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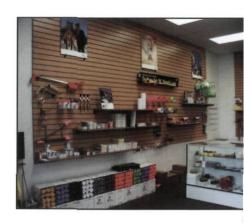
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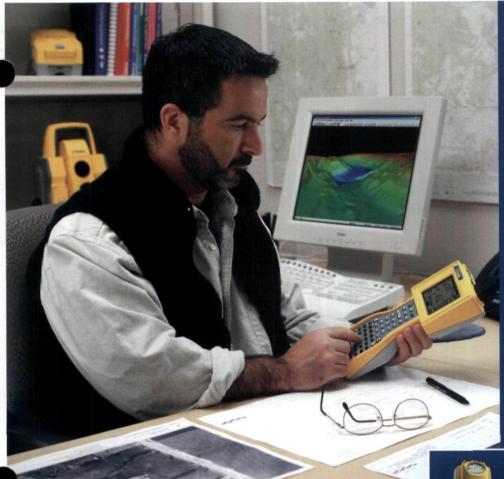
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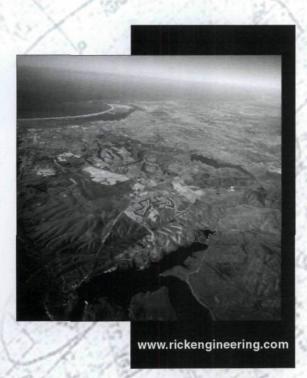
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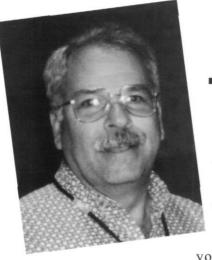
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Surveying a Wall of Fire

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Tahoe! What a Jewel!

or those that missed this year's s u c c e s s f u l conference at beautiful Lake Bigler, er Tahoe, you missed a beauty!

Prettier than Britney, or if you're my age, Raquel. Hunkier than, Fabio, or for you vintage ladies - Rock? . . . As the song goes, (Lake Diggler) " . . . you take my breath away." This is one time governmental intervention is a must in order to preserve this gem! (Unfortunately "pretty" to a surveyor, is an undisturbed bronze disk set at the surface of a paved cul-de-sac, having a radius of 12 meters and a central angle of 270 degrees; with an orange and white striped guard post marked "SURVEY MONUMENT", with a strobe atop, along the perimeter of the cul-de-sac signs "RESERVED PARKING FOR SURVEYORS; NO PARKING WITHIN 10 METERS", TOGETHER WITH a five-meter-wide paved road!) Fil, is this philler?!

Our keynote speaker Knud Hermansen, Esq, P.E., L.S., Phd . . . was something else! Entertaining and educational. So much so, that he is "booked" three years in advance! So if you missed this one - you might not see another performance for at least three years! Hermansen, also in the teaching business, shared his statistical conclusion regarding continuing education - without testing, it is nearly worthless. Whoa! I learned a lot. I'll have to admit, I may have 'retained' more had I known there would be a 'test'.

If you missed Knud's ethics seminar, you might wish to contact our New Mexico cousin, Steve Frank, at New Mexico State University. NMSU has an accredited on-line ethics course. Next semester starts soon, write Professor Frank at sfrank@nmsu.edu.

Besides other things . . . an obscure bit of trivia was learned from the California State Lands Commission . . . did you know that the proceeds from surplus school lands purchase go to the Teachers Retirement Fund!?! Even if it's a minuscule amount - I smell fish! And you thought the Department of Corrections had clout in Willieville?!

I thought I knew it all . . . until Dan Beardsley's Easements seminar. He threw out a set of circumstances whereby easements can be extinguished through merger! Scary stuff! Knud, I think the world of you, but I learn something at every seminar - no matter how well I think I know the subject . . . and without testing.

Another 'shoulda' was Steve Parrish's seminar on urban and double corners! I missed it but the look of some of the faces of the attendees finishing Steve Parrish's seminar was one of joy. So much so, I thought the C.A.M.P. fellas might have burned their evidence in Steve's room!

How 'bout some stats from Central Office ...

The conference attracted 578 land surveying professionals from 19 states! There were 26 presentations on topics addressing business practices, legal issues and the technica aspects of land surveying.

The two lunch programs as well as the MS Dixie II dinner cruise were well attended and entertaining. The CLSA Conference hosted the Education Foundation Scholarship Auction. As reported by Bob Hart, Education Foundation Board member, "The selection of silent and live auction items and the return of Dr. Greg "Lightning" Williams of Sparks, Nevada as the auctioneer, created a warm and exciting atmosphere where the audience donated almost twelve thousand dollars to the foundation while acquiring new and vintage equipment and a wide array of memorabilia."

Many VIP's attended the Conference, notably: Curtis Sumner, ACSM Executive Director; Gerry Curtis, NSPS President; Robert Krebs, NCEES Chairman-Elect; Brett Jefferson, NSPS Area Director; Warren Ward, PLSC Chairman; and Herbert Farber, PLSO Chairman-Elect.

Speaking of "notables" . . . before the scholarship auction I had a nice chat with Curt Sumner. What a dedicated guy . . . and gentleman to boot! Curt believes in NSPS so much he puts his money where his mouth is! He has to b dedicated; to decrease his standard of living by about fifty percent, increase his time away from family, (whom Curt

treasures dearly), by two hundred percent - attempting to keep afloat a wonderful and istorical professional society that few of us belong to - let alone participate! Don't come crying to NSPS or CLSA when you hear that big sucking sound comin' from the engineer's lobbyist trying to vacuum up some survey services for John Q. Public! The very least that those-that-don't-belong can do . . . is fiscally support NSPS & CLSA!

There were exhibitors galore! One said to me that this year's convention was better than last year's Vegas conference! Told ya Tahoe was a gem!

Thanks be to Crissy, Cheryle, Viki & Dorothy at our Central office, for all your efforts at this year's great conference! (Of which, yours truly plagiarized your conference facts.)

Last but definitely not least, our student volunteers - we couldn't have done it without 'em!

Following last issue . . .

I've been told that my last editorial regarding atrocities at our local Recorder's Office has hit a nerve. Not bad enough to write the editor! Nonetheless, some did vocalize their concerns to me at the conference. I read with dismay from a chapter report that the Butte County Recorder's Office is "inaccessible"!?! Whoa! What's goin' on with our recording bureaus?!

I have received many glowing reviews of <u>Up and Down California</u>. One person, (I won't name names, Pat), is in the process of re-reading it! Ol' Uzes mentioned he occasionally does the same thing. I just wish there were an affordable 1850s map to go with it. Like cookies and milk.

The Record of Survey . . .

I hear from President Cardoza, of the San Joaquin Chapter, that the record of survey checking fee is rearing its ugly head in Fresno County. To the tune of about \$800! Sounds like it might be time for another Goliath slayin'! Why can't we enact legislation to hold harmless the county/its agents from any actions arising from an opined Record of Survey? Better yet, let's go from surveyor to recorder! Or change the sheet size to 610mm by 910mm, (24x36), that wouldn't require multiple sheet Records of Survey!

