new activity in the surveying profession: futurology. Futurology is "a system or method of stating the probable form of future conditions by making assumptions based on known facts and observations," (Webster's New World Dictionary, 2nd College Edition).

The facts of the global positioning system being utilized by surveyors have been roundly reported. Not only in geodesy but in boundary survey as well, GPS is making its mark and practitioners are finding new applications every day (e.g. "GPS Applies to the Practical Surveyor," Civil Engineering News, June, 1989).

People in the surveying profession are making observations about GPS: It is a technology whose time has come. It has practical applications in nearly every branch of surveying. Its speed of use and accuracy of measurement surpass other surveying systems. It is as applicable for relative measurement as for absolute positioning. And so on.

The real fun begins when we start predicting the "form of future conditions." At least three currently developing conditions create what I think of as the GPS collision course. First, the U.S. government is committed to putting in place a full array of GPS/NAVSTAR satellites which will give us 24-hour access to the system. Second, the manufacturers of GPS hardware "muscle" and the writers of the software "brains" continue to advance the technology and provide the user systems at an even lower cost. The third track of the collision course is the expanding awareness of the surveying engineering community of the wonders of this new technology and the possibilities of application in everybody's backyard. Each of these three developing conditions feeds the other. As we near the point of collision, there will be even greater velocity of the elements, and in the near future - probably the mid 1990s - there is likely to be a post-collision surveying engineering profession with a totally new look.

### Consider the possibilities.

It has been predicted that a GPS receiver will soon be available in a comfortable carry-around form for about \$5000. That puts GPS in the category of the ubiquitous EDM (electronic measuring device), standard equipment in the back of nearly every surveyor's truck. Add to that a tracking ability allowing a surveyor to set out points in the field to predetermined positions, and real time readout of measured positions and vectors, and every small town office surveyor will be in the GPS business.

Whether laying out roads and lot corners in a new subdivision, staking buildings in an industrial park, or resetting Mrs. Murphy's property corners, GPS will be the equipment of choice. In fact, it is quite possible that the old rules of priority of monuments may change in time. Surveyors normally recognize physical monuments at property corners over calls (distances recited in deeds of record). It seems possible - even likely - that at some time in the future the record coordinates of a property corner will take precedence over a marker that a surveyor may find at a corner. Before rejecting this suggestion as heretical consider the following scenario: A large tract of land is surveyed using GPS equipment. The corners of the tract are recovered to everyone's satisfaction; by GPS measurement coordinates are established for the corners to one part in a million precision, on the NAD 83 system. A subdivision of the tract is computed generating coordinates for every lot corner in the subdivision. Two or three decades later what evidence is likely to take precedence for lot corner positioning: iron pipes and pins found or the record coordinates of the corners? A local surveyor of the future will pre-compute any corner in the subdivision before leaving the office, walk directly to the property corner with his real time, tracking, hand held GPS receiver and show Mrs. Murphy precisely where her corners are. No longer will the surveyor have to stand there scratching his head over the fact that there are a wooden stake and two iron pipes within a six inch circle. The point will be where the record says it is, and the record will include the coordinates of the point. This should come as good news to the lawyers who have been mystified for years over the apparent inability of surveyors to agree on the position of the point.

Of course some other things will have to happen before we reach this surveying paradise. In order to accomplish accurate relative measurements and relate the results to a published system like NAD 83 we will require a thoroughly monumented geodetic network. For years surveyors have been

calling for densification of the monumented network in their respective states. It appears to this writer that what is needed is not densification but purification of the network.

NAD 83 is a mathematical adjustment of the network but many of the monuments which provide access to physical position were set decades ago. Their actual, physical location must be redetermined using modern positioning methods for surveyors to deliver millimeter accuracy in positioning.

Presently surveyors are reluctant to relate their property surveys to a geodetic network if they have to traverse more than a few thousand feet to the nearest set of monuments. For this reason we have been calling for densification to support publicly established and maintained land information systems. But with GPS a surveyor will not need access to monuments within a thousand feet of the site; the surveyor will find that monuments within several miles of the site are within practical reach.

In the early stages of GPS development the surveyor may send a couple of GPS receivers to monuments miles from the office while work is performed locally. But an even better system will be in place when receivers are set permanently over several known points in a system allowing public and private surveyors equipped with their own GPS receivers to do their thing 24 hours a day, seven days a week, relating everything to the accepted geodetic network. In the best of all worlds government would provide and maintain these receivers but we don't live in the best of all worlds. It may be necessary for the profession itself to provide the equipment, either in a cooperative effort, or as a commercial venture if a way can be found to provide proprietor security.

