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INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION - CAROLINAS CHAPTER 31



Fall 2013

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Letter from President John Yeagley

Summer is drawing to a close and it seems hotter than ever as we move into fall. The Chapter had great weather for the summer social at the Greensboro Grasshopper Game. Thank you, Julie and Buster, for putting on a great event. Both the baseball game and seminar were very well attended. It is great to have such an active chapter participating in these socials and seminars. I would like to take a moment to give a special thank you to our sponsors in Greensboro, Duke Energy and THC. They help make these events happen. If your company would like to sponsor a seminar or social please let me or Julie McDonald know. These sponsorships enable the Chapter to continue to have these events.



In Greensboro we also heard a presentation from the Chapter Education Chair, Clark Hooper, regarding the SR/WA career path. This was great information and I encourage all members to look further into the benefits of taking some courses and declaring Candidacy for one of the Right of Way Certifications or designation. The IRWA logo says "Learn. Lead. Advance." The Vision is: The IRWA creates awareness of and trust and confidence in right of way professionals, who contribute to building a better world. The Mission is: The IRWA is the central authority of the right of way profession, serving our members, the users of our services and the general public. What better way to aid in the Vision and Mission of the group by taking classes and working toward a goal for reaching one of the certifications or SR/WA designation.

As fall approaches we will once again be holding the fall seminar in Charleston. This is always a favorite so make sure to sign up and get your hotel rooms early before they run out. As in previous years, we will be going to AL's place for a big ole shrimp boil on Thursday night followed by a terrific line up of speakers Friday. Also in Charleston the Chapter is offering a two day course 205 Bargaining Ne-

gotiation. Look inside the newsletter for more details.

It is great to see the membership in the Chapter continue to grow. As of the August 23, 2013 we had 254 members. We are now becoming one of the larger chapters, if not the largest chapter in our IRWA region. We are in Region 6 and it is made up of nine chapters from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, and Mississippi. Please keep spreading the word to your peers and associates about the benefits of membership. It is paying off as we continue to grow.

As we continue to grow I would like to see new members starting to get involved. Please come to chapter seminars and stay after lunch for the Board meeting to hear more about how the Chapter operates. As an incentive to get members to stay for the Board meeting we are rolling out a new program to give away one annual membership to the Association at the end of each Board meeting. All non-officer members present at the end of the Board meeting will place their nametags in a hat and one lucky winner will be drawn to have their next year's membership paid for by Chapter 31. So if you win in Charleston you will have a free membership for 2014.

I look forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks in Charleston and giving away our 1st Annual membership!! See you soon.
Johan Yeagley

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Or register online at our Chapter website: www.irwa31.com

By Thursday, October 17 to

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FALL SEMINAR – October 25, 2013

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Thursday, **October 24**

NETWORKING & HOSPITALITY DINNER

6:00p.m. – ???

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Al's Address



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Friday, **October 25**

QUARTERLY SEMINAR

Springhill Suites—Charleston, SC

7:30a.m.— 8:00a.m.

Fall Seminar Registration

8:00a.m. – 8:30a.m.

International Update by Lisa Harrison, International President

8:30a.m. – 8:40a.m.

Break

8:40a.m.—9:30a.m.

EDL Services—Tim Davis, Alice Viser-Hill

9:40a.m. – 10:30a.m.

NCDOT Mediation Cases—Ron Perkinson

10:40a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Social Media for Dummies—Mark Dolezel

11:40a.m. – 12:30p.m.

Breakdown of Services—GEO-Amps

12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m.

LUNCH (Served in Magnolia Room & Breakfast Area)

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1:30 p.m. – until

Chapter 31 Board of Directors and Chapter Business Meeting

Must be present to win →

DRAWING FOR 2014 IRWA DUES

The Editor regrets that Dennis Rodman was unable to speak last meeting. In his place, Dennis' ex-teammate Mikell Jarden will/may visit with us in Charleston.