Thank you for attending our conference. Thanks for participating. And thanks for your support! If you don't belong, won't you please consider joining CLSA and NSPS today! Thanks for your time.



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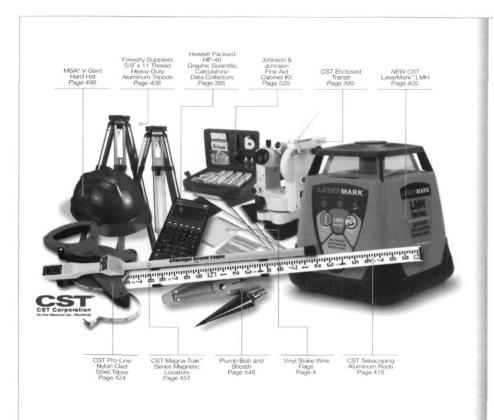
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President's Message

n April 18th, Governor Gray Davis announced the long awaited appointments of Michael K. Welch, Dr. Gregg E. Brandow, Arthur P. Duffy, David J. Fruchtman, and Dale J. Wilson as members of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. These appointments fill the vacant seats of the the Land Surveyor, Structural, Civil, Mechanical Engineers, and the Electrical Engineer respectively. I want to thank all of you that took the time to write the Governor's office. For those of you with an interest, a little background on the appointees may provide some insight as to the Governor's choices.

Michael K. Welch, of Salinas, has more than 30 years of experience in land surveying. From 1968 to 1998, he was a Land Surveyor for M.K. Welch Surveys, Inc. Mr. Welch recently served as the Chief of Surveys, Deputy County Surveyor for the County of Monterey. He serves as a Land Surveyor in the Right-of-Way Engineering Division of CalTrans. Mr. Welch has served on the boards of the California Land Surveyors Association, the California Council of Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, and is a founding member of Surveyors Historical Society and Western Federation of Professional Land Surveyors. The California Land Surveyors Association endorsed Mr. Welch.

Dr. Gregg E. Brandow, of South Pasadena, has 30 years of experience in the field of structural engineering, having worked for Brandow & Johnston Associates Structural Engineers since 1971. He specializes in the structural design of buildings as well as seismic retrofit of existing buildings. Dr. Brandow is licensed as a structural engineer in 16 states besides California. For the past 30 years, he has been an Adjunct Professor of structural engineering at the University of Southern California Department of Civil Engineering. Dr. Brandow is a member of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California, and Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors. He serves as President of Brandow & Johnston Associates. Dr. Brandow earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern California, and a Master of Science degree and Ph.D from Stanford University.

Arthur P. Duffy, of San Rafael, has spent his career in engineering positions for

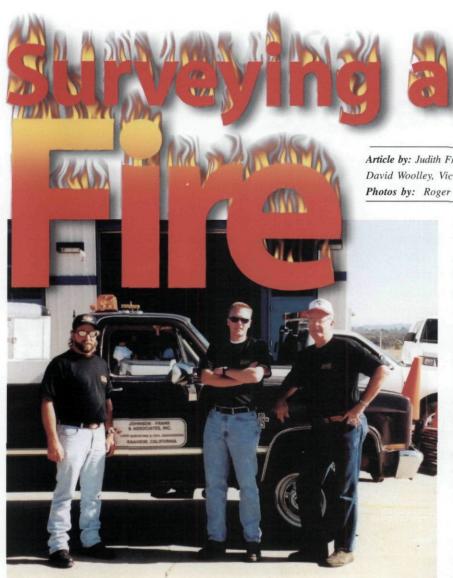
public agencies. He has been involved with the Professional Engineers in California Government for several years, and has served as President of both the San Francisco and statewide divisions. After earning his degree, Mr. Duffy worked as a Public Works Engineer for the City of Brisbane from 1986 to 1987. He then became a Transportation Engineer for Cal-Trans, a position he held from 1987 to 1998. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Duffy served as a Senior Engineer in a special two-year assignment, wherein he also served as Secretary of the Commission's Engineering Criteria Review Board. He now works for Cal-Trans as a Transportation Engineer in Oakland. Mr. Duffy earned a Bachelor of Science degree from San Francisco State University.

David J. Fruchtman, of Los Angeles, has more than 15 years of experience as a self-employed Engineering Consultant. He is a licensed Mechanical and Plumbing Engineer. Mr. Fruchtman is a member of the American Society of Heating and Refrigeration Engineers, American Society of Plumbing Engineers, and National Fire Protection Association. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from New York State University.

Dale J. Wilson, of El Cajon, has nearly 15 years of experience working as an engineer for Cal-Trans. He is a Senior Transportation Electrical Engineer, a position in which he supervises 18 engineers and technicians, authors electrical specifications, and oversees consultant contracts for the design of traffic plans on state highways. Mr. Wilson has been a voting member of the San Diego Traffic Engineers Council since 1995. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from San Diego State University.

The role of the California State Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is to safeguard life, health, property, and public welfare by regulating the practice of professional engineering and professional land surveying. The members do not receive a salary. These positions do not require Senate confirmation.

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L to R: Steve Backes, Party Chief, Dave Woolley, V.P., Roger Frank, President

ive me the ones with fire in their bellies, a steel-blue glint in their eye. Stand them next to jet engines that rattle vertebrae, pyrotechnics and exploding bombs that put forth a blast of heat that might melt nails and even better, make your guts rumble. Ask them to donate their time, put them in an orange vest and they smile from ear to ear. This is the hard-core surveyor. They love this profession! They'd survey the boundary of Hades just for the hell of it! We at Johnson-Frank & Associates have been very fortunate to have done a variety of survey projects that are cutting edge, over the top and far from mundane. We appreciate the conventional survey that challenges our abilities to fit all of the pieces of the puzzle together, but there are times when we really relish our assignment. We take on some assignments that call for "the hardcore." Such a challenge was the opportunity to survey a 2,500 foot Wall of Fire at the annual air show of the Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, California, the original home of "Top Gun." This Wall of Fire would set a record for The Guinness Book of World Records.

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Little Did They Know

The volunteers, Dave Woolley, PLS, Steve Backes, Party Chief, and Roger Frank, PLS, had not anticipated the level of excitement the 14th day of October 2000 would bring. They had reported to the EOD (Explosive Ordinance Department) three days before the air show for orientation. On October 14th, they set up instruments adjacent to the flight line, working alongside members of the MCAS Miramar Marine Corps Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team, the San Diego Bomb Squad, San Diego Sheriff's Bomb Squad, Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and the Los Angeles Bomb Squad, to name a few. Our role was to survey and certify the length of a Wall of Fire that would be detonated from bombs and gasoline containers during the grand finale of the show. The Wall of Fire was expected to stretch for nearly half a mile and establish a record for The Guinness Book of World Records.

Prior to the grand finale pyrotechnic event at twilight, the air show was in full swing with the world famous Blue Angels, the F-117 Nighthawk Stealth fighter-bomber, the B-1B Lancer bomber, Mig-17's, P-51 Mustangs, an AV-8B Harrier, an F-14 Tomcat and other aircraft that

sliced and punched their way through the sky. The airshow on this day in October 2000 was dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War and "The Forgotten Warriors," veterans of the Korean War.



