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President's Message



It's already November and this year is flying by. Guess that tends to happen when one is busy but I, for one, am certainly waiting on some "fall" weather to appear and cool us off. Perfect weather days in Florida, to me, are clear skies, low humidity and 70° temps. Hoping they come soon!!

Last week I was privileged to attend the Quarterly meeting of the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers held in St. Augustine, Florida. Participating in her last meeting on the board was Ms. Deborah J. Hill,

PSM, who has served for the past eight (8) years. Debbie has done a great job throughout her tenure having served as Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of various committees and was the Rules Committee Chair during the re-write of 5J-17 after Chapter 472 was revised to Standards of Practice. We all wish Debbie well in any new endeavors she may choose to undertake.

larelis Hall, PSM, was announced as the newest appointed board member coming on in 2020. We want to congratulate Ms. Hall on this appointment to the Board and know she will do a great job for the profession in this capacity.

Executive Director, Jenna Harper, also announced she is leaving the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in a couple weeks and moving to the Department of Revenue. Jenna has been an outstanding Executive Director for the Board and she will be greatly missed by the Board, the FSMS Board and licensees all over the state. Until she is replaced, inquiries can still be made to Regenia Lee. I know Regenia will do everything she can to see questions answered as quickly as possible during this time of transition.

The schedule for next year's board meetings was determined. The open to the public meetings will be February 4-5, May 5-6, July 30-31 and November 5-6. 2020. Locations include Melbourne area, St. Petersburg/Clearwater, Panama City/Destin and St. Augustine. All of these are subject to change so if interested in attending, please verify with the Department Office or look to the website for updates.

As 2020 approaches, Don Elder, our incoming FSMS President will be planning the FSMS Board Meeting schedule and looking to staff our committees. Much of the accomplishments of FSMS are due to the commitment and dedication of our volunteers who act as Chairs and serve on the various committees. Committee members do not have to be a board member or someone in a leadership role at the local level. ANYONE can serve on a committee; I would encourage you to look at volunteering to serve your profession in this capacity. We have many interesting committees which include Education/Scholarship, Professional Practice, Membership, Legislative and Legal just to name a few. Please contact Don Elder if you would like to participate on any of these. All committees are also listed in The Florida Surveyor.

I wish everyone a joyous Thanksgiving holiday. Please remember to be thankful to God for our daily blessings; be thankful to family, friends, and colleagues for we are all nothing without these things. Please also take the time to remember and thank our veterans, men and women in the military serving our country, and the men and women in our police and fire departments who serve our communities every day. Remember our teachers who work tirelessly to educate and mentor our children. Support them. They can be a great influence on the life of your child.

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Richard Allen, PSM, CFM

November 2019

An issue we are currently seeing with frequency in my organization is that many surveyors fail to review their surveyor's notes and signatures blocks before sending them out for projects or other items. I understand we all send preliminary drawings to clients and they often use them to get projects going, but that should still not be an excuse to have a note referencing 61G-17. Yes, we use old project files, but this should be the first place we look before sending out anything that has a survey date of 2019. One would understand an update from many years ago possibly having this issue, but what I am seeing are surveys completed within the last year.

Another area of issue is control from another region or county. We recently had a survey submitted for downtown Orlando with a vertical benchmark from Hillsborough County. Sixty feet of vertical difference, what a long bench run! We are called professionals, and must push ourselves to be as much. We all make mistakes, I sent a survey out without a dang north arrow, boy was I embarrassed! Thank god our Real Estate Office caught it! Projects coming in for development that I am seeing, are a mixed bag of goods. You have companies that routinely are submitting quality work and you have those who do not. It seems like for a number of items coming through, both surveying and engineering, are looking for the QA/QC process to be conducted by the reviewing body. Our entities are now establishing or continuing digital review services that support this effort. I cannot just fail anything because the applicant doesn't know what to fix. So I have to itemize every issue that is wrong with their survey, don't let me miss anything or it is an issue to bring it up at a later date!

