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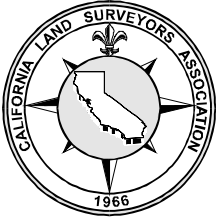
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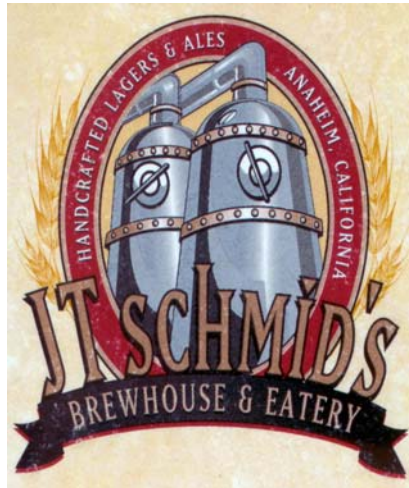


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MAY DINNER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

TUESDAY NIGHT – MAY 17, 2011
SOCIAL 6:00 PM DINNER 7 :00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: MIKE PALLAMARY



2610 E. KATELLA BLVD., ANAHEIM, CA 92806
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ANAHEIM POND
JUST EAST OF THE 57 FREEWAY

This month Mike Pallamary will speaking to our chapter on his latest book, "The Curt Brown Chronicles", a fascinating compilation of the writings of Curt Brown. An evening with Mike Pallamary is not to be missed! Make your plans now to attend our May meeting.

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CLSA ANGELS NIGHT

**FRIDAY NIGHT – JUNE 10, 2011
ANGELS vs. KANSAS CITY**

**FEATURING
THE 12TH ANNUAL “JOEY TRAPS TRI TIP BBQ TAILGATE PARTY”**



TIME: Tailgate Party approximately 5:30 PM / Game Time 7:05 PM

Cost: \$25.00 per Ticket

Includes Ticket and all-you-can-eat / drink BBQ (Tri-tip, Chicken, Hot dogs, peanuts).

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This event sells out every year, don't be left out and get your order & payment in early!!!!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ch-ch-Changes
Pretty soon now you're gonna get older
Time may change me
But I can't trace time
I said that time may change me
But I can't trace time

Born David Robert Jones in 1947, David Bowie was a mere 24 years old when, in 1971, he penned the lyrics to "Changes". Pretty heady stuff for a young man of 24, would you not agree? In 1972, in their review of the album *Hunky Dory*, on which 'Changes' appeared, Rolling Stone mused that the song was "... a young man's attempt to reckon how he'll react when it's his time to be on the maligned side of the generation schism". Well, I could certainly wax poetically on what it feels like to be on the 'maligned side of the generation schism', but I'll spare you that narrative. I do, however, wish to speak of change.

Some changes are long overdue. Some say "If it isn't broken, don't fix it" Dave Woolley writes a monthly article in the California Surveyor titled "The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same" In "Romeo and Juliet", Shakespeare wrote "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet".

In the context of poor Juliet Capulet's pining over Romeo Montague, in essence, what matters is what something is, not necessarily what it is called. Such was my recent revelation when I needed to order some new tags.

If you work in the Southern California region, and you need to order new tags, who do you call? Well, if you are like most of us, you call Servco. That's just what I did, too. I picked up the phone and called the number that I have been calling for way more years than I now want to admit. What happened next was a bit of a surprise. Someone answered, and then

immediately launched into a greeting that was totally foreign to my ears, and was extremely long. I mean, seriously, I was prepared to hear "Surveyor's Service, can I help you?", but what I heard seemed to take about 15 seconds, and I had no idea what the heck they had just said. So, I did what just about everyone would do in that situation: I hung up. I just figured that I had dialed the wrong number, so I hung up! No harm, no foul – I'll just re-dial, s-l-o-w-l-y, and I'll get Servco on the line so I can order some new tags. Someone answered, and the party to whom I was speaking said, s-l-o-w-l-y, "Leica Geosystems Solutions Center, how may I help you?" I recognized the voice, but I had no concept of what I was hearing. Where was Servco???

Well, I guess I need to get out a bit more, because, as I was so patiently informed, Servco has become Leica Geosystems Solutions Center. Obviously, I was not the first abrupt hang-up they had encountered. So, a few days later I popped into the store to get the scoop, and spoke with Cori Vernam, the Marketing Manager for Leica Geosystems, Inc., U.S. West. Cori has always been super helpful in the past, so I figured I could count on her to fill me in. She told me that the change was based on the business model that consolidates the manufacturer, the distributor, and the support & service firms under one umbrella., and that in the current economic climate, such a merger made perfect sense.

