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MICHIGAN Chapter Seven IRWA INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

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What: Membership Meeting
Ford Rouge Factory Tour

When: ***THURSDAY • May 10***

Where: The Henry Ford
Dearborn, MI

Cost: $38./per person
before April 23
No Walk-Ins
ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

For Additional Information:
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Thursday • May 10, 2007
General Membership Meeting
Ford Rouge Plant Tour

No Walk- Ins
Due to Bus Seating and Ticket Distribution*

8:45 – 9:15AM	Registration Henry Ford Museum
9:30AM	Bus leaves *promptly* for Ford Rouge Factory Tour
12NOON – 1:15PM	Lunch: Ford Motor Company Conference & Event Center 1151 Village Road, Dearborn
1:15PM – 2:30PM	Ford Motor Representative *Brownfield Redevelopment*

****Advanced Registration is Mandatory***

At this meeting we will have the opportunity to take the Ford Rouge Plant Tour and have a Ford Motor Company presenter on Brownfield Redevelopment. Solar savings, land restoration and water treatment are all part of this incredible complex environmental program.

At its peak of operations the Ford Rouge complex was a mile and a half wide and more than a mile long and there were over 100,000 employees on site, including 5,000 maintenance workers alone. The plant operated with a manufacturing concept called *vertical integration*. Today the Rouge complex is measured in acres, there are only about 6,000 employees, and their operating principles are known as *organic integration*.

This program is an important feature in learning how Brownfield redevelopment is conducted and the benefits that result.

Attorneys, appraisers, land acquisition personnel, surveyors and all those involved in valuation and acquisition will benefit from attending this program.

To Register:
make checks payable to
IRWA Chapter 7

• Mail to:
Norman G. Thomas, ASA, SR/WA
33620 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154

Please reserve space for the following:

Name(s): _____

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Company/Agency: ***number of attendees:*** _____

@ $38./ea= ***total:*** _____

Phone Day: Phone Nite: _____

Todd D. Shelly is the Vice President of Field Services for Atwell-Hicks and is responsible for overall survey operations. Todd has 15 years of experience and previous to this position he provided survey support for right-of-way acquisitions, condemnations, construction and reconnaissance. He is married to Annette and they have three children: Tylan, age 13; Colby, age 4 and Riley, age 4. Todd enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

L.R. Cole is a Property Acquisition Specialist with the Kent County Road Commission. His job duties include managing road commission properties, performing title abstracts, attending public hearings, managing contract appraisers, negotiating acquisitions and providing project construction oversight. L.R. has 20 years applied experience in Civil Engineering, working on survey crews (performing property surveys, ALTA surveys, collecting topography and providing construction staking), drafting and design using AutoCAD, and managing and coordinating activities related to property development for a land development company. He is married to Jacqueline and they have two children: Janelle, age 10 and Stu, age 8. L.R. enjoys hockey, speed skating, hunting, fishing, and coaching baseball.

David D. Bur, MAI is the owner of Bur Valuation Group, Inc. (website: www.burvaluationgroup.com) – focusing on commercial appraisal and reviews, consulting and expert testimony. He has worked for 20 years in appraisal and has been involved in numerous condemnation cases on both the side of governmental agencies and private property owners. Married to Helen, they have two children: Kevin, age 6 and Colleen, age 2. David's hobbies include golf, hiking and fishing.

Robert H. Lewis (Rob) is a Project Manager for Commonwealth Associates, Inc of Jackson. He has worked for 25 years negotiating acquisitions, rights-of-way, and sales of commercial properties. Rob has his Real Estate Broker license and has represented governmental agencies, public agencies and private property owners. Past work involved loan underwriting valuation analysis, market analysis, title research and financial audits. In his free time he enjoys most out-of-doors activities and movies.

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Every man owes some of his time to the upbuilding of the profession to which he belongs.

–Theodore Roosevelt

president's chapter message
Richard W. Roth

I want to start this second column of the year by thanking Norm Thomas, SR/WA, this years Vice President and Program Chair for a great program on March 7. The speakers were great, in particular, Martha MacFarland Faes from the Michigan Historic Preservation Office. All the speakers were informative and enthusiastic. While attendance was a little low, it was a lively group with all the speakers receiving good feedback. Well done Norm.

