

The Chapter 11 News

Volume 11, Issue 12

December 2011

At A Glance.....

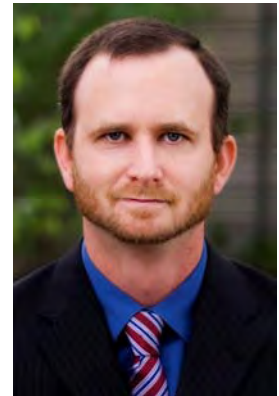
- Next Board Meeting:
January 5th, 2012
- January Chapter Meeting:
January 19th, 2012

Inside this issue:

Presidents Corner	1
A Message From The Editor	2
Notices	2
Chapter Calendar	4
Chapter Board Report	7
Stolen Equipment & Braggin' Board	7
Classified Ads	9

Presidents Corner

Wow - December is here already. Another year come and gone in a flash. I know some of us are busy with clients finishing projects before holidays hit while, for others, this is sometimes the slow time. This is a time to do some "house cleaning". Be certain to renew your license and your company's license, complete your CEU's before the New Year and join/renew your TSPS membership. All of which helps to support our industry and strengthen our representation with the government. Whether you are busy or not, this should be a time to stop and give thanks of all your blessings and remembrance of those friends family and loved ones we have lost.



Lyndon Nance, RPLS

I have never been much good at pep talks but if you are reading this you should be absolutely ecstatic - it means you are still on the sunny side of eight feet of dirt. I personally am always glad to have woken up. You also most likely live in the great State of Texas and we have managed to avoid the majority of the economic woes that the rest of the country is currently going through. And Texas is still a part of these great United States of America, the greatest country on earth. Ok now get all of the politics out of your head and all joking aside - the economy in Texas and the rest of the country does seem to be healing. Housing is starting up again, TxDOT has begun releasing projects, commercial subdivisions are picking up and south Texas is going through one of the largest Oil Field booms in recent history. It is difficult for many to understand the massive scale of this blessing to our area, but if you take a drive from Cuero to Laredo you will begin to have a small idea of what is going on. Most of us are also beginning to see the benefits of this boom from all of the work required from support industries moving into the region. I honestly do not believe there is a company around that hasn't done work for oil field in one facet or another. I have never seen so many ads on the TSPS Classifieds list of companies hiring for every position imaginable.

While we are thankful for everything we have, this should also be a time of remembrance of all of the friends and loved ones we have lost throughout the years and remember those who were left behind that may be hurting during this time of year. The list of names of lost associates on the TSPS website, in memoriam, is staggering to me. My understanding is that the number of registrants renewing their licenses dropped this past year by roughly 30 percent and this is the second year that the number of people leaving the industry has outpaced the new registrants coming in. This is both a blessing and a curse. It is a blessing in that there is less competition and the same amount if not more work to go around. It is also a curse, in that we as a group, will have less support for representation of our industry. I fear that our state government may try and change the education and experience requirements to allow more registrants through the system.

(Continued on Page 2)

“While we are thankful for everything we have, this should also be a time of remembrance of all of the friends and loved ones we have lost “

Presidents Corner (Continued from Page 1)

So in closing, do not forget to complete your CEU's and renewals (all of the necessary web links can be found at the TSPS website). Please be grateful for all the blessings you have in your life. Remember those who have left us and those who were left behind and are struggling with going on without their loved ones.

—Lyndon

Notices

CHAPTER 11 NEWS provides information to its members on the surveying profession. The Chapter assumes no responsibility for any statements, comments or opinions expressed in any columns or articles. There is no implied endorsement of any product, firm or services in this newsletter.

This newsletter is emailed to all of our Chapter membership with a valid email on file with TSPS and to any other TSPS member by request. If you would like to be subscribed or unsubscribed from our list, please email your request to abel.guzman@atkinsglobal.com or contact any of the Chapter Officers listed in this newsletter.

A Message from the Editor

Howdy! My name is Abel Guzman and I have been tasked with the privilege of putting together our Chapter 11 Newsletter. I have some pretty big shoes to fill, following in the footsteps of Butch Evans, who had been taking care of the newsletter for so many years.

I hope you enjoy my initial attempt at our Chapter 11 Newsletter. I am trying a new look. I appreciate any feedback you can send my way.

Also, if you have any ideas for stories that may be of interest to our readers, please send them my way.

And don't forget—we have a “Braggin' Board” in every issue where we can post pictures of that trophy deer your rodman shot or that monster red you and your daughter caught.