Who will perform the necessary purification of the monumented network? Again, this would be best done by a public body - the geodetic section of the state department of public works, for instance. But considering the glacial pace of government bureaucracies in such matters, and the reluctance of legislatures to provide funds for projects that lack popular appeal, a cooperative effort on the part of professionals may be required.

As GPS equipment proliferates in the private sector it may prove practical for a state surveyor association to organize a state-wide network survey. Surveyors would occupy principal recoverable monuments with their privately owned equipment for one massive observation of positions. The nearest university surveyor or geodesy department, or a student eager to perform

the operation as part of a graduate thesis, might perform the needed adjustments.

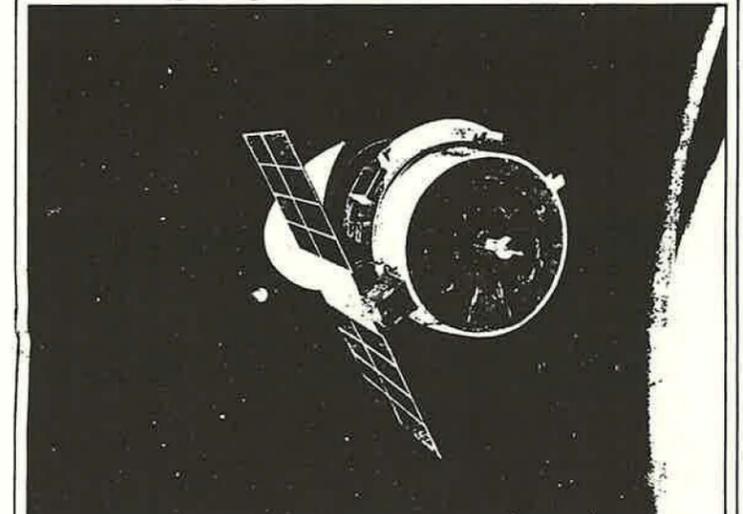
A similar effort will be required to establish local geoid modeling enabling the surveying community to provide orthometric elevations by GPS methods. Once again the cooperation of surveyors in private practice may be necessary to accomplish this basic task if we are to be as progressive in our practice as are the events of the GPS collision course.

See how much fun a little futurology can be? One is only limited in assumptions of future conditions by the limit of one's imagination - the wilder the better.

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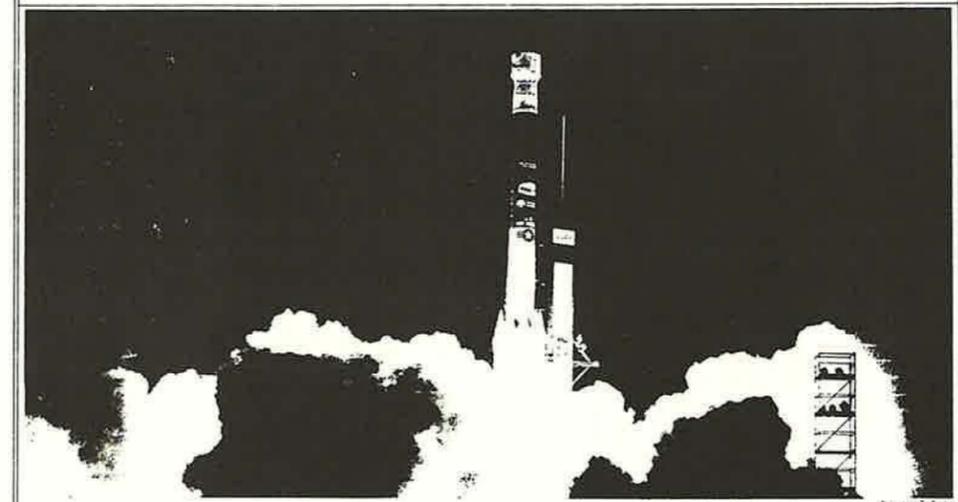
## Surveying Enters A New Era



Artist's conception of a satellite in orbit, similar to the Navstar GPS satellites that will soon circle the Earth in six different planes, changing the form of future conditions for the surveying profession. But little do these satellites know, they are on a collision course!

