

The e-Compass

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Chapter Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors

Our next chapter meeting will be held Thursday, April 10th (6:00PM) at Stone Creek Dining Company, located in the Metropolis Mall in Plainfield. For more details on Stone Creek, please refer to the following link: http://www.stonecreekdining.com/restaurants/stone_creek_plainfield

Stone Creek Dining Co
2490 Futura Parkway_Plainfield, Indiana 46168_317-837-9100

As stated in our last meeting and newsletter, we as a chapter are attempting to hold our meetings in locations hopefully more favorable to all of our members as well as our neighboring chapters. With any luck, April's meeting locale will offer a better opportunity to those members in the western portion of the chapter and especially those outside the chapter. And though we will have a business meeting, spouses are more than welcome to come ... after all, there are plenty of stores at Metropolis ... and they'll be open 'til 9:00pm ... plenty of time to shop, take in a movie, or just look around (*hopefully the weather will cooperate for the latter*).

Lorraine Wright with IDEM will be our guest speaker for the evening and she will be presenting on the *Indiana Tie Card Project*. Please see the attachment for more information on the main topic or click on one of the links below that Lorraine provided :

The ISPLS - CIC meeting/Tie Card Project presentation is now posted on both the IDEM and State of Indiana websites.

IDEM website posting:
<http://www.in.gov/idem/calendar.html>

State website posting:
http://www.in.gov/rde/xfw/in_core/calendar.htm?agency=&filterDate=200804

Once again, we need to guarantee a final count for dinner, so if you are planning to attend please RSVP Brian Haggard at (317) 707-3719 or e-mail bhaggard@banningeng.com

The reservation has been confirmed for 6:00PM and a menu is attached for your review. We are proposing Group A on page 4, which is \$20.99/person. All we need to do is pick 2 entrees, 1 salad, and 2 sides and we are good to go. Please contact Brian before April 8 with your selection.

And never fear ... other topics of interest will no doubt be discussed (i.e., the profit sharing issue regarding the ISPLS Convention), so don't search for an excuse ... plan on joining us on April 10th.

Earlier this month we reported on the status of the Boy Scouts Merit Badge Program ... and it is still progressing. The monuments have been ordered, but no date has been set as yet for the project layout or the actual program. Ryan Swingley should hopefully be able to fill us in with more details regarding the schedule at the April meeting. By the way, the monuments have been changed to indicate our name as the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors, rather than initially including

the chapter's name as well. By doing this, any chapter that would like to schedule a similar activity can order the same monuments from Berntsen and save on the cost of the artwork - as it will not change (FYI, that's a \$600 savings).

Hold everything! ... just received the following update from Ryan on this --

Sorry, I have been meaning to give an update. I just received the monuments yesterday (see attached picture [scoutmon.jpg](#)). Mark Schepers and I met with some representatives from the scouts about 3 weeks ago. They approved our course location, but felt April 12th was not enough time for them to market the program so the date has been pushed back until sometime in May. Mark was going to call our contact today and try to shoot for the 17th. We can install the monuments any time. Let me know what Saturdays work for you guys in April and I will try and get that date cleared with the Ranger at Belzer. -- Ryan C. Swingley, PLS

We are still in need of business cards for the ISPLS Roster and Website ! Anyone interested in supporting the publication of the ISPLS Roster and website please contact one of the following individuals:

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For a mere \$35 your business card will be on display in the 2008 roster or displayed for the world to see on the ISPLS website (for website examples see http://www.ispls.org/bulletinboard_n.htm).

However, the best offer is display in both publications for only \$60

Dianne originally wanted all cards for publication by March 14th (*thus it's obvious I'm late with this final plea*), so please send 2 business cards for each choice of publication (*that's 4 cards if you opt for the bargain*), and of course a check to:

ISPLS Headquarters

55 Monument Circle, Suite 719

Indianapolis, IN 46204

... and if you have already sent your cards ... [many thanks](#) from the ISPLS Membership Committee.

Finally, we hope to see you at the April meeting and also hope that those of you in the western counties will contact your co-workers and invite them to join us. And If you should have any questions about the meeting or other upcoming events, please feel free to contact us.

See you in April! -- Don

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