Finally, please know that we are trying to make the newsletter as informative as possible. If you have any job announcements, merchandise to sell, stolen equipment, etc., please send it my way.

Abel



GEODETIX, INC.

Registered Surveyors
Certified Photogrammetrist

EXPERIENCED LEADERS IN

**Aerial Photography
GPS Control Surveys
Digital Topo – Planimetric Mapping
Digital Orthophotos
FAA Airports-GIS Aeronautical Surveys
Obstruction – Airspace Analyses
Volumetrics**

TXDOT Pre-Certified

For More Information, Contact:

Robert “Bob” A. Koranek, Jr.

bob@geodetix.com

Angie Epperly

angie@geodetix.com

210-829-8337 Office

800-555-5042 Toll Free

1802 NE Loop 410, Suite 500, San Antonio, TX 78217

Precisely Portraying the Surface of the Earth, One Map at a Time

The WDS Support Bundles

*Bundled
Features
for
SAVINGS
AND
VALUE*

Bundles include:

- Extended Hardware Warranties
- Software Maintenance
- Discounted Loaner Equipment
- Cleaning, Inspection & Calibration
- Technical Support

**ONLY
\$1,995**
(\$3,000 VALUE)



Go with the Best ...



Your Trimble Sales and Rental Specialist

Houston

1-888-700-5211
14722 Regnal
Houston, TX 77039
281-987-1815

Dallas/Fort Worth

1-877-902-8112
545 Nolen Dr., Suite 100
Southlake, TX 76092
972-245-4337

San Antonio

1-877-300-9659
10822 Hillpoint
San Antonio, TX 78217
210-967-8700

Austin

1-866-565-4936
7950 Anderson Sq., Suite 111
Austin, TX 78752
512-467-0391

Pharr

1-956-961-4591
801 E. Ferguson Ave.
Pharr, Texas 78577

Oklahoma City

405-330-5683
2600 Linda Lane, Suite 10
Edmond, OK 70313

www.westerndatasystems.com

TSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 28, 2012
CEU Opportunity
"An Expedition Through the Act & Rules"
Lufkin, Texas

February 24-25, 2012
2012 TSPS Symposium
League City, Texas

CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 5, 2012
Chapter 11 Board Meeting
Atkins
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Thursday, January 19, 2012
Chapter 11 Business Meeting
Grady's BBQ - San Pedro Location
6510 San Pedro (@ Jackson Keller)
San Antonio, Tx 78216
Speaker: State TSPS President Davey Edwards



Viva NetRover



The most advanced and complete network in the world!



0% Financing Available!

\$11,990

Plus Subscription — Call For Details

Sales * Service * Support * Training

San Antonio
106 W. Nakoma St.
San Antonio, TX 78216
Phone: 210-681-4280
Fax: 210-681-4229

Downtown Austin
501 W. 6th St.
Austin, TX 78701
Phone: 512-478-8793
Fax: 512-474-7099

North Austin
10713 Metric Blvd.
Austin, TX 78758
Phone: 512-837-8888
Fax: 512-834-9165

- when it has to be right





Your Positioning Specialist!



Hiper II GPS



QS Robotic Total Station



GRS-1



Sokkia 50RX

The GeoShack Survey group is dedicated to providing

- Superior technical service
- State of the art products from Topcon, Sokkia and Futura
- Field supplies
- Comprehensive training
- Repairs and more

We are committed to customer service and satisfaction. We are a factory authorized dealer for all the brands of surveying equipment that we represent and are ready to work with you to find the best solution for your needs.

We are here for you... and have everything for total accuracy.



The GeoShack Total Care Program includes:

- Free loaners
- One free calibration
- One free firmware upgrade
- Unlimited support by phone or at a GeoShack office.

For more information contact your GeoShack Sales Representative or visit www.GeoShackSupport.com



Rentals—Daily, Weekly, Monthly • Service—All Makes & Models

Sales—New & Used Equipment & Supplies

903 E. Nakoma St., #102
San Antonio, TX 78216
(210) 521-7732
(210) 521-7741—fax



Chris Nelms
Positioning Specialist
(210) 213-4587
cnelms@geoshack.com

www.geoshack.com

SURVEYOR, ENGINEER, CONTRACTOR SUPPLIES & SUPPORT



906 Ruiz, S.A. TX. 78207 (210)227-5975 (800)389-9322
1019 E. Nakoma, SA TX 78216 (210)491-9449
4111 Todd Lane, AU. TX. 78744 (512)447-9879 (800)389-9323

TURN-ON & MEASURE



LEICA VIVA GS08 NET-ROVER



Viva NetRover consists of a GS08 GNSS receiver and a CS10 3.5G field controller.

