



FACM FACTS

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2007 Spring Florida Joint GeoSpatial Conference Is A Success



One of the many highlights of the Spring conference was Kay Gargis accepting an award for her many years of service to the Joint Conference. (L to R Marilyn Evers, Jeff Maasch, Kay Gargis, Joe Borries)

By John Bausola, FACM President Elect

A big thanks to FACM, FSMS & FLURISA for providing an excellent forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas as related to Integrating Geospatial Data. Also, many thanks to the knowledgeable presenters who donated their time and expertise to the conference.

Over the years many of us have become loyal attendees and participants in this annual conference. We have seen the subject matter change with advances in technology and challenges to our business models. Whether you were a first time attendee or long time veteran, the content of this year's conference provided you with an opportunity to see some of the latest and extremely useful applications for collecting, maintaining and using Geospatial Data.

Yes, we have gone far beyond map creation. The map has moved from a paper document to spatial database records. Presenters shared with us their implementations of this latest technology. Discussions and demonstrations included topics on Parcel Data Modeling, Oblique Imagery, Property Assessment Tools and Map Maintenance and Distribution.

Many additional significant topics were offered by FSMS and FLURISA. I took the opportunity to attend the Horry County Enterprise GIS Integration presentation found in the FLURISA track. The content was excellent and I walked away with a new appreciation for effective project management.

The Radisson Resort provided a great facility and wonderful hospitality. Networking with long time friends and making new friends was ongoing. From casual pool side meetings to the delightful dinner and "magical" evening with Harry Allen and Dan Stapleton we shared as peers and friends insightful ideas and humorous anecdotes.

This year's conference offered tremendous content applicable to our professions. If you were fortunate enough to attend, you walked away with knowledge gained. If you were unable to attend, we sincerely encourage your participation in the next conference.

Plans are underway so visit www.facm.org for information on our next Joint Geospatial Conference.

Florida Quick Geographical Facts:

- **Total Area** - 58,560 square miles
- **Geographic Center** - 12 miles northwest of Brooksville, Hernando County.
- **Largest county** - Palm Beach, 2,578 square miles
- **Smallest county** - Union, 245 square miles

Fall Conference: 20th Anniversary of FACM.

By Kay Gargis, Education Chair

The 2007 FACM Fall Conference will be held October 29 and October 30, 2007 at the beautiful Casa Monica Hotel, 95 Cordova Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084. We are pleased to celebrate FACM's 20th Anniversary in the heart one of the most historic areas of Florida. Mention the Florida Association of Cadastral Mappers Conference when making reservations at 800-648-1888 in order to receive the conference rate.

We invite all former FACM Board officers to join us at the Monday night Installation Banquet. Past officers attending the celebration will be honored for their contributions to FACM's 20 years of contributions to property ownership mapping. Past officers need not register for the conference in order to attend the Monday night Installation Banquet. Just be sure to check the Monday night Installation Banquet line on the registration form and include a check to cover yourself and your guest(s) when returning the registration form.

There will be two workshops offered at the Fall conference. One workshop will deal with road right of ways. It will be limited to the first 30 paid registrations that request this workshop. The second workshop is in development and will be announced on a save the date card to be mailed later. Check www.facm.org regularly for registration information and updates on the conference.

You won't want to miss this special conference and celebration of FACM's 20 years.



Casa Monica Hotel, 95 Cordova Street
St. Augustine, Florida



A Walk Down Memory Lane

Since this year is a celebration of the 20th anniversary of FACM we are looking for photos of past FACM conferences and events to reminisce over during the Monday night Installation Banquet at the Fall conference.

So whether you are a member from the beginning or attended your first conference last year, if you have any pictures or items, you would like to share, please contact :

➔ Kay Gargis (321)264-6909 or
kay.gargis@brevardpropertyappraiser.com

Upcoming Events

- **August 6 - 10, 2007** **FACM Course 02: The Public Land Survey System**
-Doubletree Universal, Orlando
- **October 29—30, 2007** **FACM Fall Conference**
-Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine
- **December 3 - 7, 2007** **FACM Course 03: Interpretation of Real Property Descriptions**
-Florida Mall, Orlando
- **May 5 - 9, 2008** **FACM Course 04: Map Compilation**
-Daytona Beach Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Daytona Beach
- **August 4 - 8, 2008** **FACM Course 01: Mathematics for the Cadastralist**
-Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando

Message from our President

FACM: 20 Years and moving forward

By Rosemary Baumann, 2007 President

A celebration of 20 years happens this fall at the beautiful Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine on October 29 & 30 when FACM hosts its fall conference. In accordance with FACM's 20th year celebration, this year's board would like to ask all past board members to attend the Monday night Installation Banquet so we can recognize them for their contributions to FACM's 20 years of contributions to property ownership mapping.