I always hear that their company is a small outfit and these items are difficult to review. I run a small outfit myself, there are two people reviewing plats, one fully and then I help during the process. There are two people reviewing as-built surveys, one fully and then I help during the process. I have two drafters, one which goes out in the field and performs checks and verifications, the other is a full-time drafter. We do all of this while also performing our own surveys, providing guidance for City business as it involves surveying matters. We have to find time for our own QA/QC process. I know a majority of surveyors are trying really hard to produce a good product while trying to remain profitable, and that is not easy to do and continue to compete with companies that are doing tons of surveys across the state at what seems to be a reduced rate. I have been on the private side and remember running from one mortgage survey to the next and hearing the owner of the company say, what took so long? Well, I had to run out the block, found proration in the plat and needed to run it out to verify. I found newer boundary corners that apparently did not take into account the proration, and disagreed with the axle block corners. We lost money on that survey, but would you want to hang your hat on an excess or



deficiency in a block, without being aware of it? Florida Administrative Code states for a boundary, we better be aware, and that takes running out a block.

There is so much that is required of a survey and qualifications of that data upon which we are preparing. Yes the actual survey work is important, but so is the supporting information.

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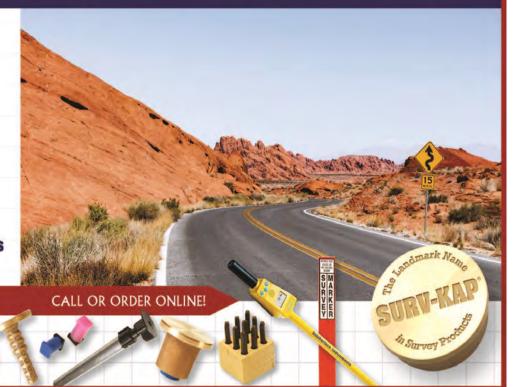
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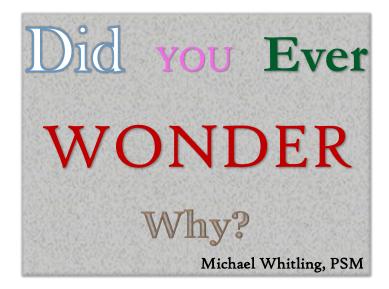
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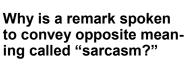




Why is that hairy thing above the lip called a "moustache?"

The English word "moustache" comes from the French word

of the same spelling, "moustache", and popped up in English around the 16th century. The French word in turn comes from the Italian word "mostaccio", from the Medieval Latin "mustacium" and in turn the Medieval Greek "moustakion". We now finally get to the earliest known origin which was from the Hellenistic Greek "mustax", meaning "upper lip", which may or may not have come from the Hellenistic Greek "mullon", meaning "lip". It is theorized that this in turn came from the Proto-Indo-European root "*mendh-", meaning "to chew" (which is also where we get the word "mandible").



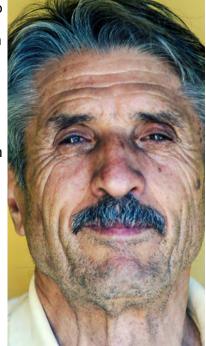


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We've heard of "biting sarcasm" and when you're hit with a rather vicious remark, it can certainly feel like it draws blood. That's why it seems fitting that the origin of the word "sarcasm" is rather ferocious. According to Merriam-Webster, "sarcasm" can be traced back to the Greek verb sarkazein, which initially meant "to tear flesh like a dog." That just might hurt! "Sarcasm" began its prominence with the Vikings. When they weren't raping and pillaging, the Vikings were trading with the British and during these exchanges, they influenced the British with the words and expressions they used, particularly "sarcasm." Old Norse sagas offer abundant examples of "sarcasm", often in the face of adversity. A favorite comes in Grettir's Saga: the

hero's brother, Atli, is stabbed fatally through the stomach, whereupon his dying words are (more or less) 'I see that broad spears are in fashion this year'.