Dave Woolley and Steve Backes on the runway

Approximately one million spectators filled the stands and milled about in the field to salute the accomplishments of both men and machines. Not a bad arena for setups.

Our history with Miramar: Dave Woolley of Johnson-Frank & Associates has a long and proud history of working with the Southwest Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and subsequently the United States Marine Corps personnel stationed at MCAS Miramar. Back in 1993 we provided research, aerial control and ground utility location for GIS mapping for the developed part of the base from Interstate 15 to the western boundary. In 1995 we did GPS aerial control and topo for the old Camp Elliott portion of the base. Our most recent project involved surveying the boundary of the 23,500-acre base as well as reviewing, plotting, scanning and indexing every recorded land document within the base boundary. Our field crews searched for over 800 points and found more than half. We set over 250 boundary corners and did boundary calculations on 2,500 points. We searched for maps and deeds back to the 1850's and scanned over 10,000 documents, including more than 500 maps. The title report items alone numbered more than 550. You could say we have a "working knowledge" of the area.

Our familiarity with the runways at MCAS Miramar is also tied into another survey project that JFA performed in March of 1999 and November 2000. The base personnel had recently installed a new Instrument Landing System (ILS) that would not pass a flight check test. Realizing that I, Dave Woolley, am a licensed land surveyor and not an avionics expert, please stay with me on this; the planes coming in to land need to rely on the ILS when flying IFR (Instrument Flight Rules). Flying IFR means conditions are such that visibility is less than three miles and not VFR

(visual flight rules). It is critical that accuracy be maintained when aircraft are flying IFR. Apparently, there was a digital anomaly in the flight graphics when the plane was on approach to the ILS. It was suspected that a reflection/refraction from the ground was the culprit. We were charged with providing a very precise survey of the area. Precise in this case called for 1/4 foot contours, vertical profiles, digital photographs and dimensions of all surface features.

I found working 350 feet from the centerline of the runways proved to be a very exciting aspect of the job. Throughout the day we had F16's doing "touch and goes" right next to us. Even at a distance of 350 feet, these planes rattled me to the bone. They can literally blur your vision with the decibels from the jet engines. Occasionally, other planes will pass through, some stay, others only touch down on a couple of hundred feet of unway, pull up, loop around for another ass and away they go.

I know that this all sounds really enticing, but if you are thinking that you can stroll out to your local base and check this out for yourself, think again. Access to a base can be difficult, access to a runway? Forget it! The survey work turned out to be the easier part. We were required to have an escort at all times and our escort was in constant contact with the tower. We were not permitted to wear caps or any clothing that could become separated from your person. You must request permission to cross a runway or to be within a given perimeter of the apron. Before you are allowed to cross a runway, you must first walk around your vehicle and dislodge any rocks from the tires and do a complete visual inspection of the vehicle. Debris on a runway can be fatal to a flight if sucked up into an engine. There are other rules and regulations, but the picture should be clear. I don't question these standards; I sure wouldn't want to try to explain that a 1986 Chevy pickup was responsible for the demise of a multi-million dollar jet engine.

Now back to this Wall of Fire. As I mentioned, all of the groups involved volunteered their time and all materials used were donated. We set out our 2500-foot line as well as 250' intermediate stations. The work was completed using a Geodimeter 500 series instrument. As experts in measurement, we applied all atmospheric corrections, checked our tribrachs and measured the line multiple times from each end. The day of the show we repeated the procedure for the official Guinness witnesses. Marine Corps personnel poured 5 (five) gallons (23-liters) of unleaded gasoline into 334 bags stretched out in a 2500-foot string. A detonation cord that coiled like a cobra beneath each sack connected the bags. The gasoline bags were spaced 10 feet apart and the cord would burn at a sizzling speed of 25,000 feet per second.



Marines fill bags with five gallons of gasoline

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Ten drums were placed at 250 feet apart with explosives in and around them. The explosives were set and we measured the layout.

Our final certification letter stated the length of the line as well as the positional tolerance of each point and relative error in the line. After all of this "precise" work, the Marines added another 30-40 linear feet of gasoline to the lines. There was little question that the line was 2500 feet long. It was a very complex but well coordinated mission. I know that I will not work with a finer group of professionals than Master Sergeant Anderson and the others on the line with us during the project.

Show Time - Bring on The Fire

Once the math was done, we sat back to watch the show. Planes screamed through the darkening sky and the fire was detonated. Initially it was a small bonfire but in a matter of seconds it erupted into an unbelievable wall of flames and heat. Flames rose 200-300 feet, dwarfing military vehicles and other structures in view. The crowd's hush became a roar and the bomb squad technicians joined in with shouts of resounding approval. The heat could be felt from a distance of 1,000 feet and more. In a matter of seconds it was over but the experience is with us forever. We had been partners in a feat that had never been accomplished before.







Expectations were met and the record is published on page 143 in the 2002 hardcover edition of Guinness World Records. We were proud to be a part of the team to set a world record. We also felt pride and satisfaction with the integral role we played as surveyors to remind us that this profession is not always confined to stay within the nine dots. Surveying may be mundane to some, but to the "hardcore surveyor" there is nothing like a chance to blaze a path to a new adventure and carve a new grin across a weathered face. *

This article was written prior to the September 11th Attack on America. We are so proud to have worked with these brave young men and women who are serving our country. We know firsthand that they accept a challenge and will do all that is necessary to succeed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the brave men and women from the VMGR-352 "Raiders" Transport Squadron 352 who lost their lives on January 9th in Pakistan and the fallen heroes of the "Flying Tigers" HMH-361 who perished in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Semper Fi.

Miramar's History

Let's explore the history of the ground beneath this pyrotechnical setup. What had scorched this earth years before and what events had evolved to make this the home of the Marine Corps' West Coast air power? MCAS Miramar once was part of a huge ranchero owned by Don Santiago Anguello, Mexican Army Commandante of San Diego's presidio. According to the historical files of MCAS Miramar's website, Edward Scripps arrived in 1890 from the East Coast and established a ranch on 2,000 acres in the Miramar area. He is credited with naming the mesa Miramar, loosely meaning "a view of the sea" in Spanish. Ownership of Miramar later went to the Jessop family and the area became a settlement of cowboys and ranchers. In 1917 the Army bought the Miramar area and established Camp Kearny. Few permanent structures were in Camp Kearny when more than 65,000 men passed through the camp to mobilize for World War 1. After WWI the camp was a demobilization center and by 1920 it no longer served as a military base.

The base came back to life in 1932 when the Navy brought in the U.S.S. Akron and U.S.S. Macon, the largest aircraft of the times. A mooring mast was built for these dirigibles but once the Akron and Macon crashed at sea the Camp was idle once again.