Long an institution for Orange County area surveyors, what is now Leica Geosystems Solutions Center recognized the need to re-evaluate how they did business, and took what seems to be some pretty radical steps in order to re-invent themselves. Darwin said it best: "Adapt, Leave, or Die", and adapt is what they have done. I sincerely wish them well in their new mode of operation, and I am looking forward to another 80 years of excellence. I think we all can look to the example that is presented here for us, and realize that there is always room for assessment, re-evaluation, and, if necessary,

change. Be it a minor course correction or a sweeping overhaul, change can be a good thing.

And you thought I was going to talk about education.....



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 12, 2011

Location: Johnson-Frank, Anaheim

Meeting called to order: 5:30 PM

Attendees:

Tony Cuomo – President
Dave Woolley – Vice President
Jim Fraser – Treasurer
Greg Sebourm - Secretary
Roger Frank – Committee Chair
Jerry Uselton – Chapter Rep.
Alan Frank – Membership Chair
Don Mertens – Caltrans Liaison
Tiffany Padilla – SCC-CLSA Liaison

Motion made and passed to suspend Rules in order for all to vote.

- Motion accepted.

February minutes: Unanimously approved.

President's Report: (Tony Cuomo)

- Action items:
(none)

Vice President's Report: (Dave Woolley)

- Woolley to contact Allen Instruments for April sponsorship.

Treasurer's Report: (Jim Frasier)

- General Checking balance: \$20,608.12
- Pat Mercado Fund: \$6,375.00
- Paul Cuomo Mem Ed Fund: \$11.00
- Paul Cuomo Mem. Scholarship: \$4,483.50
- Total: \$25,102.62

Secretary's Report: (Greg Sebourm)

- No Report (minutes submitted)

Membership Report: (Alan Frank)

- 545 names on mailing list
- 171 Chapter Members
- 122 Corporate Members (104 paid for 2011)
- 34 Associate (26 paid for 2011)
- 5 Students (2 paid for 2011)
- 12 Sustaining (8 paid for 2011)
- 1 non-deceased Life Member
- Alan continues to track hardships for those members who have contacted him and expressed a desire to be a member but cannot pay due to the economy.

Education Report: (Lisa Gaston)

- No Report

Legislative Report: (Dave Woolley)

- Update on effort to revise SMA regarding the setting of final monuments on maps that have been filed but where no improvements have been built.

**Trig Star and Scouting Merit Badge:
(Greg Sebourm)**

- Greg said he is looking at stepping down and passing the torch for Trig Star.
- Troop 706 (Yorba Linda) inquired about having a Surveying Merit Badge Day. The Scout Master was notified it would be a 2 to 3 day event. Waiting to hear back from them...

Newsletter: (Rich Lopez)

- No report.

Activities Chairman: (Joe Padilla)

- Angel's Night is still scheduled for Friday, June 10th with the Kansas City Royals. Call Joe to RSVP for game & tailgate for \$25 or just tailgate for \$15 (parking fee not included). (714) 875-8079

JPPC: (Roger Frank)

- Rich Maher, PLS named new OC-JPPC Secretary. Minutes to follow?
- Back in December 2009 OC-JPPC requested a Board opinion regarding whether or not a ROS is required for field surveys made as part of creating new centerlines and rights-of-ways. No response yet.
- OC-JPPC is considering the value of state mandated accuracy standards for California.
- OC Survey sent a list of "NO REF" monuments shown on maps. Contact Roger if you have any questions. (714) 777-8877 ext 130

Chapter Reps Report:

(No Report)

Website (Kurt Troxell)

- No report but it was noted that the website still needs updating.

Caltrans Liaison (Don Mertens)

- Report submitted in person.
- AutoCAD "Civil 3D" will replaced the CAiCE software over the next three or four years. All new projects will be required to be submitted in Civil 3D.

MicroStation software will continue to be used.