Why are there only five senses?

It is common knowledge that humans have five senses — sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. Unfortunately, this commonly known 'fact' is completely incorrect. A broadly acceptable definition of a sense would be "A system that consists of a group of sensory cell types that responds to a specific physical phenomenon, and that corresponds to a particular group of regions within the brain where the signals are received and interpreted." So, in addition to the five 'traditional' senses there also exists a multitude of others that allow humans to detect stimuli. There is no agreed upon number but neurologists and the scientific community agree there are as little as 9 to as many as 21. Some of the additional senses you are already familiar with, you just probably never associated them with your senses. These include things like pressure, temperature, pain, hunger, and even time. A few less obvious examples include the ability to keep balance and sense movement (equilibrioception), and the awareness of knowing where your body parts are located in space (proprioception).

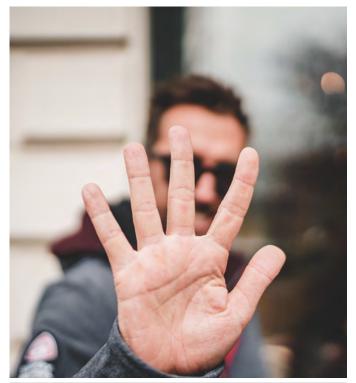


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Quick Facts:

- ⇒Crude or careless handwriting is referred to as griffonage.
- ⇒Astronauts aboard the International Space Station witness way more sunrises and sunsets than those of us on Earth: 16 of each per day. That's because the station travels at about 17,500 miles per hour, completing a full orbit of Earth every 90 minutes.
- ⇒Mutton chops, besides being a slab of rib meat cut somewhat perpendicular to the spine, also refers to a style of sideburn where the facial hair tends to grow larger as it extends down towards the chin, with the chin then being shaved. The first known instance of this style of sideburn being named such was around the mid-1860s and is presumed to have been called this due to the shape somewhat resembling the mutton chop cut of meat. The meat itself was first called such in the early 18th century.
- ⇒The world's smallest spider is the Patu marplesi. It is so small that 10 of them could fit on the end of a pencil. The world's biggest spider is the goliath spider (Theraphosa blondi). It can grow up to 11 inches wide, and its fangs are up to one inch long. It hunts frogs, lizards, mice, and even small snakes and young birds.
- ⇒It's impossible to burp in space! When you burp on Earth, gravity keeps down the solids and liquid from the food you just ate, so only the gas escapes from your mouth. In the absence of gravity, the gas cannot separate from the liquids and solids, so burping essentially turns into puking.
- ⇒The agrafe is the "metal clip used to secure the cork in a bottle of champagne or sparkling wine during secondary fermentation." Basically, the agrafe's purpose is to prevent the cork from emerging under the pressure created by carbonation.
- ⇒Though zarfs, a holder to protect you from hot cups of liquid, have been around for centuries, the newer, more practical cardboard version was patented in 1991 by Jay Sorensen. After burning his fingers on a cup of coffee, causing him to spill it all over his lap, Sorensen decided to come up with a safeguard, according to Smithsonian Magazine. So, coffee lovers have Sorensen to thank for keeping our hands burn-free with zarfs.
- ⇒If you sign letters (or texts) to those you love with a 'xo,' then you're keeping up a sweet tradition that goes back hundreds of years. According to research done by the word experts over at Oxford Dictionaries, an 'x' was first used to represent a kiss back in 1763 in a letter written by naturalist Gilbert White.

- ⇒If you've ever wondered what the white, crescentshaped mark on your fingernail was, wonder no longer! According to Merriam-Webster, this part of the nail is called the lunule.
- ⇒Those pesky, long strings on bananas are called phloem bundles. (You might recognize "phloem" from high school biology: It describes the complex tissues that transport food and water to plants, ensuring that they remain well-fed.)
- ⇒The odds of picking the correct numbers in the Mega Millions are one in 302.6 million. For comparison, your odds of winning an Olympic gold medal are just 1 in 662,000, according to Forbes.