Activity picked up again with the advent of World War II and runways were constructed in 1940. During World War II both the Navy and the Marine Corps used the base. In 1947 the Marine Corps moved to the El Toro base in southern California and Miramar was re-designated a Naval Auxiliary Air Station. Although Miramar prepared and supported carrier groups and squadrons during World War II and the Korean War, it was during the Vietnam War that Miramar rose to fame for its program in training air combat maneuvers and fleet air defense. "Top Gun" and "Fightertown, USA" were new aliases for Miramar. In 1993, a Base Realignment and Closure committee decision recommended that Miramar be re-designated as a Marine Corps Air Station. Although all of the Navy's F-14 Tomcats and E-2 Hawkeye squadrons were relocated to Fallon, Nevada, Miramar still houses F/A-18 and KC-130 Hercules squadrons, as well as Ch-46E Sea Knight and CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters.

Of the five appointments made, one is self-employed, and works for the State University system, and three work for Cal-Trans. Of the three Cal-Trans employees, two are involved with the Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG). Mr. Duffy is also president-elect of that organization.

To help put these seemingly unimportant details into perspective consider this. The state employees unions were big supporters for Davis' campaign for governor in 1998. After nearly four years of generally ignoring PECG,

which represents nearly 10,000 engineers, architects, land surveyors and related professionals who work for the State of California, Governor Davis needs to regain their support for his 2002 re-election bid. This may have influenced his choice of political ap-

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pointments prior to November Elections.

Davis is also supporting SB1213, which on the surface is a bill that will implement the provisions of a newly adopted Memorandum of Understanding with PECG to provide pay and benefit increases for this year. Also included in the bill is language to implement a specific limit on the amount of state work that can be contracted out to private industry. This would provide a sort of "end run" around

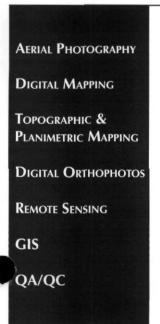
the provisions of last year's Proposition 35 which allowed the state to contract out. If you would like more complete information on the bill, log on to www.leginfo.ca.gov and follow the links to SB1213.

This is just the latest in the continuing saga of PECG vs. private industry; no contracting out vs. contracting out. Among our colleagues that work for Cal-Trans that do support contracting out, there is an awareness that the process is in need of modifications to make it more cost effective. Among the Cal-Trans employees that do not support contracting out, there

seems to be the growing realization that the State simply can not, and should not hire enough staff to handle all the work, all the time. Given the number of positions that have gone begging for qualified applicants, public and private, it is a situation that is unlikely to

change in the near future. To quote my favorite aunt, "isn't that just a wrinkle".

Members of CLSA come from both sides of the proverbial fence, public and private, all of who are equally valuable members of our surveying profession. With the stated goal of CLSA: to represent all of the Land Surveyors of California, in mind, I will make three comments. First, I'll quote one of our Cal-Trans colleagues, "keeping the membership" and membership services "at current levels during the next economic downswing, can not be accomplished without teambuilding, from sincere hearts." Second, both sides of the issue need to realize there is a valid and important role for both public and private work force in delivering timely cost effective public works projects in California. Constantly batting the pendulum to the far extreme doesn't allow enough time to get anything done other than swinging the bat. And third, if you don't like whatever this year's pendulum swing turns out to be, have no fear, there is always the next legislative session.



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Obituaries

Ira Alexander, PLS 2674

Ira Alexander passed away in late January from medical complications connected with bladder cancer. He was a sprite 80 years "young". Ira was a licensed land surveyor and registered civil engineer in California for over 46 years. During a good part of that time, he was a Fellow of both the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping and the American Society of Civil Engineers. For many years Ira was the Assistant Chief Deputy County Engineer for the County of Los Angeles. He started his career with them in the early 1940's and retired in the 1990's. Mr. Alexander was responsible for administering the Architectural, Survey and Mapping Divisions at Los Angeles County. Ira Alexander indeed was "Mr. Geodesy" in California for many years.

In 1966, the County Engineers Association, in conjunction with the California Council of Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, appointed him to aid in a joint survey of educational and professional opportunities for surveyors in California. The results of his efforts were published in the ACSM Journal of Surveying and Mapping in the late 1960's.

Mr. Alexander's activities with the ACSM have included working on the national level as chairman of the Control Surveys Division in 1971-72. In 1972 Ira was elected to the Board of Directors of ACSM for a three-year term and in 1975 he was appointed to the Executive Committee. Among the professional committees he has chaired have been those on Geodetic Surveying and on preparation of a Manual on Control Surveys.

In addition to his professional association activities, Ira has served on several educational advisory committees, helping to create courses of study in land surveying at the California State University Los Angeles and at Citrus College in Orange County. Besides teaching many in-house training courses on boundary control and analysis for the County of Los Angeles, Ira also taught many courses in surveying and geodesy at UCLA from 1957 to 1971.

In addition, Ira Alexander taught many workshops for various land surveying and civil engineering associations, throughout California and the nearby western states. His specialty was teaching the proper use of the California State Plane Coordinate Systems, using both the previous CCS27 system, based on the North American Datum of 1927, as well as the current CCS83 system, based on the North American Datum of 1983. Ira's workshops were always humorous and interesting because of the wealth of stories he would tell, which usually, but maybe not always, were directly connected with the subject matter. His way of teaching, i.e., via humorous story telling, is certainly becoming a lost art and it will be sorely missed.

In regards to these latter activities, Ira, along with his son Robert, produced a very useful book of tables, for interpolating parameters needed in the solution of mathematical equations in order to

directly transform geodetic coordinates (latitude and longitude) to state plane coordinates (northings and eastings), as well as the solution of the inverse problem, i.e., to convert from plane coordinates to geodetic coordinates. In addition, Mr. Alexander's familiar "blue pamphlet" was very useful in the calculation of the grid scale factor, needed for correctly reducing the horizontal ground distance to a grid distance and back, as well as for calculating the necessary azimuth corrections.

More recently, along these same lines, Ira taught a workshop course for the CLSA during the mid-nineties in Ontario, CA, when he was still promoting the use of his now relatively famous tables. Although most surveyors by this time were using either "canned programs", or even through the more rigorous "polynomial coefficient" methods, Ira always stressed that use of his tables provided an ideal opportunity for the land surveyor to better understand the geodetic concepts of map and coordinate projections and the intricate procedures involved.

Mr. Alexander kept his hand in the various activities of both the CLSA and the ACSM for many years after his professional tenure with the County ended. His face would always be a familiar one at the annual meetings of various land surveying and mapping organizations. Here again is where his words of wit and story telling are certainly going to be missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing this fine gentleman.

Ira had specifically requested, through a very close friend of his, to forgo any kind of special memorial service(s) for him. However, his memory will not fade in our minds for the many of us who knew him. It is quite conceivable, given his keen interest and outstanding efforts in the educational arena, that some kind of scholarship in his name will be proposed and brought to fruition in the near future.

Ira leaves, amongst others in his family, his dearly beloved wife and his son Robert J. Alexander. Donations to a proposed Ira Alexander Scholarship Fund will be appreciated, but until the details are worked out, we ask that they be deferred for the time being. God bless you Ira, knowing for sure that you're helping out on that big geodetic network in the sky.

