

# The e-Compass

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

The final chapter meeting for 2008 was held last Thursday evening (11/13/08) at **Bub's Burgers** in Carmel. Sixteen attendees perused their menus debating the challenge: if their appetites would be enough to actually finish off a "Big Ugly" (*a 1-lb burger ... that's after grilled weight ... 22 oz. pre-grilled*). The evening would provide a taker to the invitation.

*Note: We have tried to cover a wider service area this year in regard to meeting locations and hope more of you found it more convenient to attend – or at least feel you were provided a better opportunity to do so – after all that was the goal.*

**Craig Williams** opened the meeting at 6:15 PM with a brief update prior to the meal. The annual golf outing netted the chapter \$2,111.08 this year. However, considering we are currently contributing a minimum of \$4,000 annually to scholarships/awards, it is evident that the chapter may need to weigh additional means to help finance these scholastic aids. Feel free to contact any of the officers/directors with ideas for this service.

Craig then shared the ISPLS BOD update provided by **Ed Sweetland**: Seminars for 2009 ISPLS Convention have been approved by BOD. Additional information will be in next Hoosier Surveyor (to be published soon) this can be accessed/viewed online at the following address: [http://www.ispls.org/surveyingnews/survnews\\_hs.htm](http://www.ispls.org/surveyingnews/survnews_hs.htm) . **Jim Tibbett** was elected as President Elect for 2010. ISPLS BOD's next meeting is this Saturday (11/15/08) and nominations for the upcoming BOD will be approved during that meeting. Ed is currently working on a BOD Manual for ISPLS board members in order to hopefully provide a better understanding of the duties for each officer/director as well as information on the society as a whole. Several ISPLS BOD members will be attending the next Height MOD Meeting (Wednesday 11/19/08) to support the committee. The ISPLS lobbyist is planning to attend the December meeting to aid in committee's discussion of grant funding (this to possibly support the letting of contracts to firms performing 1<sup>st</sup> order level circuits through CORS stations throughout the state. The committee is serving to assist INDOT with this in order to help strengthen vertical control. In reference to the upcoming convention, VU and Purdue alumni will have separate social rooms. Slideshows are again being planned for the alumni activities.

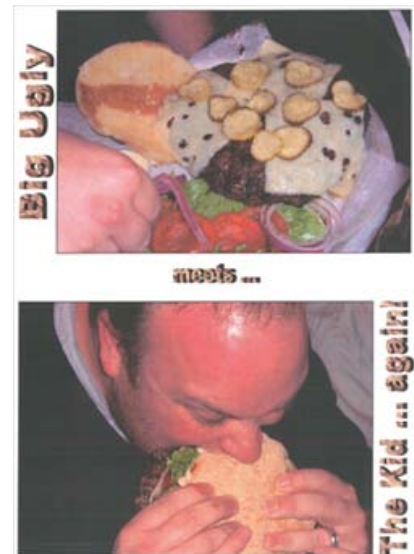
**Ryan Swingley** gave an update on the Vincennes University Alumni Committee. They are planning a golf outing sometime in the Spring of 2009 in order to help raise money for equipment, etc. for the VU Surveying Program. The golf outing is to be sponsored by the Southwest Chapter and is to take place in Evansville. More details of this will be forthcoming.

Craig added that **Dan Kovert** will be ISPLS president next year and is currently trying to come up with some different topics for upcoming seminars/conventions. As most of us are familiar

with Rule 12 and the like as pertaining to Continued Education requirements, Dan thought it may be of interest to consider more “elective-related” topics that focus on the business end of the profession. Please feel free to contact Dan with any topic ideas you may have regarding this particular theme.

\*\* Break for Dinner \*\*

- highlight: Ryan Swingley manages to get another photo on the wall at Bub’s by woofing down a “Big Ugly” and all the trimmings (*and for the record – accomplished the feat in just 6 minutes!!*)



**Elections:** Nominations were taken for all offices and motions to close promptly followed. The individuals elected for 2009 are the following:

President: **Brian Haggard** (*Banning Engineering*)

Vice President: **Joe Mullins** (*Hamilton County Surveyor’s Office*)

Treasurer: **Mark Schepers** (*USI Consultants, Inc.*)

Secretary: **Dave York** (*Weihe Engineers*)

Director: **Craig Williams** (*Seiler Instruments*)

**Doug Herendeen** gave an update on the 2009 Convention. Materials have been sent to the printer, so you should expect to receive mailing in a week or so (probably before Thanksgiving). All of the information pertaining to the convention will be posted to the ISPLS Website. The convention will be held at the Marriot East and is being sponsored this year by the Southwest Chapter. Doug said the Northwest Chapter is sponsoring the 2010 Convention, but he has received no requests to sponsor for 2011. This is another means for chapter to continue the current scholarships we have in place. Doug also asked if the chapter would be supportive of an ISPLS fundraiser or get-together for 2009. This would not be a chapter function, but one by the state society. The golf outing planned last year had to be cancelled and the society would like to bring up the idea again and additionally have some ideas shared on the topic. Suggestions were made for either a golf outing, or perhaps a day at the track (Indy 500). Please contact Doug if you have any suggestions or would like to help organize such an activity.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM

P.S. - If any of you have any posting requests prior to the convention please feel free to forward them to me. As the next few weeks will likely be full of travel and time of assembling with family and friends, we pray God grants you safety and joy over the holidays. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and we hope to see you next year at the convention.

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