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INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION MICHIGAN • CHAPTER 7

March 7 ~ General Membership Meeting
Yankee Air Museum ~ Belleville, MI

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Agenda

Registration Details

Contact: Larysa Figol
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Registration Fee: $40.00

8:30am-9:00am **Registration & Breakfast**

9:30am-10:00am **Michigan Chapter 7 Business Meeting & Committee Reports**
*Paul E. Sander, SR/WA Chapter 7 President

10:00am-11:00am **Why doesn't this GIS match anything else? Exploring how property and the world are measured, mapped, recorded and should be used.**
*Maxcell George, PS, CFM
*Kevin B. Cleaver, PS
*Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc.

11:00am-12:00pm **Railroad Right-of-Way Encroachments**
*Donald Pischel
Canadian National Railroad

12:00pm-1:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm-3:00pm **Panel: Pipeline Safety Trust's New Voices project**
*Beth Wallace
What are the environmental concerns that could put environmental groups at odds with pipeline companies and regulators. Thoughts on ways to work together better.
*Jeffery Insko
Landowner concerns that could put them at odds with pipeline companies and regulators
*Kim Savage
New Voices in Pipeline Safety-What are the public concerns and how are they addressing those concerns?

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President's Chapter Message

Paul E. Sander, SR/WA

The word "promote" has many meanings such as supporting growth and development, raising your team to the next level, advancing someone, advertising and more. While thinking along those terms, and as a member of the IRWA Chapter 7, ask yourself, "How I can promote our Chapter?"

As an organization we can help support the growth and development of our Chapter by promoting attendance to the classes we offer. We can promote with each other and the Right of Way Industry by sharing the benefits of our membership and certification programs with our colleagues. We can raise our team up by volunteering and working on one of the many Chapter committees, taking positions on the Executive Board or simply by attending Executive Board and/or General Meetings. We can also advance ourselves and encourage others by obtaining the SR/WA designation and using it as our professional identification just as an engineer uses a PE to designate their advanced skills.

How can we advertise our Chapter? In your professional relationships let everyone know you are a member of an organization of Right of Way professionals that encourages its members to stay up to date on changes within the profession. Let them know that when they hire you, they also gain a network and knowledge base of trained Right of Way professionals. Tell everyone within the business that our certifications and SR/WA designations advance ourselves to a higher professional level.

How do we advertise our chapter now? Your Marketing Committee has attended General Meetings with local public agency organizations and they promote the IRWA to everyone within earshot. Your Chapter recently exhibited our organization at the MTA EXPO - JANUARY 22 & 23, 2013. Norm Thomas, SR/WA from your Marketing Committee was the lead on getting us into this event and Margaret Steketee, Ali Baker and I represented our Chapter. If you have any ideas for our Marketing Committee, feel free to call or email them, or attend the next Executive Board or General Meeting and let them know in person. Committee member names can be found in our roster and on our website; both sources are provided by and delivered by hard working Chapter volunteers.

The best way to promote the Chapter is as always– get involved. See you at our next meeting. Dates and places are available on our website.

-Paul E. Sander, SR/WA
IRWA Chapter 7 President

IRWA Announces Sunrise Powerlink as Winner of Infrastructure Project of the Year

Los Angeles, October 2, 2012 - The International Right of Way Association (IRWA) recently held its annual Project of the Year Competition, designed to shed light on the vital role that right of way professionals play in overseeing the nation's infrastructure projects.

IRWA's 2012 Project of the Year was awarded to Sunrise Powerlink, a San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) project that was put into commercial operation in June. The 500,000-volt transmission line links San Diego to the Imperial Valley, one of the most renewable-rich regions in California.

The nearly $1.9 billion project culminates a five-year environmental review and permitting process, as well as a rigorous 18 month construction schedule that included 117 miles of overhead and underground electric transmission lines. Nearly five million work hours were required to complete project – the equivalent of 2,260 people working 40 hours per week for a year. Because nearly 75 percent of the overhead construction required helicopters for environmental reasons, it took 30,000 flight hours to complete the aerial construction on the towers.

