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**IN MEMORY OF:
Donald W. Ross, R.L.S.
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YOU WILL BE MISSED!**

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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Southeast Chapter sponsored a variety of activities during 2008. Below are some of the highlights for the year.

DINNER MEETINGS

- January:** Timothy Galligan, an attorney gave a talk on Depositions and how to prepare for them.
- February:** There was no Chapter Meeting due to the Annual Meeting.
- March:** Special Agent Richard Porter of the EPA gave a talk on Environmental Crimes and how to report them.
- April:** Marty Dunn, PS, of METCO gave a power point presentation with some great photos on his recent Scanning of Easter Island project.
- May:** Eric Urban of MISS DIG gave a presentation on the new Design and Survey Ticket program and how MISS DIG can assist surveyors in the field prior to performing a survey.
- June:** No formal Chapter Meeting was held. The Chapter members enjoyed the company of fellow members and a round of golf at the Annual Southeast Chapter Golf Outing.
- July:** No formal Chapter Meeting was held. The Chapter supported the Detroit Gold Cup Races.
- August:** No formal Chapter Meeting was held. The Chapter Family Picnic took place in Plymouth.
- September:** Gil Bonno, PS, of Rowe gave a presentation and an update of the MSPS Foundation and the Michigan Museum of Surveying.
- October:** Matt Aston of Ground Penetrating Radar, Inc. gave a presentation on the technology of ground penetrating radar and how it could be useful to surveyors in their work.
- November:** Michael Glaab of Individual Financial Planning, Inc. and Bryon Bruce of Curian Capital Investments gave an interesting presentation on investing in a troubled economy.
- December:** No formal Chapter Meeting was held. The Chapter celebrated the holidays with their annual Christmas party.

CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Golf Outing: The Chapter Golf Outing was held this past year at Bruce Hills in Romeo, Michigan. Craig Amey did another great job, organizing and ensuring the Chapter members enjoyed the day.

Summer Family Picnic: The Chapter decided to bring back the Annual Family picnic this year. The Chapter hosted the event on the beautiful property of SE Board member Greg Ash. Chapter members enjoyed a beautiful day eating, drinking and fishing in the pond. Longest fish caught was 15 inches. Jim Isaacs was the grill master and did a fantastic job with the steaks.

Annual Christmas Party: The Chapter hosted the annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation Dinner at Pasquale's Restaurant in Royal Oak. Everyone had a great time, the food was great, awards were presented, and John Fenn installed the new officers for 2009.



John Fenn installed the new SE Officers for 2009 at the Annual Christmas Party and Installation Dinner.



Presentation of Toys for Tots to the United States Marine Corp. by Cathy DeDecker.

COMMITTEES

Scholarship Committee: The Scholarship Committee worked hard to get as many notices and reminders out to the surveying students at Michigan Tech and Ferris State and reviewed several applications. The Chapter was able to award two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. This year's recipients were Scott Roth of Michigan Tech and Kraig Kaverly of Ferris State.

Boat Race Committee: The Boat Race Committee did another excellent job of organizing volunteers to layout and to maintain the courses for the Detroit Gold Cup, Streak on the Creek and Quake on the Lake Boat Races.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

The Chapter donated money, and many Chapter members volunteered in various ways seeking to promote the surveying profession to the general public.

Some highlights include:

- *Science Olympiad sponsorship for Wayne and Oakland Counties.
- *Sponsoring of two \$1,000.00 scholarships for surveying students.
- *Streak on the Creek Boat race for the Lions Club.
- *Quake on the Lake Boat Race for the Make a Wish Foundation.
- *Career Day with Royal Oak and Trenton Schools.
- *Trig-star presentations to over 150 area students.
- *Toys For Tots were donated by chapter members.



Detroit Gold Cup Boat Races



Science Olympiad at U of M

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*Lest we not forget Donald W. Ross, RLS of our Southeast Chapter who passed away this year. Don was not only a surveyor and a mentor to many, but he was also very involved with the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors at the State level and with the Southeast Chapter for many years in various capacities. In 2008 he served on the Board as a Director and as the State Representative until he passed away. He will be missed!



Southeast Chapter Members, Ray McCoy, David Smith, Joe Bishop, Don Ross, Karol Grove and Joe Kapelczak enjoy an evening with fellow surveyors.