Easy to use all-in-one GNSS Network Solution.

Lightweight and cable-free network rover.

Connect automatically each time to the Leica Smart-Net network with subscription.

With RTCM 3.1 transformation message, the need to measure control points for determination of local transformation is eliminated.

\$295.

plus tax approx. per month
48 month lease
first / last payments due
\$1.00 deposit required financing

Sale Price
\$11,390.

MSRP \$11,990.

PRICES & INTEREST RATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WITHOUT NOTICE
SALE PRICES GOOD THRU 6/30
CALL FOR DETAILS - SUBSCRIPTION NOT INCLUDED

SEE OUR WEB SPECIALS AT
WWW.IEASYDRIVE.COM

WE SHIP FREIGHT FREE IN TEXAS ON MOST ORDERS

INSTRUMENT REPAIRS & RENTALS

Chapter Board Report

By Brett Walker, RPLS

Lyndon called the meeting to order at 12:08 on December 5, 2011 in the Conference Room at Pape-Dawson, San Antonio Texas.

Board Members Present: Chester, Abel, Lyndon, Brett and Victor.

The September Meeting Minutes and Financial Report were not available at the time of the meeting.

Old Business discussed: The link to the newsletter needs to be fixed. After the revision to the location of the last general meeting, the link no longer worked. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Chester and Abel will work on getting it fixed through Doug Loveday.

New Business Discussed: None

Committee Reports:

Program - Everything appears to be set for Thursday's Chapter Christmas Party at Aldacos. Door prizes continue to come in. Brett will send out a reminder about the party.

Next General Meeting will be January 19th. Davey Edwards will be the speaker, tentatively at Grady's on San Pedro.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for January 5 at Atkins.

Meeting Adjourned 12:34

STOLEN EQUIPMENT

August 18, 2011

On the morning of August 18, the following equipment was taken from a survey truck after it was loaded and still in the parking lot:

Trimble 5603 Total Station (S/N 61240049)
Sokkia Automatic Level B2o (S/N 417604)
Hand Level
Dewalt 18V Cordless Drill
Sokkia Tripod

Anyone having any information pertaining to the whereabouts of any of this equipment, please contact Daniel Snell at Maverick Land Surveying Co. @ 210-342-9455

BRAGGIN' BOARD

Congratulations are in order to our fellow Board member and newest member of the RPLS community: Greg Mossier!

Hunting Season is here - so send in your photos to show off!!

Please send any photo you would like to brag about to our members, along with your name. On fishing and hunting photos, please include any measurement you would like to claim.

Email to: abel.guzman@atkinsglobal.ciom

Does your agent know what the **gradient boundary** is?



Land surveyors in Texas choose Anco more than any other insurance agency. Rates start as low as \$500 for Package Policy and as low as \$1,000 for Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions.

APPLY ONLINE.
InsuranceForSurveyors.com
(888) 275-2626, ext. 6324



Endorsed by Texas Society of Professional Surveyors



Martin Instrument
SURVEYING SOLUTIONS

SALES | SERVICE | RENTALS | LEASING
877.309.4099 | martininstrument.com



**PROPERTY RESEARCH
& DOCUMENTATION SERVICE, INC.**

San Antonio & Gonzales, Texas

- Surveyor Support
- Title Abstracting
- Public Records Researched

GORDON L. TOLBERT
BARBARA J. TOLBERT
PropResearch@aol.com

(830) 672-1106
(210) 520-7884
FAX (210) 520-7885

ROGER L. STACK, C.P.
General Manager

5730 Northwest Pkwy, Ste 500
San Antonio, TX 78249-3303
210-684-2147
210-641-2085 fax
800-284-0530
rstack@stewart.com

Digital Photogrammetric Mapping
Softcopy Orthophotography
GIS Parcel Mapping
GIS Database Applications



CLASSIFIED ADS

Employment

San Antonio Engineering firm seeking S.I.T. /recent RPLS. Experience in land surveying, platting, construction staking, GPS, CAD and field procedures required. Primarily responsible for providing support to Survey Manager by calculating, analyzing, organizing, coordinating and researching. Email resumes to careers@mwcude.com.