Carolinas Chapter 31

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The editor apologizes for not finding some small inkling of dumb things people have done this quarter. He realizes that there is so much going on that it's very difficult to choose one specific thing that would be so outstanding, yet in reportable good taste that he can actually report it. So, please be aware that this space will be filled with more moronic reports as they come in for the next g nusletter.



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Chapter 31 Schtuff

Some Trivia Pour Vous

Most American currency contains micro-printed messages to prevent counterfeiting:

On the one-dollar bill, there is an owl in the upper left-hand corner of the "1" and a spider hidden at the upper right.

The phrase "United States of America" is camouflaged within the lapel of Benjamin Franklin's jacket on the newer one-hundred-dollar bill.

The same twenty-six states engraved across the top of the actual Lincoln Memorial are listed atop the image of the Memorial seen on the back of the five dollar bill. Amazing, isn't it?

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The dollar sign is a combination of the letters P and S, PS being the abbreviation for pesos, the principal coin in circulation in the United States until 1794 when we began marketing our own dollars.

Piggy banks are commonly shaped like pigs because in the 18th century frugal people saved their money in earthenware jars made of a dense orange clay known as pygg.

Donations to the Buzz Prescott Early Retirement fund may be made in American Dollars. TY



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CAROLINAS CHAPTER 31

March 2013—July 2013

Allover, Carolina

Total Membership as of Sept. 20, 2013	230
New Members	+15
Total Membership as of December 30, 2012	245*

* Based on the most current Rooster

New Members

Welcome !

Tanya L. Houser	Duke Energy
Tony F. Korolos	City of Charlotte
Charice H. Muckelvene	Percheron Field Services
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We look forward to having y'all in our Chapter.

Attention members and those applying for membership to Chapter 31 – Please email your membership application form to: irwaonline.org

Or—email kdkilpatrick@vaughnmelton.com for info!

HERE ARE SOME
NUMBERS FROM
OUR TREASURER
OF WHICH YOU
MAY HAVE SOME
INTEREST

Chapter 31 Reconcile Report for CASH & BANK: Savings -Wells Fargo

Report created on 09/15/2013

Summary

Net Assets

(as of 9/16/13)

\$64,898.71

Income

(7/17/13-9/16/13)

\$2,745.37

Expenses

(7/17/13-9/16/13)

\$9,864.76

**includes \$5,000 donation to RWIEF*

Net Operating Income

(7/17/13-9/16/13)

-\$7,119.39

Submitted by

Matt Rhoad

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

With your participation at the IRWA Chapter 31 Board Meeting Friday afternoon in Charleston you could have a new car, a free flight home and Your 2014 dues paid. (Just kidding about the car and flight)

If you hang around long enough you just might win, like the \$400,000,000 winner in SC on the lottery this week.

Like the lottery motto says, paraphrasing loosely,

“If you don’t stay, you can’t play!”

So, stick around and get a chance to win your 2014 dues.

(Lottery winner must be an adult over the age of 21, a member of Chptr 31, male OR female, able to read, have no more than 16 children, not read ‘War & Peace’ (more than twice), able to leap small buildings, can tame tiggers and be a productive member of society.) Thank you.



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	1st Quarter Winter Seminar	Region Spring Forum	2nd Quarter Spring Seminar	Annual Board Meeting	International Education Conference	3rd Quarter Summer Seminar	Region Fall Forum	4th Quarter Fall Seminar
2013						Greensboro, Aug 23, 2013— Course 603 on 8-22	Tampa/ St.Pete October 5, 2013	Course 703 in Columbia 10-8. Charleston SC Oct 25, 2013—Crse 205
2014	Myrtle Beach Crse 104 Feb 20-21, 2014	Who/ what is that? ↓	Asheville, April 23-25, 2014 Crse 200	Charlotte May 16, 2014	Hartford, CT June 22-25 2014	Charlotte, NC Crse 800— August 21-23, 2014	Chapter to Host Region 6 meeting in Charleston, SC	Charleston SC October 24, 2014
2015	Columbia, SC Feb 20, 2015		Raleigh, NC April, 24 2015	Charlotte May 22, 2015	San Diego, CA June 14-17, 2015	Hickory, NC August 21, 2015		Charleston, SC October 23, 2015 Buzz BD :O)
2016	Greenville, SC Feb 19, 2016		Durham NC April 22, 2016	Charlotte- May 20, 2016	Nashville, TN June 12-15, 2016	Charlotte, NC August 19, 2016		Myrtle Beach, SC October 21, 2016 Page 7