"With the energy shortfalls caused by the area's nuclear facility being offline and the high power demands this summer, the scheduled completion of the Sunrise Powerlink could not have come at a more critical time," said Michael R. Niggli, SDG&E's president and chief operating officer. "While there were significant challenges during construction, SDG&E employees stayed focused and kept the project on schedule. In addition to improving reliability in the region, the Sunrise Powerlink now also provides an important pathway for the clean, renewable energy in the desert region to customers in San Diego."

To construct the Sunrise Powerlink, acquisition of 106 miles of right of way on both private and public lands was required. SDG&E's team of land agents negotiated with 79 different private property owners and nine agencies, resulting in timely acquisitions. SDG&E crews undertook significant efforts to construct the transmission line while complying with extensive environmental mitigation requirements.

Acknowledging the project winner, IRWA International President Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-NAC noted that, "These right of way professionals have invaluable skills that are essential to successful project delivery. From securing environmental clearances to negotiating property rights, their early involvement in these complex infrastructure projects can ensure substantial cost savings while making it possible to achieve an aggressive schedule," said Pat.

According to IRWA Executive Vice President Mark Rieck, "For the most part, the right of way profession is virtually unknown to the general public. Yet, the conveniences we all take for granted are made possible by these highly-skilled professionals. The highways we drive on, the utilities in our homes and the cell towers that we rely on to communicate all exist because of the expertise they bring to these quality-of-life projects."

2013 EVENTS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

March 7, 2013	General Membership Meeting Yankee Air Museum, Belleville MI
April 19-20, 2013	Spring Region Forum Milwaukee, WI
April 25, 2013	Executive Board Meeting Commonwealth
May 9, 2013	General Membership Meeting TBD
June 14-15, 2013	Installation of Officers South Haven Conference Center (Consumers Energy)
June 23-26, 2013	Annual Education Conference Charleston, West Virginia
August 15, 2013	Executive Board Meeting TBD
Sept 25, 2013	Executive Board Meeting Bay Harbor, MI
Sept 26-27, 2013	Fall Education Seminar Bay Harbor, MI
October 2013	International Right of Way Month
November 7, 2013	General Membership Meeting Frankenmuth, MI
December 5, 2013	Executive Board Meeting TBD

2013 Installation of Officers Banquet

Friday, June 14
and
Saturday, June 15th, 2013

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Conference Center

South Haven, MI

Important Information: There are only 22 rooms available onsite.
Register today to secure your spot!

Room rates: $150 per night/king
$125 per night/twin

Appetizers on the beach at 3pm ~ Dinner at 6pm. Full agenda will be provided, closer to the date. It is imperative that you register soon to secure your preferred spot onsite!

Cost: $40.00 which includes appetizers, dinner and breakfast, however this must be indicated when registering.

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Guest/Spouse Name:_____

Company:_____

Total Attendees: ___ X $40 Total Enclosed: $_____

Breakfast: Yes ___ No___ King:_____ Twin:_____

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YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

OUR STORY

1981 - 2011 CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

Willow Run Airport was built by the Ford Motor Company in 1941 to serve as an airfield for their B-24 Bomber Plant. This was the first aircraft manufacturing plant to use Ford's automotive mass production techniques, a leading technological innovation of the time. Ford Motor Company built 8,685 B-24s from 1942 until the end of World War II. At its peak, the Willow Run plant employed over 42,000 people and produced one B-24 every 59 minutes. The last bomber to roll off the assembly line was named the "Henry Ford." When the war was over the airport became the hub for passenger flights and air freight in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

In 1981, a group of enthusiastic people, adopting the name Yankee Air Force, shared the desire to preserve the facts and glamour of southeastern Michigan's aviation history. They began to lay plans to research, restore, and preserve the all but forgotten history of Willow Run Airport. Their initial goal was to acquire one of the original U.S. Army Air Forces hangars and restore it to its original condition. With the help of Wayne County, the owners of the airport, this first goal was accomplished and the Yankee Air Museum was born. The YAM now has two divisions, the Wurtsmith Division in Michigan and the Northeast Division in New Jersey.

Their second goal, to obtain a B-24 built at Willow Run, has proven to be a much tougher project. Over 18.000 Liberators were built and just 11 survive today, of which only 4 were built at Willow Run. In 1987, a PB4Y-2 Privateer, the Navy's single-tailed version of the B-24, was donated to the Museum for static display.