- Furlough days will be reduced to one day per month pending approval by State Legislature.
- There will be a gradual "shift" in workload staffing from office to field for the next FY.
- The TCA is studying the exclusive use of automated tolling.
- Rose Casey, Program Manager at the OCTA, presented a handout titled "Contracting Opportunities" (see attached).
- David Cordova, Caltrans State ADA Coordinator, presented a focus session on the "Changes in Design Information Bulletin 82-4" (DIB 82-4 on ADA).
- On April 8th the new Unit 9 MOU (see above) was overwhelmingly approved by the PECG membership. The state legislature must also adopt the MOU.
- April is the month when Caltrans Workers Memorial ceremonies will take place throughout the state, honoring Caltrans fallen workers. Remember to "slow for the cone" when driving.
- This is a reminder of the relocations last year at the District 12 Headquarters at Park Place, Irvine. Most Caltrans organizations are now consolidated into the main (yellow) building at 3347 Michelson Drive. Design Engineering is now on the 4th floor and Right of Way Engineering is now on the 3rd floor. ***The RWE Map Room and Surveys Office remain on the 1st floor. Visitors must check in at Suite 100 and be escorted to their destination.***

SCC-CLSA Liaison (Tiffany Padilla)

- New Geocache has been placed at SCC. Go to Geocaching.com for more information. You may also contact Greg Sebourm, Don Mertens, or Tiffany Padilla.
- Allan Ng, P.L.S. from Cal Poly to speak at SCC-CLSA 4/14/2011 about the Geospatial program and transferring.

New Business

- Discussion of delegating administrative duties to a single executive treasure similar to how State CLSA delegates those duties to Central Office staff.
- New Education Committee Study Guide for chapters wishing to hold an exam review program. Contact Rob McMillan at robert_m_mcmillan@dot.ca.gov for more information.
- Next board meeting at Johnson-Frank, Anaheim, May 10, 2011; 5:30 p.m. **All Board Meetings are open to the public.**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Prepared by:

Greg Sebourn -Secretary
CLSA Orange County Chapter

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF 2011 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

As a general rule, the board meets on the second Tuesday of each month, and the general meeting is the following week. Below is our tentative schedule of events for the coming year. Please note that things change, and this is only tentative.

As of this writing, the board meetings will be held at the offices of Johnson-frank & associates, 5150 east hunter avenue, Anaheim, ca, 92807. Board meetings commence at 5:00 with dinner, and generally run from 5:30 to 7:00 or 7:30. Any member is encouraged to attend, but seating is somewhat limited. If you have a matter that you believe should be brought to the board, please contact Tony Cuomo (tonycuomo@johnson-frank.com) with your intent.

June 14 - Board meeting
June 10 – Angel Night (Kansas City Royals)

July 12 - Board meeting
July 19 – Paulie-fats Annual Pool Tournament (Tentative Date)

August 9 - Board meeting
August 16 – Silent Auction Night

September 13 - Board meeting
September 20 – Joint meeting with SDCO Chapter

October 11 - Board meeting
October 18 – Guest Speaker TBD
November 8 - Board meeting
November 15 – Scholarship Night

December 13 - Board meeting
December – Casino Night (Date TBD)

EDITOR'S CORNER

Greetings Members,

I hope that this newsletter finds you happy and healthy.

This month I would like to hit on the topic of burglary. I myself was just recently hit; my truck was broken into in front of my house!



It was a typical morning for me, my alarm clock sounded off at 4:40. I got up and did my typical routine and after gathering all my stuff I headed out to my truck.

As I approached my truck, something did not seem right. I went to the driver's side,

open the door and threw my gym bag on the back seat. As I closed the door, I heard the distinct sound of glass falling to the ground. I got out of my truck and walked around to the passenger side only to discover that my rear passenger window had been smashed.

I then realized at that moment that I had been burglarized; what a drag. The first thing I thought of is why me, what was so valuable in my truck that someone had to violate me and smash my window?

Well after giving it some thought I remember that my daughter left her Nintendo DS on the back seat. I can't tell you how many times I've told her to take it in the house or hide it under the seat! So she forgets again for the 1000th time and someone took advantage of that.



So long story short, someone smashed my window to grab a kid's video game! It just infuriates me that there is some jerk out there with a pink Nintendo DS playing "Barbie's Pet Shop", while my daughter cries at home.

So here's what I'm out: I had to pay a \$100 dollar deductible to get my window fix and now I have to purchase a new DS and Barbie game for my daughter. Well of course we can't just purchase last year's model, "Dad we have to upgrade". So now, being the sucker that I am for my daughter, I will have to purchase a new and improved DS for about \$250 bucks and of course we have to replace the

game as well, which will cost about \$50. So in all, I'm out about \$400 bucks!

To add insult to injury, I had to tape up the window to keep the moisture out; well when I took the tape off, I took off my paint off too. Now I have to have the door repainted.