As you can see from the front page of this newsletter our next membership meeting is at the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, including a tour of the Rouge Plant. Because of this tour, pre-registration is required. Norm has put a lot of effort into setting this unique program up so please have the courtesy to pre-register.

Prior to the above mentioned membership meeting, a contingent from Chapter 7 will be traveling to Columbus Ohio for the Spring Region Forum. This is always a great opportunity to meet Chapter members from the seven states that make up Region 5. For anyone who is thinking about becoming more involved at either the Chapter, Regional or International level, the Region Forums are an excellent opportunity to learn how the organization works.

The Spring Region Forum for 2008 is being hosted by your Chapter 7. The committee was named at the April 5th Executive Board Meeting and includes Andy Reed, Norm Thomas, SR/WA, Laura Southwell, R/W-NAC, Jeff Jones, SR/WA, and Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA. It appears that the consensus of the committee currently is for an early April 2008, date. Watch for updates and don't miss it.

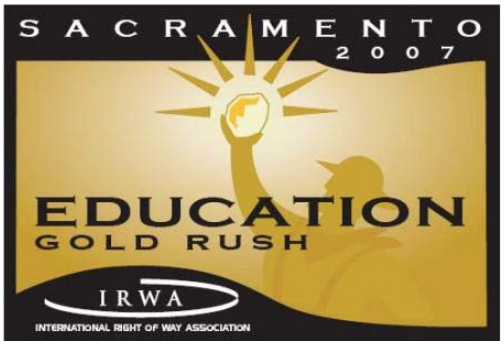
The same contingent traveling to Columbus will also be traveling to Sacramento, California in June for the annual International Education Conference and annual meeting. This is an exceptional event that everyone in the right of way profession should attend, at least once. For Chapter 7 members, no time will be better than in June of 2009 when Chapter 10 hosts the conference in Indianapolis.

On a related matter, when a chapter in a particular region hosts the annual conference all the chapters in that region are asked for financial and physical support and while our chapter treasury is able to take care of the financial contribution, we have to look to the membership to provide the physical support. This is a good opportunity to see how a program like this is put on and with enough volunteers, the burden is lightened on all. If you would like to volunteer, contact either me, Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA, Region Secretary, or Jeff Jones, SR/WA Region Treasurer.

These great events are coming close to home in 2008 and 2009, but let's not forget the Chapter 7 premier event: *THE FALL SEMINAR* held this year at The Inn at Bay Harbor October 3-5, 2007. As always, our hostess Alicia Worthley, SR/WA will have a great program I'm sure and Program Chair Norman Thomas SR/WA is still accepting recommendations for speakers and topics. In addition, the *Ethics* class on the 3rd is for all certifications and recertifications, so plan on attending.

I look forward to seeing everyone at all these great events.

Sacramento, California • June 17 – 20
2007 Annual Conference



Each year, IRWA's Annual International Education Conference provides right of way professionals with unparalleled learning and networking opportunities. The 53rd Annual Education Conference is slated for Sacramento, CA, June 17 – 20, 2007. With typically more than 1,000 registrants, attendees have the opportunity to learn about best practices, share project challenges and hear solutions from the industry's leading professionals. You can register online NOW!

Great News!

At its meeting in March, members of the International Surveying Committee of the IRWA chose the submission from DTE Energy (MichCon) as the runner-up entry in the *Pipeline* category of the 5th Annual Map Competition. The map will be on display adjacent to the registration area at the Sacramento Convention Center during the IRWA Annual Education Conference in June.

submitted by: Kimberly A Tassen
Detroit Edison

Way to Go!

Our newest SR/WA (effective February 1st) is ***Michael Odette***.

In addition, having successfully completed SR/WA recertification requirements which include *a commitment to professional growth through continuing education*:
Pat Petitto, SR/WA and ***David Maturen, SR/WA***

Our congratulations to all!

submitted by: Mary Anne Marr
Real Estate Manager, Consumers Energy
Professional Development Chair

Ann Arbor, MI • March 7, 2007

General Membership Meeting

Chapter 7 wishes to extend a big *Thank You* to each of the presenters at the March meeting.