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John "Norm" Andregg, PLS 2515

Sunday, April 7th marked the celebration of the long, colorful and adventurous life of an icon in California's Land Surveying industry. John Norman Andregg, or "Norm" as he was known to most since childhood, was born in Auburn, California on December 21, 1912 to parents Sarah Jane Nielson and John Henry Andregg. He passed away March 25th at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital in Auburn.

He was a product of the old Auburn Elementary School and Placer High School in Auburn, and the University of California at Berkley, where he earned a degree in Mining Engineering.

When he left UC-Berkeley, the nation was in the throes of the Great Depression and he lit out for Alaska and its promises for gold mining riches. He joked later in life that he had recovered more gold from his pant cuffs after working in the Sierra foothills than he ever recovered in Alaska. When the Alaska riches didn't materialize, he

ined the U.S. Navy in 1936 and earned his aviator's wings. He flew amphibious PBY's in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II and was the pilot of one such reconnaissance aircraft during the crucial Battle of Midway Island in June of 1942. He later retired from the Navy as a commander.

In 1948, he bought the surveying operation of a previous County Surveyor, Jerome Barieau. He changed the name to Andregg Inc., which is in business to this day; although he retired and sold it some 16 years ago. Norm Andregg and his protégé associates comprised the top land surveying firm in the Sierra foothills for many years. They also did considerable work in the high Sierra including most of the land surveying work on the California side of Lake Tahoe. Andregg Inc. continues to be a leader in the Land Surveying and Geomatics industry.

Norm, who was twice widowed, is survived by his daughter Sharon Clark of Homer Alaska; grandchildren Angela O'Blenis of Bakersfield and John Farros of South Lake Tahoe; great grandchildren Kaitlyn Elizabeth O'Blenis; a stepson, Courtney Lewis of Sun Valley, Nevada; and his long time companion, Carmen Wilson.

His daughter Mrs. Clark, with a wink and a grin said of his wake, "one of dad's last wishes was to have all his friends and enemies have some drinks on him." It is unlikely that Norm had many enemies. He certainly did have copious friends, many of whom he served as mentor while they learned the land surveying profession. His passing is a great loss to all of us. Rest in peace dear friend.

Steven "Dave" Macy, PLS 7033

Dave Macy, a land surveyor at ProjectDesign Consultants (PDC) in San Diego, was an inspiration to everyone around him. For the past 10 years, Dave selflessly acted as a surrogate father for two impoverished children in Mexico, Brenda and Danny. After meeting the children begging on the streets, Dave immediately began providing financial and emotional support to them from that day on. The children now live in an apartment with full utilities, appliances and even a computer. Dave traveled to Mexico almost every weekend to take the children to movies and help them with homework.

Mr. Macy was born in Wayne, Michigan on August 10, 1946. Mr. Macy died February 16, 2002 in an automobile accident in Mexico. A memorial service was held to celebrate Dave's life on March 1st at Eternal Hills Mortuary in Oceanside, California. A dedicated land surveyor for the past thirty-five years, Dave moved from Oregon to San Diego in the late 1980's to pursue a career at SDG&E before moving on to ProjectDesign Consultants in 1997. Dave was responsible for overseeing SDG&E contract surveying and right-of-way work while at PDC.

While Dave will be remembered for his accomplished career in land surveying, he will possibly be more remembered as a selfless, thoughtful, soft-spoken gentleman who treasured his surrogate children, airplanes, pipe smoking and lemon pie.





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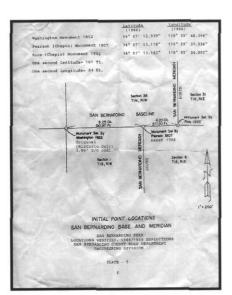
Three Monuments, One Initial Point

n November 7th, 1852, Colonel Henry Washington, Deputy Surveyor under contract with the United States Surveyor General of California, completed a four day hike with 12 men to a point he designated and monumented to be the Initial Point for all future cadastral surveys in southern California. This November will mark the Sesquicentennial Anniversary (150 years) of the establishment of the Washington Monument Initial Point.

Washington describes the journey to his Initial Point that day in his letter dated December, 1852 to Samuel D. King, then the Surveyor General of California,

"The men being much fatigued did not perform much service until the next day. The travel over mountain spurs being very laborious."

The work was so difficult that Washington's letter contains a wordy paragraph partially reprinted below hoping to persuade the government to feel sorry for him because he underbid the job. This was probably the first surveyor in California that made this mistake, but we all know it would not be the last.



Three monument diagram

"The amount of my account for expenses incurred in erecting the monument being close to \$511.00 was forwarded to you on the 5th instruction, but although this account closes the transaction with the Government, it nevertheless proper to state that it does not cover all of my necessary expenses...
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Mike Duffy - Initial Point

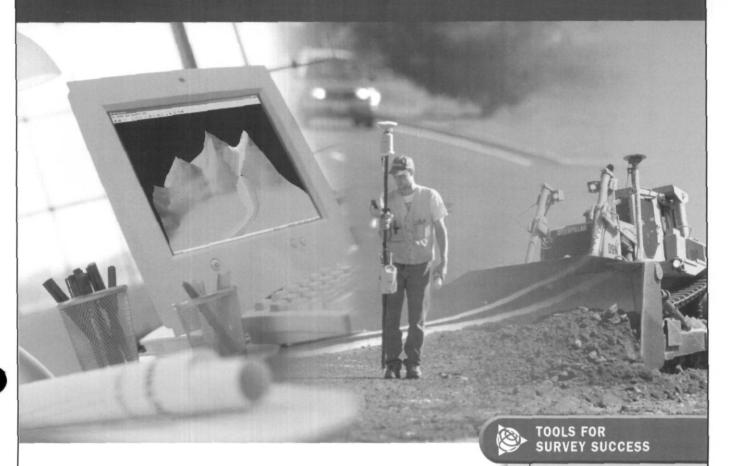
count for the above reasons, would not be allowed, or, if allowed, greatly delayed to the prejudice of the public service."

Little did Colonel Washington know that his monument would soon become the point of beginning of every piece of private and public property owned by the now 25 million inhabitants of southern California. Nettled at an elevation of 10,300 feet just west of what is now know as Mount San Bernardino, this Initial Point is both the highest and hardest to reach in the entire country. According to surveyor C. Albert White, in his book entitled, "Initial Points of the Rectangular Survey System", it is also the only one that has not been altered over time by man. And, to add to its mystique, this point has one other unusual characteristic feature that makes it that much more unique — *it is not alone*.

The work was not only difficult, it also had its dangers as indicated by Washington's records of this time period. They are full of interesting insights and comments on the dangers of surveying in the 1850's in southern California. A couple portions of his notes read,

"From the last corner a deserted adobe house bears S 2° 15' East. A man named Moore is said to have been one of the original occupants, but driven off by the Indians."