Thanks Mr. Drug Addict, I'm out about \$500 bucks, so you can get your fix on whatever happens to be your poison; jerk.

I was informed by the police officer who was taking my report that the thief was walking through my neighborhood that night looking through cars; several of my neighbors were hit as well.



So my point to you is this, do not leave anything visible in your car that may look appealing to some idiot walking by. If it looks good enough, people will take the chance.

Another thing to think about is securing our homes. As the weather starts warming up many of us like to leave a window open to cool off the house. We sometimes forget to lock those windows when we leave. By doing that we are just asking for trouble. You might as well put up a sign saying "welcome all degenerates".



There are certain signs a burglar looks for when cruising around looking for targets. You can avoid being the next victim by following a few simple steps.

1. Do not leave newspapers or mail pile up if you are going to be away. Put your mail on hold and let the newspaper office know to stop delivery.
2. Leave a television or light on when you are going to be out. You can install a timer and set it to come on at different times.
3. Often times burglars like to kick in doors, consider installing a strike plate into the door frame.
4. Secure sliding doors to patios and balconies. You can put a wooden dowel that fits snugly in the bottom track.
5. Turn off the ringer on your phone if you are going to be away for a while. Burglars can be savvy at connecting residents' names with phone numbers. They can stand outside an apartment or home and dial the number. If no one picks up, then they know you are not home, but if the phone ringer is off, the burglar may think they dialed a wrong number.
6. If you are having work done on your home, make sure you use a reputable company, check references! Once they are inside your home, they can leave a window unlocked.
7. Always lock your door and if you have an alarm, always set it. Even if you are only going to be gone for a short period, it doesn't take long for a burglar to hit.
8. Always have your house key in hand when you return home. If a burglar is watching you and you are fumbling for the keys, they just could sneak up behind you.
9. If a stranger appears at your doorstep and tells you that they are with a utility company, never allow them entrance to your home. Check with the company first. Get the name of the person and call the utility company to verify. You never know, a burglar could drive by seeing the workers and come back at another time claiming to be one of them.

I often wonder why some people feel it is right to go ahead and burglarize someone else, to victimize them and have no remorse. One thing is for sure, as the economy worsens, crime rate goes up.

Until next time, be safe, healthy, and happy!

Rich Lopez – Witness Corner Editor
CLSA Orange County Chapter
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Desert & Riverside\San Bernardino Chapters of CLSA Bill Young Memorial Scholarship 2011 Golf Tournament



**Friday, May 20, 2011
Shotgun Start at 12 noon**

There will be lots of goodies for everyone!

Two (2) longest-drive holes and two (2) closest-to-the-pin holes.
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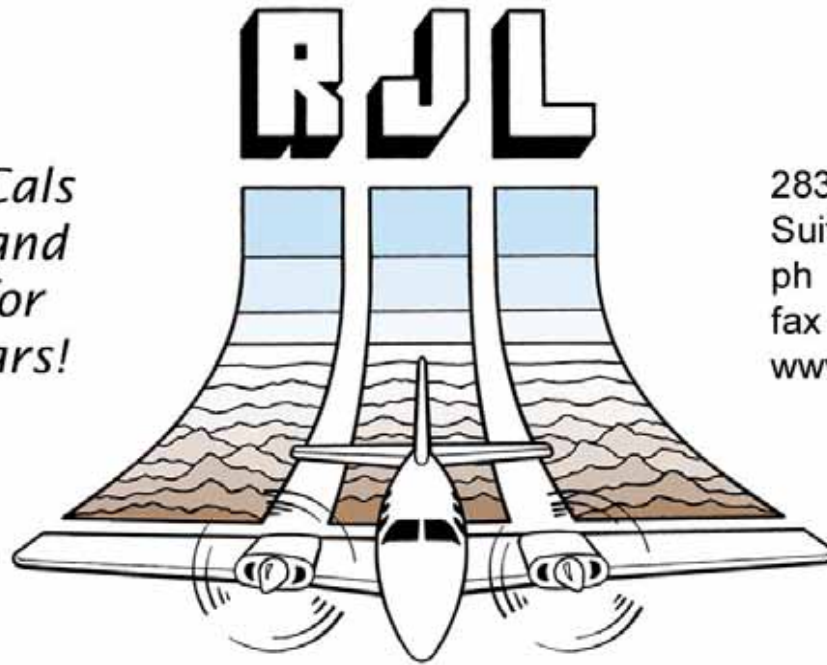
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