Since 1981 the Yankee Air Museum has acquired and returned to flying status five World War II aircraft. The first plane was acquired in 1981, a Douglas C-47 World War II transport which was built in 1945. The "Yankee Doodle Dandy" is the YAM's world class award-winning flagship. The B-17G "Flying Fortress" which was used in the movie "Tora!Tora!Tora!" was purchased in 1986. The "Yankee Lady" underwent extensive restoration and was returned to flying status in 1995. The B-25D "Mitchell", a medium-duty bomber similar to the type used in Jimmy Doolittle's raid on Tokyo, was acquired in 1987. The "Yankee Warrior" saw combat in World War II and is one of only two B-25Ds still flying today. These aircraft are flown and displayed at numerous air shows from May through September. They are the pride of the Yankee Air Museum.

On October 9, 2004, the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport suffered a terrible fire that destroyed the historic hangar housing the museum. Through the heroic efforts of a few members, the beautifully restored B-17, C-47 and B-25 aircraft were moved out of the building before the fire reached them, thus saving the heart of the collection. In addition, all the historic aircraft on display outside of the main building were untouched by the fire. The museum did, however, lose virtually all of the tooling, equipment and spare parts for all of the aircraft plus all of the office and display fixtures and equipment totaling well over $1,000,000 in replacement value. While thousands of irreplaceable artifacts, photos and books were also lost in the fire, the Volunteers at the museum are thankful that the aircraft collection remains largely intact. Only a small number of non-flyable aircraft that were in restoration inside the hanger were lost.

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…Yankee Air Museum, Our Story, Continued...

The Yankee Air Museum members, staff and volunteers immediately began to recover and rebuild. The aircraft, which continued their flight schedules after the fire, were moved into a hangar loaned by the Wayne County Airport Authority that manages Willow Run Airport. The volunteers and staff set up an office at the Airport and continued the operation of the Museum. Their mission was to continue the great work that was begun in 1981 by a small group of visionaries who were dedicated to preserving this important piece of aviation and Southeastern Michigan history.

The Michigan Aerospace Foundation (MAF) was formed as a sister organization of the Yankee Air Museum to plan and fund future expansion of the new Museum facilities. They met with architects and Willow Run Airport management just a few days after the fire and were given the go ahead to begin the planning process to lead to the construction of a new hangar and Museum.

Then in 2007, the hard work, dedication, planning and fund raising for the new Yankee Air Museum began to bear fruit.

A ground breaking ceremony for the new Yankee Air Museum was held in April 2007 at the Air Park. A schoolhouse that was built by Henry Ford in 1938 and used during WW2 as an officer's club had been donated to the Museum. Shortly after the ground breaking, it was moved to its new location on A Street on the east side of the Airport. After much work, the Yankee Air Museum David and Andrea Robertson Education Center was dedicated and opened for business in June 2010. The Education Center is used for a variety of education activities including Scouting programs and Summer Camp.

In 2009, to re-establish the actual Museum that was lost in 2004, the Yankee Air Museum purchased a building from the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology (MIAT). The building is on D Street on the east side of the Airport and south of the Education Center. In October 2010, six years to the day of the fire, The Yankee Air Museum Collections & Exhibits Building was dedicated and opened to the public. The new facility is 47,000 sq. ft. and houses permanent and rotating aviation and historical displays, restoration projects, a retail store and a movie theatre that is available to the public. The "Headquarters" is also home to Yankee Air Museum staff and volunteers and has meeting rooms and banquet facilities for rent, machine shops and storage space for the Museum collection. An outside area next to the Museum is the new home of the Air Park.

We are now working on raising the funds and doing the planning for a new home for our flyable aircraft. The new hangar for the B-17 "Yankee Lady", B-25 "Yankee Warrior" and C-47 "Yankee Doodle Dandy" will be built at the corner of A Street and 3rd Street, adjoining both the Education Center and the new Collections & Exhibits building. A design for the hangar has been selected and we are currently in negotiation with the Airport and various local government authorities regarding site work. The goal is to break ground for the new hangar in 2013.

For now, our new Museum and our Education programs are available for the public to experience and enjoy. We make our flyable aircraft available so people can re-live an important part of American and Michigan history. Our THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™ Air Show is one of the premier annual aviation events in the country. The Yankee Air Museum continues in its mission of "*Honoring aviation history and its participants through a living, flying museum.*" Come see us and join the excitement!