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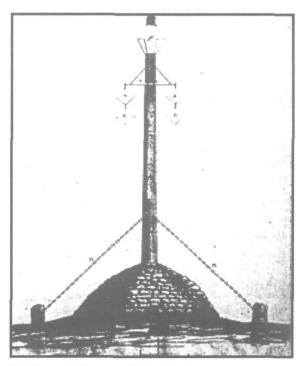
"From the last corner it is S 41° E, about 2¼ miles (can see the smoke but the camps are hidden from the view by a range of hills, near the village) to an Indian Village."

Washington did not travel blindly into this survey assignment. King had sent Leander Ransom, the surveyor who had established the first Initial Point in California at Mt. Diablo the year before, ahead of Washington by a few months. His job was to recon and select an appropriate location for the monument on a high point that would allow the southerly meridian to intersect the Mexico border before striking the Pacific Ocean. His description of the native Indians was a bit more docile than Washington's,

"On our trip we saw several groups of Indians, some on horseback, and some on foot, some with bows and arrows, and some with nothing but a jug of whiskey."

By definition an Initial Point is singular, finite, unique, one of a kind. An Initial Point normally establishes the base and meridian lines as defined by the United States Rectangular System for the orderly subdivision of land for a defined





Washington's diagram of his initial point

region. It officially marks the intersection of two lines extending out to the north, south, east and west as far as is necessary to reach the boundary of the next base and meridian. By a series of strange circumstances, covering a period of over 55 years after Washington's first survey, the San Bernardino Base and Meridian has the dubious honor of three possible initial points.

Washington describes his monument he constructed in great detail clearly planning on observing it from the valley below at a later date. "The monument formed of 2 pieces of timber spliced and braced by 3 iron bands, 25 feet 9 inches long extending from the surface of the earth 23 feet 9 inches long hewed from the surface 8 x 10 inches on 4 sides to the distance of 13 feet and remainder tapering off to top 4 inches in diameter." An eight foot portion of the original post and the entire rock mound remains in good condition today. Washington continues by describing the condition of the sighting tins supplied to him by the Surveyor General's Office, "Before leaving the grounds the tins attached to the cross bars have fallen down, with the exception of one and there being no swivels at hand it was found impossible to fasten them in such a way as to stand the heavy blows. I therefore had them securely fastened to the monument." I add this detail of the tins because several of them have been recovered at the site between 1988 and 2001 (See Washington Sketch

of Monument). Washington llso made 10 observations that day to distant objects from the Initial Point that day which included two large structures,

"9 – S 75° 35'W - To old Mission Bldg., approximate distance 20 miles" "10 – S 87° 05'W - To Mormon Fort, approximate distance 23 ½ miles"



The story behind the three monuments begins with the final sentence in Washington's letter to Mr. King. Washington closes his letter to the Surveyor General by stating,

"The San Bernardino Mountain about the monument was considered too rugged to attempt the survey of the Base and Meridian Lines from that point. Satisfied that the line could not have been measured with the requisite degree of accuracy."

The saga picks up again eight days later in Washington's government notes dated November 17th, 1852 with Washington beginning a traverse from his 'Point of Beginning', in what is now the City of Yucaipa. He records in his notes a bearing of South 45°West for his Point of Beginning from the Initial Point but gives no distance call (see the George Johnson Plat). He goes on to state that the Initial Point is plainly visible from the valley on that day.



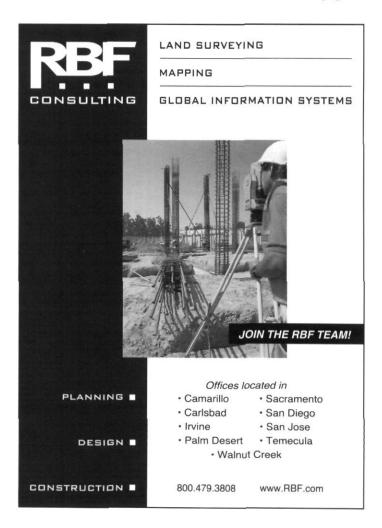
His random traverse then proceeds on courses called out as due North, South, East and West bearings for a distance of over 12 linear miles until he makes the statement.

"set a stake from which the monument on the top of San Bernardino Mountain established on the 8th of November, 1852 bears due East, and the true distance, as ascertained by the foregoing lines shows it to be 13 miles, 9 chains, 80 links".

Washington then goes on to traverse due East along the San Bernardino Baseline '1 mile, 9 chains, 80 links' to the Township corner for Ranges 2 and 3 West. From this point Washington begins his township surveys of that area that evidentially returns him to the 'yet to be established' Meridian Line 12 miles south of his Initial Point.

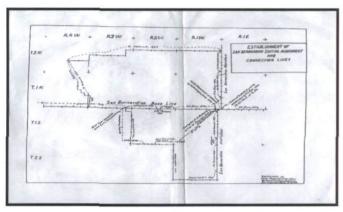
In a report dated 1967 entitled "Washington Monument Resurvey Expedition" written by Mr. Bill D. Laurie for the San Bernardino County Museum, Mr. Laurie concludes that, "To date, no record has been found which would indicate Washington's methods or procedures for surveying away from his initial point." This missing piece of the puzzle or, as the radio announcer Paul Harvey might say, 'the rest of the story' regarding Washington's establishment of the San

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Bernardino Base and Meridian has still never been completely solved, though Mr. White has the most developed explanation in print.

So I am challenged in this brief article to propose what I believe to be Colonel Washington's methodology for establishing the San Bernardino Base and Meridian without ever measuring from the Initial Point itself. I will also pose a challenge to the reasoning (as does Mr. White) behind the United States Government Land Office in accepting the



George Johnson Plat

rejection of Washington's corner twice, in the span of 55 years, after it was established. This despite the fact that the Washington Monument was never reported destroyed and was found by all subsequent surveyors in the area.

George Johnson, a Cadastral Engineer for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) produced a map in 1969 that summarizes the remaining government necessary to complete the townships in the vicinity of Washington's Initial Point. The BLM can find no text to accompany this diagram to date, but it is very similar to Mr. White's summary in his chapter on the San Bernardino Initial Point.

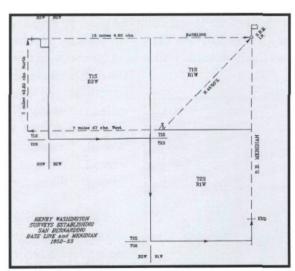
Johnson's map shows Henry Hancock, Deputy Surveyor running a series of township boundaries and traverses between the years of 1853 to 1857 that would return him to the Meridian Line 10 miles north of the Initial Point. Hancock's surveys covered over 34 linear miles. However, it would not be until 1894 that John C. Rice would finally complete the Meridian Line to the Initial Point from the north. And this is when the fun truly begins. Rice's notes describe him meeting the Baseline and finding Washington's monument 13.45 chains (887 feet) to the West. It is then that Rice decides to set a new Initial Point, which he does, in much the same fashion as Washington did 42 years before

him using a huge mound of stones and a large hewed post with scribing. He then runs the Baseline the final six mile to the West calling Washington's monument off line southerly by 4 feet as he goes by it.

