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How many surveyors does it take...

Anything can happen when Chapter members put their heads together to accomplish something.

After the latest Board meeting, our board rep, Bill was inspired to step up as our Workshop Committee chairman. Then a happy turn of events occurred.

While I was at the ESRI User Conference, I ran

in Jerry Miller. We were talking and the subject of his LSIT class. He mentioned we could



talk to Central Office to see if we could have a class in Sacramento.

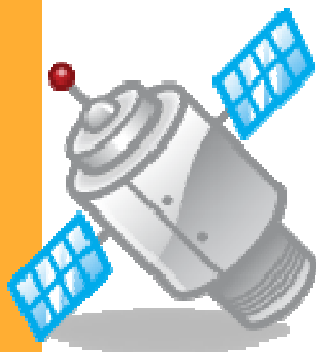
With a few calls from the conference, Bill was off and running.

When I returned from Conference a few days later, Bill, Central Office and Jerry had the whole thing arranged. (See details on the inside.)

Now we are busy advertising the class.

Rob McMillan and I have talked to the surveying classes at Sac City College and Bill has been

September Meeting



Thursday, September 4
Roseville Cattlemen's

Guest Speaker- Don D'Onofrio

"Satellite Surveying when it was Gee"

5:00 - 6:00 relaxation/attitude adjustment

6:00 - 7:00 business meeting and dinner

7:00 - 8:30 guest speaker

See website for directions

BBQ Pictures



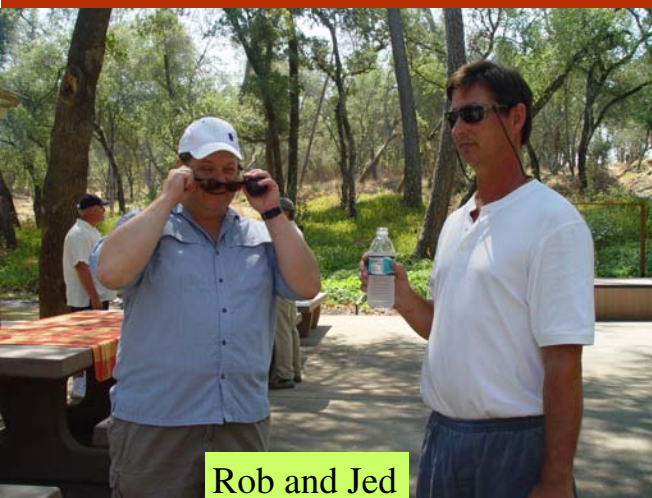
"Future surveyors?"



"When the steaks catch fire, I douse 'em with spring water..."



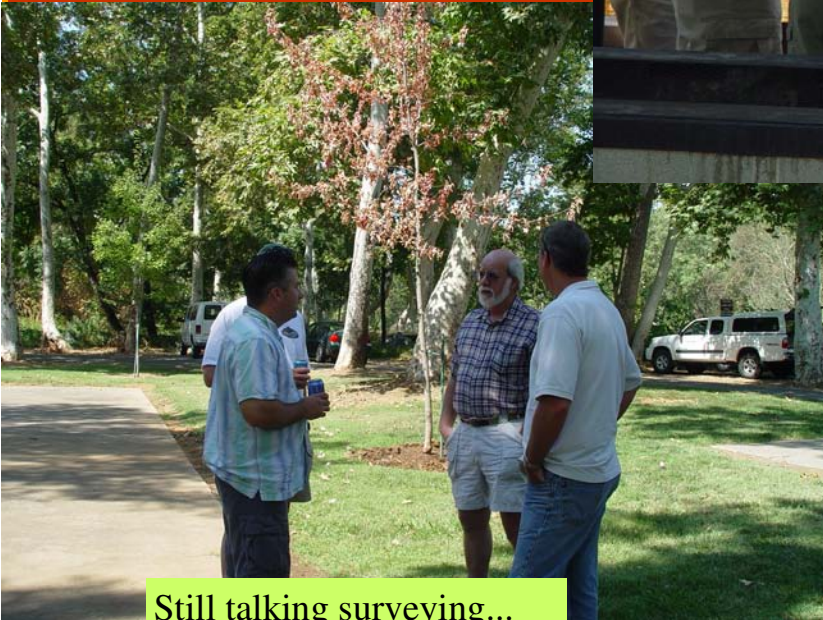
"Jim, Mark, Matt, Jacob, and Paul standing around talking surveying..."



Rob and Jed



More talking surveying...



Still talking surveying...



"I know the monument is here somewhere..."



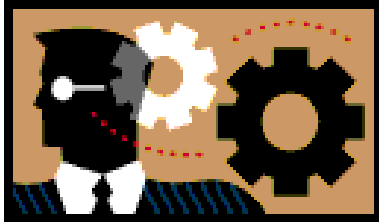
Seated: "Checking the lettering in the field notes..."

Thanks Northern Counties Chapter and Gary Lippencott for the great picnic!

Inside the mind of a surveyor...

Thinking outside the box!

I recently received "Topcon TODAY - Vol. 3, No. 4. 2008 eNews" which featured an article on an Alabama firm that set up a permanent RTK base station at a 24 hour gas station and convenience store, with whom they already had a good, long term



business relationship. The antenna was roof mounted and the receiver was mounted inside the store next to the cooler.

The last paragraph says: "By being more effective at what we do, we can grow our business, do things faster and more effectively and, at the same time, help contribute to making life better for people in the area – all with the help

of instrumentation we have locked in a cabinet next to a beer cooler. We couldn't be happier with the way things have worked out."

Yep - I'd be checking the base station (all day) every day.

Are these guys hiring? Don't even bother asking, they already have my resume...

Baby Baker from Dean Baker

Mom and Julia Nicole Baker came home from the hospital Monday afternoon just in time to celebrate my birthday!! Everyone is doing very well. Julia gets a check up tomorrow. I think she is going to be a dark haired and dark eyed girl like her brother. Here are some pictures.





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LSIT Review Seminar

Speaker: Jerry Miller, PLS

**October 3 & 4, 2008
Hilton Ontario Airport
Ontario, CA**

**October 10 & 11, 2008
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Check out our website for links to register for the class!

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Nominations

5 candidates were nominated by the nominating committee, one for each open office for 2009, as follows:

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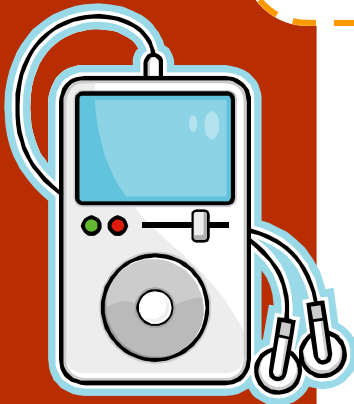
Vice President - Oscar Jarquin;

Secretary - Annette Lockhart (remain in office);

Treasurer - Nick Labedzki (remain in office);

Board Representative (2 yr.Term) - Rob McMillan (remain in office).

Any additional nominations?



What you don't know...

Sacramento Chapter member and California Surveyor Editor John Wilusz is a new featured writer in American Surveyor magazine. John is a musician in his spare time, and you can hear tunes from his recent CD "No Parking" on his MySpace page, or occasionally catch him live at the Fox and Goose in Sacramento...

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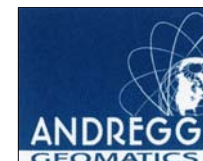
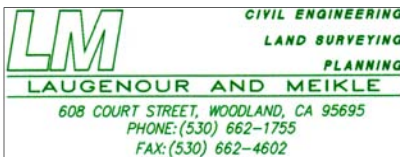
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