There were excellent presentations on utility issues, historic preservation with a local case study, energy efficient construction proving future construction is actually here and a great legal update.

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above left: Dick Roth, your IRWA Chapter 7 President taking care of business at the March meeting

left: V.P. & Program Chair, Norm Thomas thanks the members and presenters

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a | Dr. Janice Beecher, Director of the Institute of Public Utilities (IPU) at Michigan State University

b | Brian S. Kirksey, President and Senior Appraiser for KRES, Inc. Valuation Services and Broker /Owner of KRES, Inc. Realty

c | Ken Trevor, Owner Energy Efficient Healthy Construction, LLC

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e | Martha MacFarlane Faes, Environmental Review Coordinator, Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

f | Nancy M. Finegood, Executive Director of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network

Dallas, TX – The Public Real Estate Education Symposium (PRES)

At top: Dave Maturen on the left of and Jeff Jones on the right of IRWA President Jim Finnegan

Above: Jeff and Pat Petitto with Sandy Grigg, IRWA IEC

Dave also adds, that although Mary Anne Marr was present for the symposium she was, "AWOL from the photos - likely at some Dallas pool hall!!"

Update: the date
Asset Management Conference

You may have noticed in the last issue: IRWA Chapter 7 is invited to participate in an Asset Management Conference at and being presented by Lawrence Technological University. The date is ***now set*** for September 28, 2007, It will include involvement of LTU, SEMCOG, MDOT, and our Local Public Agency and other partners.

Please contact either **Michael Odette, SR/WA** or **Paul E. Sander, SR/WA** at 248 483 5192 if you or your firm or organization are interested in being participants, presenters, or partners for the conference. This will be the first annual event and is expected to continue in the future, so charter partners are needed.

submitted by: Michael Odette
odettem@michigan.gov

Update: contact info
Take a look, make a note…

Norman G. Thomas, ASA, SR/WA has announced that R.S.Thomas & Assoc. Inc. /Harold Blake Co. has a new website: rsthbc-appraisers.com

AND he has a new e-mail address: nthomas@rsthbc-appraisers.com

So, take a look at the new site and please make a note of Norm's new e-mail address.

Update: Building Green
In Addition to the March Meeting…

The *CoStar Green Report* provides environmental business and economic news for the property industry. You might want to check out this link to the *Green Report: Building Green Becomes the New 'Black.'* It's an article written by Mark Heschmeyer, on April 4, 2007 and ties in exactly to what what we covered in last month's meeting:

http://www.costar.com/News/Article.aspx?id=C087FA5C70EF5EEFFED1B281E3D68477&ref=100

submitted by: Norman G. Thomas, ASA, SR/WA
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editor's corner

Greetings Chapter Members

The first draft of the roster is now under review. Once proofreading is complete, it will be published and distributed.

Please renew your newsletter advertising this month. Take a look below and make sure your business card is up-to-date. I have received only a few renewals to date, so contact me at the following e-mail address to make the necessary arrangements.

Also, I remind all members to visit the IRWA International website: (https://www.irwaonline.org/) to update your personal information. If you have forgotten your password, or user name, click on the link for that and you will be notified by International with your access codes. Please use these codes even if they appear incorrect. Once you log in, you may change errors or update your personal profile.

The Fall Seminar will be at The Inn at Bay Harbor and will be here sooner than you think. Norm Thomas is coordinating topics and speakers. If you have an idea for a topic subject, or better yet, if you know of a speaker for this event, please reply to Norm Thomas or myself.

Michael A Oakes, Editor
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IRWA Course 409

Integrating Appraisal Standards

May 11, 2007 • 8AM – 5PM • 1 Day

Class Location: **Weber's Inn** • Ann Arbor, MI

Registration Fees: Early Registration: $255./Member • $320./Non-Member
Course Tuition Includes: Participant's manual; USPAP Text
Recommended Materials Not Included With Tuition: Right of Way Textbook, Real Estate Dictionary

Course Description: Designed for appraisers and agency staff who are familiar with appraising subject to agency rules and the USPAP. This course will serve as a practical guide and assist students in identifying and correctly employing current Federal Agency Appraisal Standards, terminology and concepts. This course will also clarify assignments for agency staff and outside consultants and help industry practitioners utilize and apply appraisal standards uniformly while meeting USPAP and other relevant requirements.