In similar fashion, George W. Pearson completes the Meridian Line from the south in 1907 and again finds both Washington and Rice's monuments intact. He decides to set a third point as a closing corner from the south, the monument being a large stone with chiseled markings, to Rice's Baseline and the last of the three Initial Points is born. Pearson's monument falls 610 feet east of Washington's monument and 277 feet west of Rice's monument (see Initial Point Diagram).

The combined distances of the surveys needed to bring the north and south Meridian lines back to the Initial Point area is over 94 miles including Washington's initial traverse out of Yucaipa to his new Baseline. Questions abound as to where the errors were made to have the misclosures of nearly 900 feet in the northern townships and over 600 feet in the southern townships. Also critical to the analysis is discovering how Washington got down off the mountain which is what I hope to describe first.

Washington knew all along that he would never be able the traverse his way off San Bernardino Mountain in time to produce Base and Meridian Lines needed to begin township surveys of the southern part of this promising new state, now



C. Albert White Diagram

only two years old. The idea for a tall post with reflector had already been conceived in the Surveyor General's Office in San Francisco where the tin reflectors were manufactured.

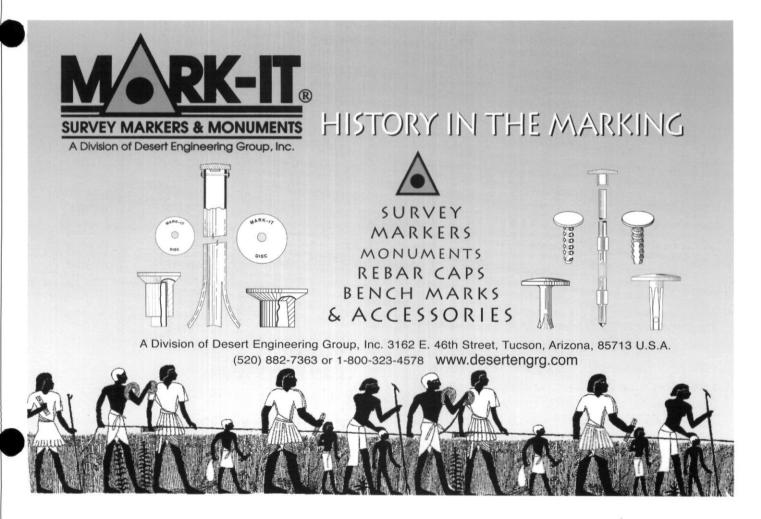


Washington's plan, obviously that included Ransom and King, was to set a tall enough post in an area that could be seen from at least two places from the valley below, one of which would be on the Baseline. We know from his notes he changed his plans to set the Initial Point on the very top of San Bernardino Mountain because he writes to

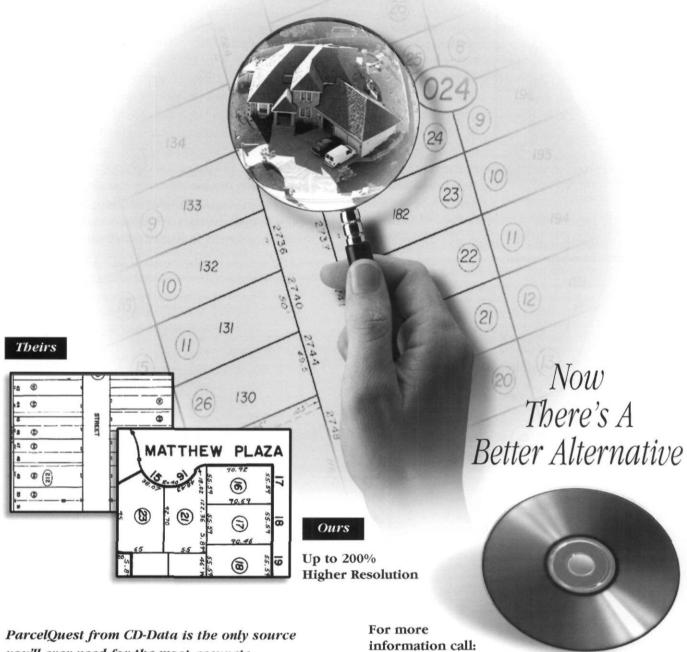
the Surveyor General of the numerous trees on that peak. So he moves the point to a bald ridge area about ½ mile west of the top for better visibility.

Washington randomly placed himself on a 45° angle from the Initial Point by use a solar compass to establish astronomic north and then wiggling in on this line. He then traversed in one mile intervals, avoiding any physical obstacles such as the Crafton Hills, until he got close to the Baseline. He would then need to again wiggle along a true north line until he could site the Initial Point again and find it to be due East of his position. Washington would then only have to add up the latitudes and departures of his traverse to establish two sides of the rectangle he constructed. With the two angles he had measured to the Initial Point, Washington would have created a simple trapezoid figure made up of rectangle and right triangle. Knowing the relationship of the sides of a right isosceles triangle (1,1,Ö2) he could have obtained his distance west of the Initial Point by adding the sum of one long side of a rectangle and one side of his right triangle (see Mr. White's diagram). No higher mathematics were necessary. Washington hints at a simple mathematical solution when he

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states in his notes, "the monument on the top of San Bernardino Mountain established on the 8th of November, 1852 bears due East, and the true distance, as ascertained by the foregoing lines shows it to be 13 miles, 9 chains, 80 links."

How accurate could Washington position his Initial Point with this methodology? Quite accurate if he could see the monument clearly and he had no major errors in his 12 mile traverse. A two minute error in either angle he turned to his Initial Point would have resulted in only a 40 foot error at most. A good sign that Washington did not make an error greater than this comes from his own notes of his establishment of the south line of Township 2 South, Range 1 West in late November, 1852. When he measured to what should have been the Meridian Line he states,

"Set temporary post - unable to see San Bernardino mountain there being a very high range of mountains about 5 miles to the North. Went southward to a high hill and then found the meridian from the monument to run 60 links (40 feet) East of the temporary post."

It is more likely that one could find an error in Hancock's open-ended traverse that covered 34 miles, including an elevation change of nearly 3000 feet through Waterman

Canyon. This appears to be the case when one studies his notes of 1857 carefully. As Hancock approaches the Meridian Line ten miles north of the Initial Point his last section is 90 chains long. But how did he "ascertain" this? Could he see the Initial Point five years after it was constructed? His notes do not say. Upon further research and profile analysis of the ground between Fawnskin, where Hancock established the meridian to the north and the Initial Point, it does appear that Hancock did sight Washington's monument to position himself longitudinally.

My final questions concern John C. Rice. Why did Rice establish his own point in 1892? Why did he call Washington's monument an "old temporary monument established by Deputy Washington in 1852"? Why is Rice's last half mile 43.53 chains if he planned to establish his own local Initial Point and Baseline? White's conclusion that Rice's monument should be treated as a closing corner seems difficult to accept because Rice had no line to close against, being nearly 900 feet east of Washington's Initial Point.