The Education Corner

by Clark Hooper or Kent Winslow and/or MR. PDC, Bobby Deal

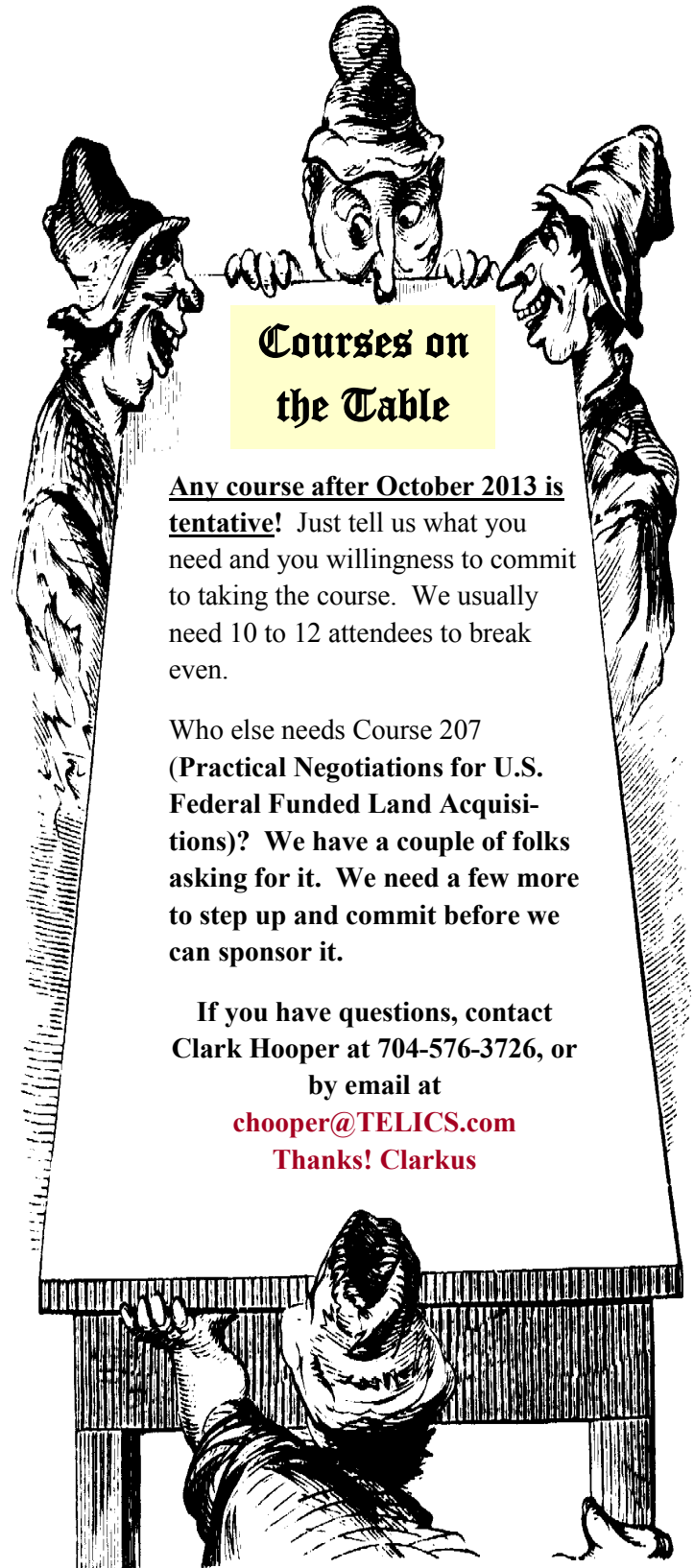
Ruh Roh.....