In addition, we will present awards for Cadastralist of the year, outstanding achievement, and life-time achievement. Therefore, if you wish to nominate someone, or a group, please submit your nomination now using the nomination form on page 4 of this newsletter.

FACM is currently taking nominations for the 2007-2008 FACM Board. Enclosed is a nomination form. Please have your nominations in by July 31st; we will send ballots out shortly after that. Anyone interested please call John Bausola at (772)-462-1051 or e-mail jbausola@co.stlucie.fl.us.

The last 20 years have shown a lot of progress in the way the County Appraisal process uses maps. The next 20 years brings the hope that FACM will continue to be there, advancing property ownership mapping knowledge and practice through education, thus encouraging a higher standard of expertise as a means, to more effectively, serve the public. It is with that thought that I encourage Mappers, GIS Techs and their employers to become members of FACM. Please visit our website www.facm.org for a membership application form.

Hope to see you at the Fall Conference!

BILLBOARD



Have you renewed your membership? Remember dues are due between July 1st and August 31st of each year. Membership applications forms are available online @ www.facm.org.



Need a new FACM shirt, cup or coaster? Coming soon FACM items for sale online @ www.facm.org.

DESOTO COUNTY LOOSES 19 YEAR VETERAN

Mr. Michael Deen, De Soto County Property Appraisers Office, Senior Mapper, passes away July 11, 2007 at the age of 57. Mr. Deen worked many years for Professional Surveyor and Mapper, Kermit Roan. He continued his career in the mapping profession when he joined the DeSoto County Property Appraiser Office Mapping Department. His professionalism, friendship and love are a great loss to his co-workers, friends and family. He will be missed.

Nominations for Awards

These awards are presented annually at the FACM Fall Conference. Nominations will be accepted from employers and peers, with the Awards Committee reviewing the applications and forwarding them to the Board. The nominations are presented to the Executive Board for their decision. The awards presentation is made at the FACM Annual Conference. **Cadastralist of the Year and Outstanding Achievement Award winners receive a complimentary registration to next year's conference in addition to a handsome plaque recognizing their achievement. Lifetime Achievement Award winners receive a life time FACM membership, a complimentary registration to next year's conference and a handsome plaque recognizing their achievement.**

Please keep in mind that the nominees for awards are not required to hold any mapping designations. The person making the nomination should write a brief statement why he/she feels the nominee merits the award. Cadastralist of the Year and Outstanding Achievement Awards nominations are for performance within the preceding calendar year, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS September 1, 2007.**

CADASTRALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD _____

Outstanding performance by a FACM member in the work area during a single project or event completed within the last calendar year as noted above.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD _____

*Distinction gained outside the association to further the mapping profession **OR** a person or group who has made a significant contribution to the association or to the mapping profession through their participation in FACM activities, goals and objectives. **The recipient need not be a member of FACM.***

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD _____

Outstanding performance by any FACM member with 20 or more years of mapping related service who made a significant contribution to the development of high professional mapping standards, and who motivated and inspired their colleagues throughout their mapping career.

(Current FACM Executive Board members are eligible for these awards if the nomination comes from the general membership and not from another FACM Board member.)

Name of Nominee:

Nominee's Employer:

Employer's Address:

I believe this person/these people should be nominated for the award indicated above for the following reasons: (Attach an additional sheet of paper if need)

Send to: Connie Rossman, Awards Chair

c/o City of Lakeland

228 S Massachusetts Ave

Lakeland, FL 33801

Or FAX To Connie Rossman@ 863/834-8432

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

GIS Sr Programmer Analyst – Polk County Property Appraiser’s Office

Job Specifications: The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Senior Programmer Analysts is a member of the GIS application development team and focuses on design, development, and implementation of GIS based software solutions. The role is responsible for development of desktop and web-based GIS solutions primarily using ESRI technologies in the Microsoft .NET and/or Java development environments.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Computer Sciences, Computer Engineering, Geography, Planning, Geomatics or related field with specialization in GIS and 3 + years experience as a GIS programmer or software developer. Any combination equivalent to experience and education that would likely provide the relevant knowledge and abilities would be qualifying.

Send Resume to teresacollins@polk-county.net

Cadastral Mapper/GIS Professional- Broward County

Property Appraiser's Office

Job Specifications: Plot parcels, tracts, new subdivisions, and other real property using technical and computerized drafting procedures. The candidate should have the ability to read and interpret deeds, plats, right of ways and other records. Performs quality control and monitors data accuracy. A basic knowledge of relational database and coordinate geometry a plus. Should also have the necessary skills to create maps to scale and assign labels with identifying information.

