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2009 SE CHAPTER YEAR IN REVIEW

January 2009: Speaker Brooks Williamson, Brooks Williamson & Associates; Topic: "Wetlands & Wetland Mitigation" at Atlantis Restaurant, Plymouth, MI

February 2009: Annual Conference in Kalamazoo, MI

March 2009: Speaker Mel Zohrob, Owner Instrument Sales; Topic: "Using Robotic Instruments in Surveying" at Ginopolis Restaurant, Farmington Hills, MI

Science Olympiad in Wayne, Washtenaw, and Oakland Counties

April 2009: Speaker Maria S. Zingas, District Floodplain Engineer, Warren District Office, Land and Water Management Division; Topic: "FEMA Floodplain Information" at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, Warren, MI

May 2009: Speaker David Miller, ESQ, Nowak & Fraus; Topic: "Principles of Contracts, Preparing for Collections, and the Lien Process" at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, Warren, MI

June 2009: SE Chapter Annual Golf Outing at Bruce Hills, Bruce Township, MI

July 2009: Detroit Gold Cup and Streak on the Creek Hydroplane Races

August 2009: SE Chapter Annual Picnic at Greg Ash's residence, Plymouth, MI

September 2009: Speaker Judge Lowe; Topic: "Abe Lincoln" at Karl's Cabin, Plymouth, MI

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October 2009: Speaker Joe Kapelczak, P.S.; Topic: "Remonumentation: Correction of Remonumentation Points" at Trini & Carmen's, Waterford, MI

November 2009: Speaker Craig Amey, P.S; Topic: "Benefits of NSPS and Capital for Lobby Day" at De Luca's Restaurant, Westland, MI

December 2009: SE Chapter Annual Holiday Party, Toys for Tots, and induction of the 2010 SE Chapter Board of Directors by Shelby Money.

CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Golf Outing: The Chapter Golf Outing was held this past year at Bruce Hills in Bruce Township, Michigan. There were 32 SE Chapter Members who participated in the golf outing. Craig Amey was the organizer of the Golf Outing and once again he gave us a beautiful, sunny, warm day.

Summer Family Picnic: The Chapter held the Second Annual Family Picnic this year. Greg Ash hosted the picnic once again at his home in Plymouth Township. It was a very pleasant day. Chapter members and their families enjoyed a great steak and hot dog dinner prepared by gourmet chefs Jim Isaacs and Greg Ash.

Annual Christmas Party: The Chapter hosted the annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation Dinner at Pasquale's Restaurant in Royal Oak. Approximately 40 members and guests attended. We had three US Marines who joined us for dinner and who accepted the Toys for Tots donations. This year we had a Marine who was very familiar with our survey organization. Matthew Vicari, a former teacher and TriStar coach was one of the Marines who participated in the Tots for Tots presentation. Cathy DeDecker coordinated the Holiday Party again this year and Shelby Money performed induction of the 2010 SE Chapter Board of Directors. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and it was the perfect ending for the 2009 SE Chapter events.

COMMITTEES

Scholarship Committee: The 2009 Scholarship Committee included Kelly Fedele, Craig Amey and Christopher Lamus. They worked hard to provide notices and reminders to the professors and surveying students at Michigan Tech and Ferris State and reviewed several applications from each school. The Chapter was able to award two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. This year's recipients were Brett Hollandsworth from Michigan Tech and Brad Otten from Ferris State.

Boat Race Committee: The Boat Race Committee consisted of Karol Grove, David Smith, and Mike DeDecker. They did another excellent job of organizing volunteers to layout and to maintain the courses for the Detroit Gold Cup and Streak on the Creek. The Point of Beginning magazine featured the Detroit Gold Cup Race in their October 2009 edition. The

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article was entitled, "Speed", with the caption, "Surveyors play a key role in the APBA Gold Cup races in Detroit". Mike DeDecker wrote the article with help from Karol Grove and Joe Kapelczak.

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
- Sponsorship of two \$1,000.00 scholarships for surveying students
- Detroit Gold Cup Hydroplane Boat Race
- Streak on the Creek Hydroplane Boat Race for the Lions Club
- Career Day with Royal Oak and Huron Valley Schools
- Trig-star presentations
- Toys for Tots were donated by chapter members and their families

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