Need a job or a new employee? Let us know and we will run your ad....some restrictions apply. Contact the Editor for more information at:

abel.guzman@atkinglobal.com

Merchandise

Need to sell something? Let us know and we will run your ad....some restrictions apply. Contact the Editor for more information at:

abel.guzman@atkinglobal.com

Advertising

Get your business noticed! Advertise in our Newsletter!

2011 Ad Prices

- Package 1 - \$150 Business Card sized ad for 1 year
- Package 2 - \$300 1/4 Page sized ad for 1 year
- Package 3 - \$500 1/2 Page sized ad for 1 year
- Package 4 - \$900 Full Page sized ad for 1 year

DUDERSTADT

STAKE CO.

Surveyor & Contractor Supplies



SPECIAL!
SOKKIA C24
AUTO LEVEL WITH
TRIPOD & ROD
\$329.00

!!! CELEBRATING 60 YEARS !!!

**REPAIR DEPARTMENT
NOW OPEN**

Most repairs have a turn
around time of five days
or less.

SOKKIA

Dealer



**Best Stakes
in Town!**

10930 WYE DRIVE #109 * SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
78217 * PH.-210-599-2801 * FAX-210-599-3030
TOLL-1-866-599-2801 * Email - dustake@aol.com

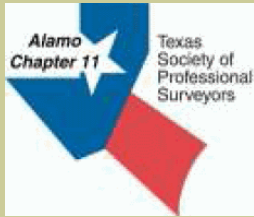
2011 TSPS Christmas Party

This years annual Christmas party was held on Thursday, December 8 at Aldacos in Stone Oak..

\$200 was raised for the Construct-A-Kids program. The Chapter 11 Board voted to match the gift. Many unwrapped gifts were also donated. Thanks to all who participated!







Primary Business Address
 Your Address Line 2
 Your Address Line 3
 Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
 Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com


We're on the Web!
<http://www.tsp.org/chapters/Chapter11/>

CHAPTER 11 2011-2012 OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT— Lyndon Nance, RPLS (337) 706-3932
- 1st VICE PRES.—Teresa Seidel, RPLS (210) 979-8444
- 2nd VICE PRES.—Abel Guzman ,SIT (210) 828-9494
- SEC./TREASURER—Brett Walker, RPLS (210) 375-9000
- 2ND YR. DIRECTOR— Chester Varner, RPLS (210) 641-9999
- 2ND YR. DIRECTOR—Trisha Lund, RPLS (210) 296-2000
- 1ST YR. DIRECTOR—Greg Mosier, SIT (210) 494-5511
- 1ST YR. DIRECTOR— Victor Mendez, RPLS (210) 494-7223
- PAST PRESIDENT— Joel Johnson, RPLS (210) 842-5788

REPRESENTATIVES

- TSPS PRESIDENT-Davey Edwards, RPLS (940) 627-2961
- CHAPTER REP.– Chester Varner, RPLS (210) 641-9999
- EXECUTIVE DIR. -Anne Glasgow (512) 327-7871
- NEWSLETTER – Abel Guzman ,SIT (210) 828-9494



SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
 One of the Alamo Community Colleges
Create Your Tomorrow

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES
 DEPARTMENT
 1300 SAN PEDRO

Surveying Classes at San Antonio College Spring 2011 through Fall 2011

Registration for Spring 2011 be under way soon and will continue until classes begin on January 11, 2010. The current tuition for up to 6 semester hours is about \$475 for Bexar county residents and about \$775 for someone living outside Bexar county. These classes are set up for college credit and for (CEU's). For credit classes the first step is to apply for admissions. This can be done via the internet at the Admissions Web Site.
<http://www.alamo.edu/sac/admrec/default.htm>

Session	Course	Number	Title	Days	Time
Spring 2011	SRVY	1315	Surveying Calculations	Monday	6 - 9 p.m.
	SRVY	2343	Surveying Legal Principles I	Tuesday	6:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
	SRVY	1413	Basic Plane Surveying	Wednesday Saturday (alt)	6pm – 9pm 8am – 2pm
Summer 2011	SRVY	1413	Basic Plane Surveying	Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday	6:00pm– 10:00pm
Fall 2011	SRVY	2440	Advanced Plane Surveying	Wednesday Saturday	6pm-9pm 8am-11am
	SRVY	1413	Basic Plane Surveying	Wednesday Saturday (alt)	6pm – 9pm 8am – 2pm