Information retrieved from- http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/our_story.php

Welcome New Members:

Adam LaBarre, Consumers Energy
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March Meeting ~ Registration Form

What:
March General Membership Meeting

When:
March 7, 2013

Where:
Yankee Air Museum
Belleville, MI

Cost:
Registration
$40 per person

To register, please contact Chapter 7 Vice President, Larysa Figol:

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- Make check payable to: Chapter 7 IRWA
- Fast / Easy Online Registration Available - http://www.irwamichigan.org/

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Guest/Spouse Name:_____

Company:_____

Total Attendees: ___ X $40 Total Enclosed: $_____

FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATE

Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors Announcement

PA 525 of 2012

A NEW LAW THAT MAY AFFECT YOU

Land use; land division; landlocked cemeteries; explicitly prohibit in land division and platting processes. Amends secs. 109 & 182 of 1967 PA 288 (MCL 560.109 & 560.182).

IRWA
General Info
Travel Info
Agenda
Underwriting
Registration

Date:
Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Location:
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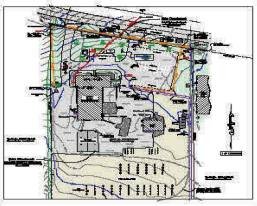
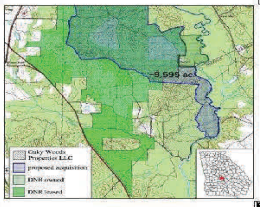
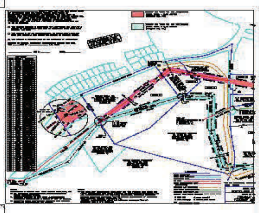
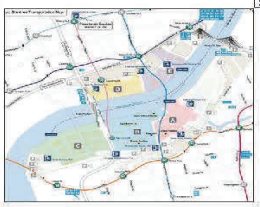
11TH ANNUAL RIGHT OF WAY MAPPING COMPETITION









Enter your map today!

Sponsored by IRWA's International Surveying and Engineering Committee, this annual competition will be held in conjunction with IRWA's 59th Annual International Education Conference, June 23-26, 2013 in Charleston, WV.

Winners will be announced in Right of Way Magazine and at the Annual Education Conference, where winning maps will also be displayed. Winners will receive recognition at a national, regional or local IRWA meeting.

Eligibility: Anyone can enter, however each entry must be sponsored by an IRWA member. Members may sponsor multiple entries. Maps must be associated with the right of way profession including related disciplines.

Rules: One entry per person in each category. A map may only be entered in one category. Each entry shall be a standalone single sheet. Maps and entry forms may be submitted digitally using Adobe pdf files (paper copies not required).

Judging: Entries will be judged on overall presentation, orientation and the effective use of graphics, legends, symbols and innovative methods.

11th Annual Right of Way Mapping Competition

Official Entry Form (please print or type)

Deadline: April 15, 2013

IRWA Sponsor _____

Entrant's Name _____

Company Name or Agency _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Category

- ❑ Transportation
- ❑ Pipeline or utility corridor
- ❑ Individual site
- ❑ Recordable acquisition

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Course 207
Practical Negotiations for U.S. Federal Funded Land
Instructor: Jim Aiello
April, 2013 Exact date and Location TBD

Course 303
Managing the Consultant Process
Instructor: Jim Aiello

May, 2013 Exact date and Location TBD

Check Website for Updates

www.irwamichigan.org

Course 406B-7 Hour USPAP
March 25, 2013
Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor Cost: $180
Instructor: Jeff Jones, SR/WA
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Recertification Announcements!

Congratulations to Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA and Andrew Reed, SR/WA for recertifying their SR/WA designation. Congratulations to Jeff Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC, for recertifying his R/W-RAC designation.

As a professional who knows the value of continuing education, you can be justifiably proud of this important achievement. You are an asset not only to the Association, but to the entire Right of Way professional community. Congratulations!

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Save the Dates!!!

Course 104 The Standards of Right of Way Practice
September 25, 2013
Instructor: David Layne
This course can be used for the requirements of the SR/WA designation, certification and the re-certification for the SR/WA and specialty certifications.

IRWA Chapter 7 Fall Education Seminar
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When:
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Where:
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Belleville, MI

Cost:
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