



# The Great Central Florida Chapter of the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society

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**Date: February 18, 2010 at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Altamonte Springs, Florida, with 62 members and guests in attendance.**

**General Meeting Call to Order: 6:32 pm**

**Treasurer's Report – Jennings Griffin: As published in the Benchmark**

**Secretary's Report – Tim Mosby: As published in the Benchmark**

**District Director's Report – Jim Shannon:**

- Thefts are increasing again in south Florida. The alleged perpetrators bonded out of jail and went back to work. Please see the video at <http://www.fsms.org/NewsStory.cfm?Item=4>
- UF/IFAS Plant City held an open house. They have about 8 students now and are well funded.
- FSMS has hired a new part-time employee, Ms. Beth Embleton, as Programs Coordinator.
- The GIS Community is holding Seminars and having Licensed Surveyors teach them how to better use GPS. The concern is at what point are they practicing without being licensed.
- Bon Dewitt recommends Bill Rhodes, a speaker for Hometown Democracy. You can see his 75 minute presentation at <http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=62b74f9803db48d798fd75a9a445a527>.
- FSMS Education Conference in Ocala will be March 11-13<sup>th</sup>.
- FSMS Board Meeting in Tallahassee will be March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislation Liaison/UF – Jim Petersen:**

- Seventy-five letters have been sent to local surveying and mapping firms urging support for the UF/IFAS Apopka Geomatics program. Response has been minimal, with very few firms pledging financial support.

**Benchmark – Dolly Carwile: As published.**

**Associate Directors Report – Ronnie Figueroa:**

- An Associate level GPS seminar will be held in the first week of April at UF/IFAS Apopka.
- CST Spring Exam will be held on May 8.





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**Webmasters Report – Ronnie Figueroa:** The Website has been updated, the Benchmarks are current and the site has been backed up in its entirety.

**Scholarship/Recruiting Report – Mike Cavallere:**

- Dolly Carwile accepted a scholarship check.
- Richard Allen accepted a scholarship check.
- Sean Pearce's scholarship check was accepted by Mike Cavallere.

**Old Business:**

- **Support Our Troops Campaign – Danny Williams:** We are making progress toward our goal of 40 boxes to be delivered to a local National Guard unit deployed to Afghanistan. Please make your donations before the April meeting.
- **Amendment No. 4 –**
  - The St. Petersburg Times ran editorials on 01/29/10 (Vote Against) and 02/05/10 (encourages sprawl)
  - Bill Rowe has contacted the local field director of Floridians for Smarter Growth and their fundraising director will be contacting him.
- **Volunteer Opportunities –**
  - Seminole County WAV will hold the Lake Howell Restoration Project on April 24<sup>th</sup> – contact Mike Garcia to volunteer.
  - Simpson Cemetery Clean Up effort for the Mount Dora Historical Society. Jim Godwin, Bill Rowe and a Scoutmaster met with Andrew Mullen, project manager for the historical society on 02/05/10. Trying to get scout involvement with cleanup or as an Eagle Scout project. We are still searching for the owner of this old cemetery. It was a graveyard for migrant citrus workers from 1875 to the big freeze of 1894-1895. After that, it served as a potter's field until the 1970's. This will be a big media/political event as Orange County mayoral candidate Bill Segal is backing this project.
- **Surveyor's Week Activities (March 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2010)**
  - City of Orlando, Orange County, Seminole County & Volusia County may issue proclamations in recognition.
  - FSMS Fundraiser – Chili's Give Back Night. Chili's will give 10% back of sales to the FSMS Scholarship Fund of sales at a designated restaurant on a set date (either Tuesday 03/23 or Wednesday 03/24). We must set this up with a designated Chili's. Thanks to the Palm Beach Chapter for this idea.
- **Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services candidate update:**
  - Carey Baker has dropped out of race due to lack of funds.
  - Adam Putnam, the widely acknowledged frontrunner, has been contacted for speaker opportunity. He is unavailable for weeknights. Will keep trying. If anyone can help, please do.

**Upcoming Events-**

- TrigStar 2010 – Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Bowyer Singleton's office at 8:30 am. Dolly Carwile.
- Vendors' Night 2010 – April 21<sup>st</sup> at Dubsdread.
- Golf Tournament – June. Trying to partner with the Florida Engineering Society. Contact Don Bishman.
- BBQ – October 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Don Bishman.





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## New Business:

- Florida Governor candidate Paula Dockery has vowed to stop SunRail if elected even though her husband's High Speed Rail Project is contingent on the construction of SunRail and Tampa rail system.
- Outreach Opportunity with Society of Women Engineers at the University of Central Florida on March 27<sup>th</sup> at UCF (SWEet College Day with high school girls). We would like to do a Surveying Workshop. Bill has contacted FSMS about recruiter availability. Volunteers are needed to run the workshop.
- Space Coast Chapter News:
  - Brevard County is modifying the Subdivision Ordinance wants surveyor involvement. Chapter will send out proposed modifications in about a week.
  - A Joint Chapter Meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Vero Beach with the Indian River Chapter. Dr. Dave Gibson will speak on Riparian Rights.
- UF Student is available for Summer Internships. Have candidate – see Bill.
- March Speaker – Al Hill, Volusia County GIS Manager, will give his new presentation – “US National Grid”. Presented this month at Volusia County Chapter meeting. Will be at O'Boys on March 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day). Will try to have corned beef and cabbage and ribs.

## Dinner Break.

## Guest Speaker:

- Dr. Joe Knetsch presented the story of early Central Florida surveyor John Otto Fries. Dr. Joe is a historian with a regular column in *Professional Surveyor Magazine* and is the author of *Faces on the Frontier: Florida's Surveyors and Developers in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*.

## Monthly “Most Valuable Surveyor” award:

- February 2010: Bo Drury for all his work with the CST program.

Dolly Carwile and Danny Williams each won a chance to draw in the 50/50 raffle. They will try to win another time. Maria Velicu won the free dinner.

Adjournment: 9:15 pm