Education "stuff" has been a bit slower this summer. We had nine participants in the 603 Class (Understanding Environmental Contamination). However, we had a great time at the ballgame on Thursday night and had good Summer Seminar on Friday.

The Education Committee and the Professional Development Committee also known as the PDC have been helping folks sort through the process for attaining the SR/WA Designation and the various certifications. As most of you are aware, the IRWA has made significant changes to the process of attaining the SR/WA designation. For those who declared candidacy after December 31, 2009, there are quite a few more requirements. If you would like have a copy of the PowerPoint presentation we put together on the changes in attaining the SR/WA designation, please call or e-mail me.

At the Fall Seminar, we will be talking about the different Certifications offered through the IRWA. This information should be of special interest for you newer members who want to build on your knowledge of the Right of Way business.

Clark



Courses on the Table

Any course after October 2013 is tentative! Just tell us what you need and your willingness to commit to taking the course. We usually need 10 to 12 attendees to break even.

Who else needs Course 207 (Practical Negotiations for U.S. Federal Funded Land Acquisitions)? We have a couple of folks asking for it. We need a few more to step up and commit before we can sponsor it.

If you have questions, contact Clark Hooper at 704-576-3726, or by email at

chooper@TELICS.com

Thanks! Clarkus



THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY OTTIS "BUSTER" ALLEN, PHD

CHAPTER 31

Carolinas Chapter 31 Summer Seminar and Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, August 23, 2013

Board Members Present –John Yeagley, Julie McDonald, Matt Rhoad, Buster Allen, Bill Christian, Clark Hooper, Tim O'Brien, Buzz Prescott, Jason Bloch, Kevin Kilpatrick, Glenn Winfree and Paul Thompson

Board Members Absent –Bobby Deal, Larry Wright, Reid Crane, Sarah Easter, Frank Mundy, Jake Knight, Jane Nelson and John Horne

Old Business

We would like to start receiving the committee reports early enough so our website committee made up of Paul Thompson and Julie McDonald can input these online at our Chapter 31 website. John Yeagley would like to change the format at the beginning of our meetings to focus on a more detailed committee report instead of trying to cram all the reports into a short time. He suggests we focus on two committee reports each meeting.

Tim O'Brien has volunteered to keep all of the old chapter information /artifacts together for the chapter.

Bill Christian proposed it would be worthwhile to send some of our members to class 219 for facilitator/ presentation skills training. Motion was made to table this discussion until Bill can uncover more information and report his findings at our meeting in Charleston, SC. The motion was seconded by Buzz Prescott and passed.

New Business

John Yeagley made a motion to start giving away a free yearly membership for any non officer that stays for the business meeting at our quarterly seminars; you must be present to win. We will start this in October at our quarterly seminar in Charleston, SC. Buzz Prescott seconded

John Yeagley also made a motion for the chapter to pay for any member declaring their candidacy for designation. John's motion was tabled and seconded by Buzz Prescott until Anthony can put together some parameters for moving forward with this motion. Anthony will present his recommendation at the next chapter meeting in Charleston, SC.

Glenn Winfree threw out the idea chapter committees each take the responsibility for presenting or having one speaker during the year. This would take a big load of the VP position and also guarantee variety in the topics that are presented. Anyone that has ideas for speakers please let Julie know.

The International president and past president may be in Charleston, SC at our seminar. Drawing for reimbursement of the seminar fee was won by Steve Cochran.

Motion by John Yeagley for four hours of certification credits for this seminar. Motion seconded by Buzz Prescott.