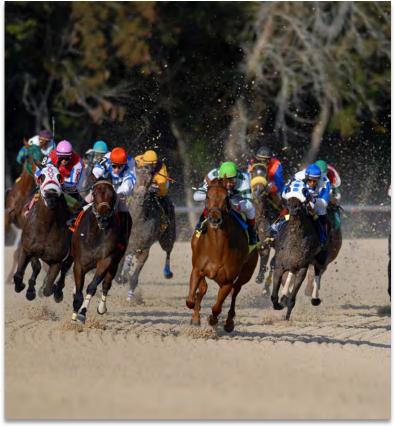


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⇒Poor Frank Hayes wasn't even really a jockey—he was a stable hand who sometimes filled in during races. On June 3, 1923, he won his first—and last—horse race. At some point while riding the 20-to-1 longshot Sweet Kiss, Hayes suffered a heart attack and died. However, the horse finished first and Hayes' body was still mounted on the saddle, so Sweet Kiss was declared the winner. Hayes, who was only 22, had been required to drop 10 pounds of water weight in the previous 24 hours, so it's possible that dehydration and weakness proved to be a lethal combination.

Around the State



Mike Whitling's granddaughter, Ellery as a rainbow and her friend as a butterfly



Mike Whitling with his granddaughter, Ellery



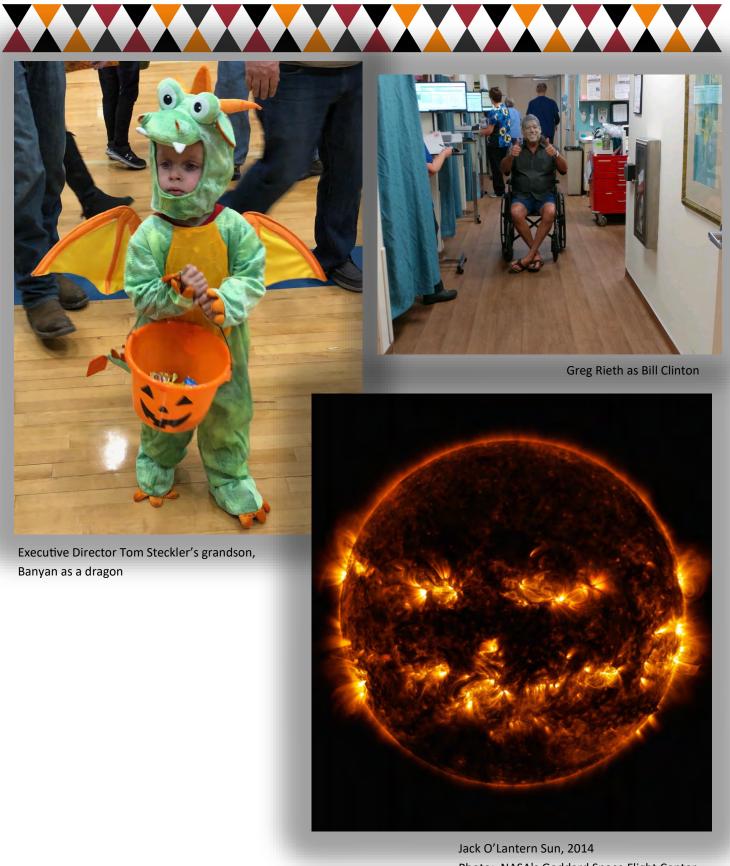


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A Florida Surveyor Takes a New Look at an Old World

By Beth and Al Liggett

On the Cover — The Pythagoras Monument Bronze: Height, 30 ft.

Pythagoras, the ancient Greek mathematician, geometrician, musician, philosopher, and mystic was born in 580 B.C. on the Greek island of Samos, in the harbor town known today as Pythagoreon.

This monument expresses the genius of Pythagoras by way of a triangle as the symbol of his world-known theorem.