Facilitator: Frank Cirillo, SR/WA (course Author)

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Accommodations: are available at special group rates. Please contact hotel directly & mention IRWA.
Weber's Inn • 3050 Jackson Road • Ann Arbor, MI • 800 443 3050

IRWA Course 201

Communications in R.E. Acquisition

August 6 – 8, 2007 • 8AM – 5PM DAILY• 3 Day

Class Location: Commonwealth Associates, Inc. • 2700 Argyle Street • Jackson, MI 49201 • 517 788 3000 / phone

Tuition: $ 545 member / $ 690 non-member • Late registration fee of $25 after: 7/6/2007

Facilitator: David Layne, SR/WA

Coordinator: Jeannine Myers • P.O. Box 1124 • Jackson, MI 49204-1124 • 517 796 5108 / phone
517 788 3003 / fax • jpmyers@cai-engr.com / e-mail

Accommodations: Country Inn & Suites • 3506 O'Neill Drive • Jackson, MI 49202 • 517 788 6400 / phone
Single $ 90 + Tax • Please contact hotel directly for rates and Reservations.

IRWA – MICHIGAN CHAPTER 7 • EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING • Thursday, April 5, 2007 – 9:30 am

LOCATION: Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI

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NEW BUSINESS
- Region Forum – Spring 2008
- Gift for Sacramento silent auction.
- Who is going to Columbus

ADJOURNMENT

submitted by: Dick Roth, Michael Oakes

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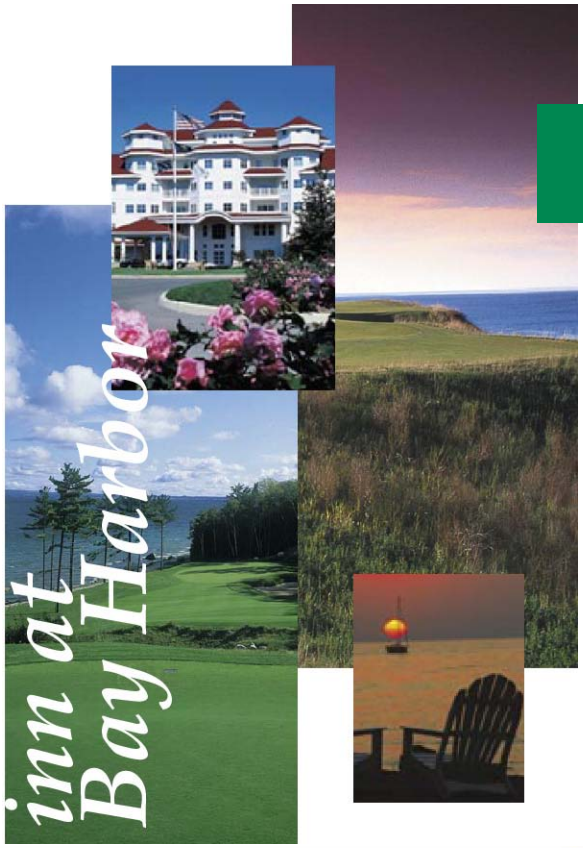

It's not too soon!

2007 FALL SEMINAR ALERT!!

Mark your calendars and date books for the 2007 Fall Education Seminar at the Inn at Bay Harbor on October 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Since we want this years Seminar to be the best education offering possible, Program Chair Norman Thomas SR/WA is looking for recommendations for speakers and topics right away. Please contact Norm: 734 422 5353.

If you have questions about the Hotel, please contact Alicia Worthley SR/WA at 248 588 8292. Hotel reservation forms will appear in the next issue of The Great Lakes State-ment .

Located off of Lake Michigan on the Northern area of the Lower Peninsula, this grand area is surrounded by beauty and history alike. With the natural environment and quaint nearby shops, the Inn at Bay Harbor resort is one of the top destinations in Michigan. A resort like no other, The Inn at Bay Harbor offers all the amenities you would expect from a luxury hotel including spa services, golf packages and incredible dining to name just a few.

You won't want to miss the 2007 Fall Education Seminar… and it's not too soon to make plans!