Respectfully submitted,

Buster Allen, Secretary, IRWA Chapter 31



Cell Phone Usage and its Correlation with Cancer

Over the years there has been speculation that cell phone usage may be detrimental to your health. Cell phones emit radiation and studies have been conducted to determine if the constant use of holding a cell phone to your ear increases certain kinds of cancer, particularly brain cancer. This article does not address this issue because no conclusive evidence has been discovered. However, as a safety precaution, there are ways to minimize radiation exposure from cell phones.

1. Hold phone away from your body. The amount of radiation absorbed by your head and body decreases dramatically with even a small distance. If possible, set your phone on speaker.

2. Use a headset. Headsets emit much less radiation than phones. However, some wire-level radiation, so it is best to not on a call. Also, try not to son since radiation will still be



emit much less radiation than less headsets emit continuous, low-take it out of your ear when you're clip the phone to your belt or per-emitted from the phone.

3. Text more, talk less. Phones emit less radiation when texting versus voice communications. Texting also keeps the phone away from your head. (If you are NY Mayor Wanna-be Weiner, disregard this totally.)

4. Call when the signal is strong. Fewer signal bars mean the phone must work harder to broadcast its signal to the tower. This results in increased radiation exposure.

5. Don't use radiation shields. Radiation shields such as antenna caps and keypad covers reduce the connection quality causing the phone to work harder, resulting in more radiation being generated.

As a final note, if you are thinking of doing away with your landline phone you may want to reconsider. During an emergency, you can dial 911 and your address will come up as soon as the dispatcher takes the call. This will not happen with a cell phone. Only a general location can be determined based on the cell tower your phone is signaling off of. If you are unable to talk, then the landline could be your lifeline. Also, for parents with young children: There have been instances when a child had to call 911 when their mom or dad collapsed. If they cannot give out their address, then a landline could be the difference between life and death.

Submitted by: David Rosling, Environmental Chair, Chapter 31 - February 28, 2013

Based on an article from the Environmental Working Group (EWG)

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Apparently, the bagpiper was playing a funeral dirge at some point. Little did he know it would be for the Grasshoppers.



Yeagleymeister. Scary, huh?



What a fine looking couple. I present to you, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hooper enjoying the Grasshopper's outing.



Here's Matt clerking for Jeff Bandini who gave a talk on RailRhoads.

Your Yearly dues *PAID* (might be) if you enter our contest at the Board meeting Friday afternoon in Charleston. Ask Johan Yeagley for details.



Another fine couple, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McMahan taking in a G'boro Loss.




A Motley Crue—does anything else need to be said?



Ted and Clyde



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Chapter 31 Utilities Committee Report

October 25, 2013 Quarterly Meeting

Submitted by: Glenn Winfree, SR/WA

- The IUC met on 9-14-13 to finalize the selection of session topics for our June 2014 conference. Topics have been submitted to the IGC for review and approval.
- Your IRWA Leadership team also met at the same time to rollout a comprehensive alignment effort for the association. The outcome of this effort will bring a number of improvements to the members as a result of input from the IGC, IEC and committee chairs. The goal is to align and coordinate the focus of our organization on our structure, education, events, and credentialing. While some members will be involved more directly than others, an initial benefit everyone will see is an improvement in their opportunities for building relationships and networking. In addition, these changes will increase the ability of the IRWA to attract members to our association and help assure a future of growth and fiscal security. The overall health and well-being of the IRWA is of ultimate importance to our leadership team and these changes have been designed with those issues uppermost in their minds.
- Your Chapter 31 Utilities Committee would like to provide more value to our Chapter and asks for your ideas, suggestions and (especially) your participation.
- Email thoughts and comments to: Glenn.Winfree@Duke-Energy.com
- PS.....Happy Horrorween!



Notes:

1. All typos or incorrect information are the fault of the editor who takes full responsibility for any mistakes in the publication. Not.

2. All articles are written by trained professionals. You make your own assessment. :O)

3. Your comments appreciated. Got some, write some!
Have fun with them too.