### Third Defense Dept. Delta 2/GPS Satellite Launched Successfully as Navigation System Grows

CAPE CANAVERAL



The third Delta 2/Global Positioning System satellite was successfully launched here at 1:58 a. m. EDT on Aug. 18 after the mission was delayed three times because of thunderstorms. USAF plans to launch Navstar/GPS satellites at intervals of 60-90 days until

the complete 21-spacecraft constellation is in operation. The Rockwell satellites will provide pinpoint accuracy to military and civilian users anywhere in the world. The 3,000-lb. GPS was boosted into an 11,000-naut.-mi. orbit by an apogee kick motor about 44 hr. after liftoff. It will

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Those wishing to donate to the Purdue University Endowment should make their checks payable to:

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For: ISPLS - John McEntyre Endowment

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If you have no preference, you are encouraged to split your donation between the two endowments.

Please send your donations to: ISPLS Headquarters  
5355 East 38th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218.

### ACSM-ALTA-ABA SYMPOSIUM, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 21, 1989

The Cleveland Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio will sponsor a symposium to be held at the Stouffer's Tower City Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio on Thursday, September 21, in conjunction with the Fall ASPRS-ACSH Convention. The symposium will be run concurrently with the Convention and will open with remarks by the participants, a break for lunch, then an open panel discussion with questions from the floor. Subjects to be discussed will include an explanation of the ALTA-ACSH Land Title Survey Specifications adopted in 1986 and revised in 1988 and how these specifications impact on title insurance, necessary surveys and legal ramifications of the real property transfer. The hotel is easily accessible by rapid transit from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Cost of the symposium is \$30.00 which includes lunch and "outlets". Send your check payable to "Cleveland Chapter, FLSO" to John Oy, 4558 West 130th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44135. Contact Hoy at (216) 3600 for more information.

# Purdue University

## Hometown News

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For immediate release

West Lafayette, Ind. -- A sophomore in land surveying at Purdue University has been awarded the first John G. McEntyre Endowment scholarship by the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors. Scott Zeigler, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zeigler of Albion, Ind., was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship at an awards banquet honoring senior land surveying graduates.

The scholarship honors McEntyre, a retired professor emeritus of land surveying at Purdue.

The award is based on scholarship, financial need, and a desire to pursue a career in land surveying, says Larry G. Holderly, assistant professor of civil engineering and adviser of the Purdue student chapter of the Indiana society.

The Purdue student chapter is active in promoting interest in land surveying as a career and serves as a link between the students and land surveyors in Indiana.

Scott D. Zeigler  
R.R. #4, Box 298  
Albion, Indiana 46701  
April 18, 1989

Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors Inc.  
5355 East 38th Street, Suite 209  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218

Dear ISPLS:

During the recent 17th Annual Recognition Dinner for the Purdue Student Chapter of the ACSM-ISPLS, I was awarded the John G. McEntyre Endowment Scholarship. I am very proud and pleased to have received this award. Please pass my sincere thanks to EVERYONE who made this scholarship possible. THANK YOU.

Sincerely yours,



Scott D. Zeigler

## JOHNSON COUNTY RECORDER

Jacqueline E. Keller  
P.O. BOX 475  
FRANKLIN, INDIANA 46131

PHONE 736-3718  
June 26, 1989

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Surveyors of Johnson County  
FROM: Johnson County Recorder

RE: Recording of Surveys

Thank you for your patience as we have established a system for filing recorded surveys. I appreciate the time and advice many of you have given, after administrative rule 13 was signed into law. It is our hope that this system accomplishes the goals your organization is trying to reach.

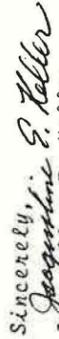
Our INDEXES are set up with a page for each quarter section in the less populated townships, and a page for each quarter/quarter section in the more populated areas. Surveys will be indexed in the Granton Book by name of land owner. In the Survey Index on those pages of the quarter or quarter/quarter sections listed in the Title Block on the Survey.

Our FILE has been set into place and we now have a separate filing system for surveys. There is a file drawer for each (Twp-Range). One drawer for all surveys up to 42" in length.

I am attaching a list of the things we will be looking for at the time of recording. I hope this will serve as a reference during preparation of the surveys. Please distribute this throughout your firm to all surveyors.

Your knowledge and perspective as civil engineers have helped to create this system, it is our hope that it establishes a useable data base, benefiting both professionals and the general public.

Fees will be charged as per our regular fee schedule, set by state statute (information of same on reference page). If you have any questions please feel free to call our office.