I agree with Mr. White's conclusion that "there is only ONE Initial Point and that is the monument constructed by Henry Washington in 1852." But I believe this should be

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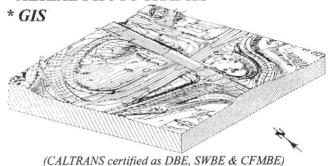
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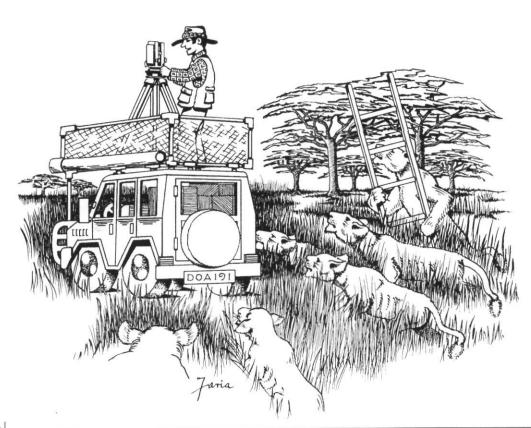


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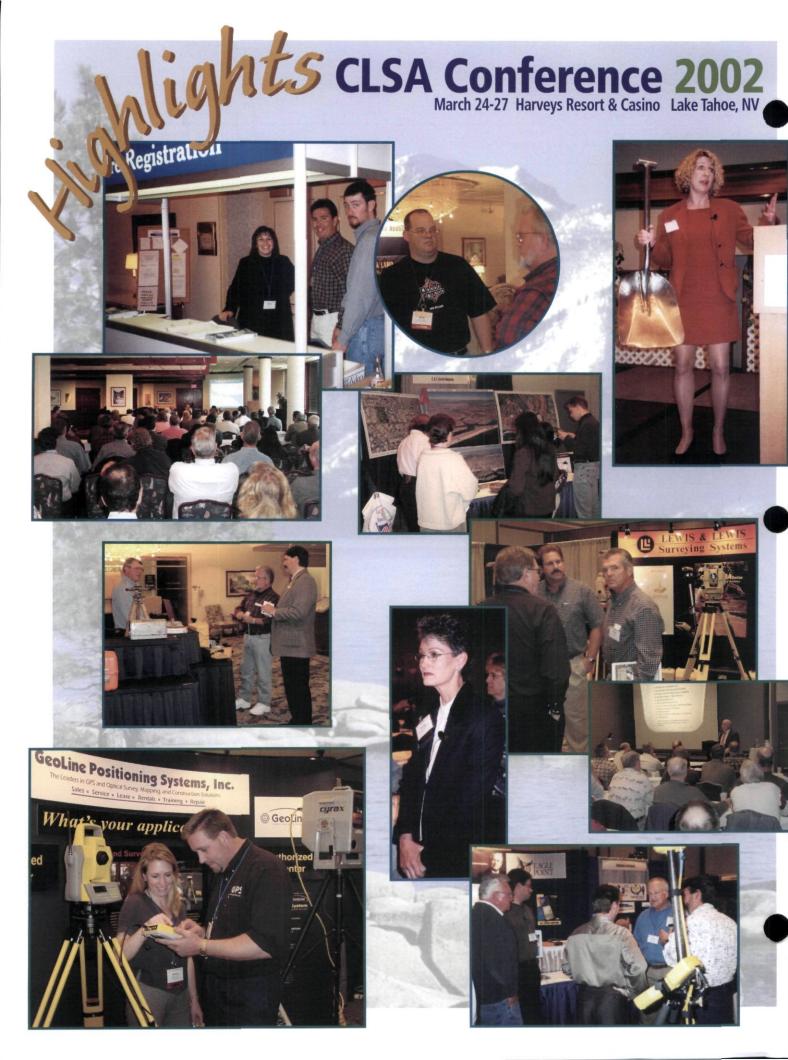
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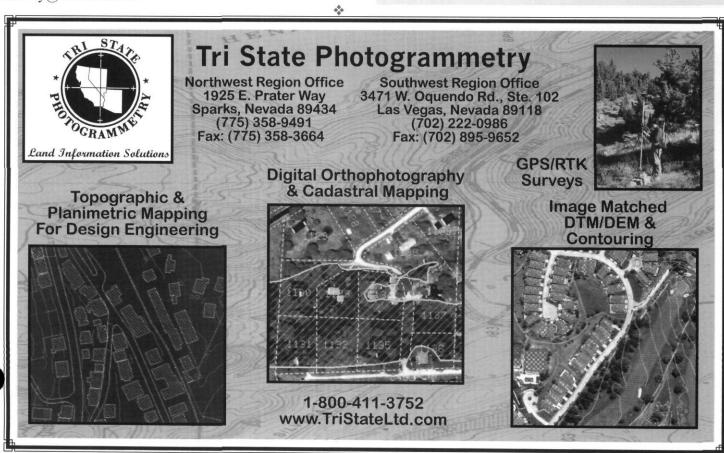
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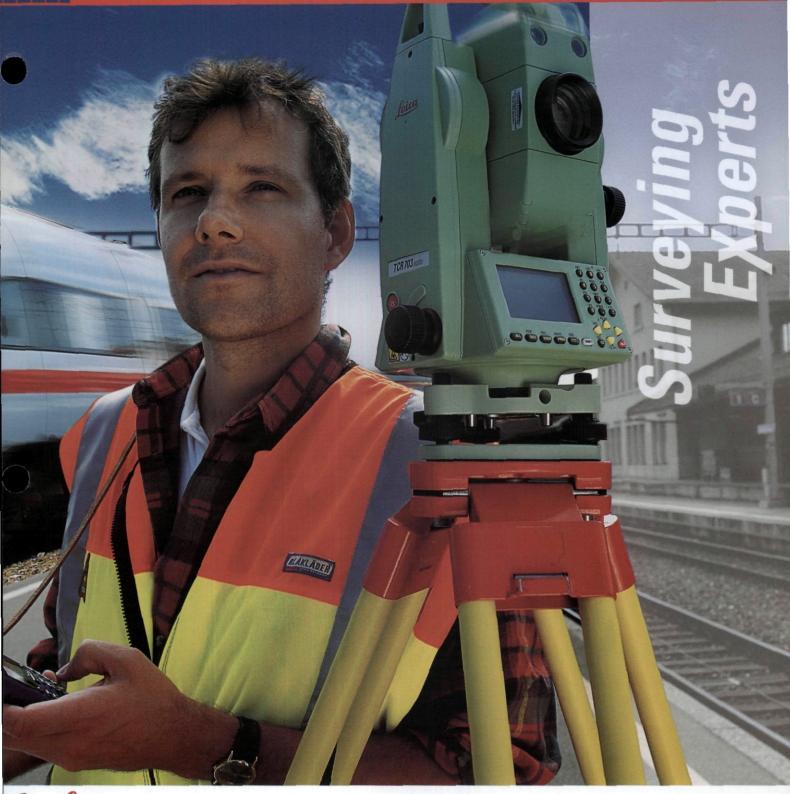
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