Minimum Qualifications: Must have a High School Diploma, two years of technical training or college level courses related to geography, mapping, civil engineering or equivalent experience. Cadastral mapping experience preferred. Must know and be able to use various personal computers and knowledge of ESRI Software products a plus.

Send Resume to jobs@bcpa.net

GIS Technician II - Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office

Job Specifications: Responsible technical work performing a variety of advanced computer operations using the geographic information system (GIS), coordinate geometry (COGO) and other specialized computer software. Updates and maintains various county mapping systems using Arc/Info Workstation, ArcGIS 8.x, ArcGIS 9.x, and extensions. Enters data according to established procedures, performs quality control and monitors data accuracy, and performs customer service by assisting the public and other staff with inquiries and the reproduction of maps and other related documents.

Minimum Qualifications: Must be a high school graduate or possess an acceptable equivalency certificate. Must have a minimum of two years experience in the use and procedures of GIS using Arc/Info Workstation, ArcGIS 8.x, ArcGIS 9.x, and extensions. Applicants will be tested on ability to competently use Arc/Info Workstation, ArcGIS 8.x, ArcGIS 9.x, and extensions.

Send Resume to dfaul@mail.pa.citrus.fl.us

NOMINATION FOR 2007-2008 OFFICERS

The below listed offices are open for nominations for the year 2007 through 2008. The nominee does not have to have a CCF or MCF designation. However, nominees must be a FACM member in good standing.

Nominations can be sent to John Bausola, c/o St. Lucie County Property Appraiser, 2300 Virginia Avenue, Room 207, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982-5698 prior to July 31 of this year.

Ballots will be sent out later this year with the names of the nominees.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CADASTRAL MAPPERS NOMINATIONS FOR YEAR 2007-2008

President-elect: _____ Phone# _____

Secretary: _____

Phone# _____

Treasurer: _____

Phone# _____

Director: _____

Phone# _____

Nominated by FACM Member: (please fill in below)

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Day Phone #: _____

We are also looking for members interested in working on the committees list below. If you are interested please check the line next to the committee and mail to John Bausola or contact a member of the executive board.

Please check the committee (s) below if interested and you will be contacted.

I am interested in obtaining more information in or becoming a member of the following committee (s):

Organization/Modernization _____ Ways and Means _____

Membership/Outreach _____ Designation _____

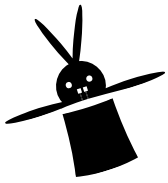
Awards _____ Publications _____

Program/Conferences _____ Website _____

Name: _____

Day Phone #: _____

The Last Word.....

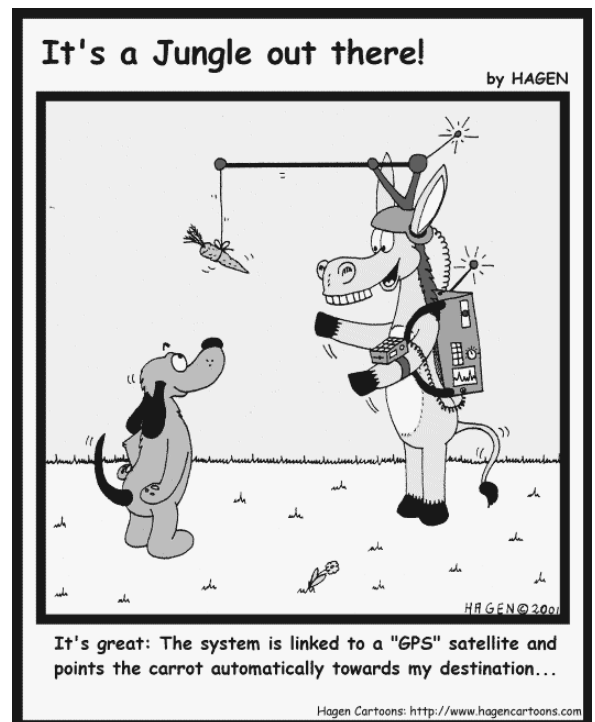


Remember this?
Spring 2007
Florida Joint GeoSpatial
Conference



Harry Allen's Comedy Bits & Magic Routines

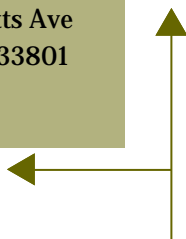
The Last Laugh.....



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Cadastral
Mappers



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www.facm.org



Wanted



Do you have information for an article or would you like to submit an article?

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