Sincerely,  


Jacqueline E. Keller  
Johnson County Recorder

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## JOHNSON COUNTY RECORDER

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FRANKLIN, INDIANA 46131

PHONE 736-3718

### PREPARATION

1. Any size up to 42" width will be acceptable
2. Title Block (in top left corner)
3. Prepared for
4. Record owner \_\_\_\_\_ (to be verified at Auditor's Office on day recorded)
5. Location notation (by ¼ or ½ section) (this will specify as to where it should be indexed in the survey register, it may be indexed more than once but the copy of survey will be filed in the township/range listed first) (This applies to Subdivision Divided Parcels also)
6. Description of land
7. Drawing
8. Date of Survey (in lower right corner)
9. Name of Surveyor, signature, and Surveyor seal (lower right)

### RECORDING

1. Please bring original and two copies to record. (If you wish a copy for your customer, to be time stamped, please bring another) 1 copy for Auditor
2. Stop at Auditor's Office to verify current owner at time of recording (while verifying in transfer book, they will note N.S. for future reference, and change any area amount the survey may indicate)
3. After recordation we will make a copy for filming and one for our flat file.
4. You will take your original with you as well as any copies for your customer, etc.

NOTE: The location of Title Block, Date, and Surveyor's signature/seal will be important on those documents that have to be filmed in sections. The first frame will contain the title and the last will contain the signature (since we film from upper left to lower right, on large documents).

### FEES

Document not exceeding 9" x 15"	\$ 5.00
Each Additional Page, not exceeding 9" x 15"	1.50
Document exceeding 9" x 15"	10.00
Each Additional Page, exceeding 9" x 15"	5.00
Each Cross reference of a recorded document	1.00

### CORRECTIVE SURVEYS

1. Will be recorded in survey record
2. Same fees apply
3. Must note reference to original recorded survey being connected

INDIANA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, INC.

5355 EAST 38TH STREET, SUITE 209  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46218  
317-548-0188

ISPLS  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Type or Print all information - check box for mailing address desired)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number City State County Zip

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number City State County Zip

PRESENT OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name Position

SCHOOL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

School Name Grade

Degree You Are Pursuing Expected Month/Year of Graduation

REGISTRATION STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

L.S., P.E. OR S.I.T. Number State

MEMBER OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF LOCAL CHAPTER OF I.S.P.L.S.? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

STATE BRIEFLY REASONS FOR SEEKING MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED

- MEMBER.....\$120.00
- JUNIOR.....\$50.00
- ASSOCIATE.....\$50.00
- STUDENT.....\$10.00
- LIFE.....NO CHARGE

ISPLS DUES ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FOR FEDERAL TAX PURPOSES, BUT MAY BE DEDUCTIBLE AS A BUSINESS EXPENSE.

REFERENCES

Name Address Phone

PLEASE FURNISH COMPLETE ADDRESSES, INCLUDING ZIP CODES

I hereby certify the above statements are true and correct and that I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Indiana Society of Professional Surveyors and will promote and uphold its principles and objectives.

Signature

Date

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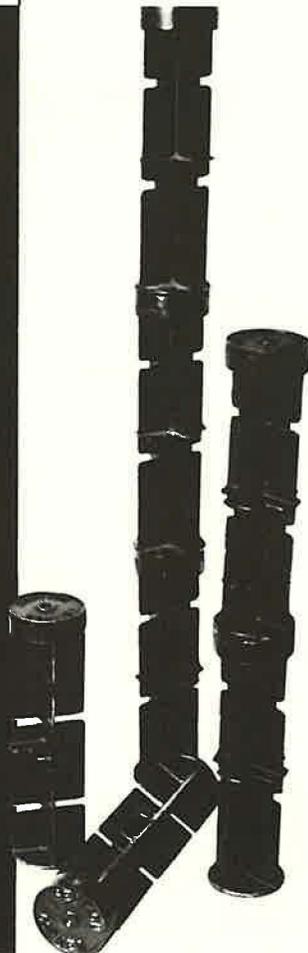
### COMPLETED CAREER

The latest issue of *P.O.B.* reports the death, on June 1, 1989, of J. David Johnson the founder and owner of Harrison Marker and Instrument Company in Anoka, Minnesota and developer of its popular cast iron monuments. He has been a sustaining member and exhibitor at Indiana conferences for many years. We will miss him!

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