The strong north winds called meltemi had been blowing hard for the past few days. With a reef in the mainsail, Beth and I, aboard our 42' sailboat Sunflower, set out early one morning for the Greek Island of Samos which lay a few miles to the north.

Entering the small harbor at Pythagoreon we moored with our bow to the key between two other boats. After tidying up the sailing gear and ourselves, off we went for an evening stroll. We wanted a closer look at a sculpture that had caught our eye when entering the harbor. The bronze monument had been erected to honor Pythagoras, who had been born on the island in the 6th century BC.

A ferry boat docking caught our attention. We watched as a stream of holiday makers flooded ashore.

"Hey man, what's the name of this place?" a tall bearded backpacker asked.

"Pythagoreon," I said, "home of Pythagoras."

'How's the food in his res-

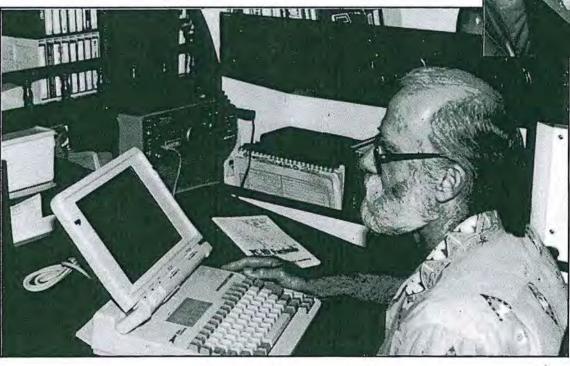
taurant?"

"He was a philosopher, geometrician, mathematician, not a restaurant owner; he developed the formula A²+B²=C² to solve right triangles. It's called the Pythagorean theorem," I informed him.

"Hey, thanks a lot. I'm off to the nudie beach. I'm into love triangles, not right triangles. A bit more in-



The Liggetts use a Zenith Supersport 286 on the Sunflower for correspondence and receiving, storing, and printing weather maps. Weather information is broadcast worldwide by shore based stations and the ham radio signal is sent through a FAX demodulator to the computer.



spiring, don't you think?" He had a good point!

We made our way back to Sunflower, relaxing in the cockpit with a sundowner. As I sat thinking about the backpacker, love triangles, right triangles, and Pythagoras, I realized that this was a very historical place, mathematically speaking. For us surveyors right triangles play one hell of a big role. We use them every day whether working in the field or the

In years past, solving triangle problems was a time consuming, laborious computation, not far removed from the days of Pythagoras. Nowadays, with electronic calculators and computers, it's just a matter of entering known data and waiting milliseconds for the results. Every modern office now has computers to solve survey problems. I would think that field parties on big jobs could use personal computers to facilitate calculations and recall previous computed information.

PC's are the latest toys aboard sailing yachts as well. We even have one aboard Sunflower. With the requirement of continuing education credits for license renewal, I chose to gain my necessary credits by enrolling in a couple of computer courses. This hands-on experience was very enlightening. With that small exposure to computers I decided to

buy a PC.

Alf Cross, who I was working with at Carnahan Engineering, got me started by installing a menu and a few programs. As I had never learned to type, Alf gave me a typing tutor program which has helped me learn where the keys are. But my spelling still confuses the spellcheck program!

Aboard Sunflower our Zenith Supersport 286 is used mostly by Beth as a word processor. This has enabled her to handle our correspondence with ease and efficiency. It has made letter writing so easy

that our postage bill has increased noticeably.

Another use aboard Sunflower is to receive, store, and print weather maps. Weather information is

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broadcast worldwide by shore based stations. Times and frequencies are found in US Government Publication "Worldwide Marine Weather Broadcasts." These broadcasts are received using my ham radio receiver. From there the signal goes through a FAX demodulator (a small magic box, 1/2 the size of a cigarette package) then to the PC where the software is waiting to turn the decoded radio signals into a visual image on the PC screen. The weather map can be stored for later printing or printed after the map is received.

Twelve volts from the boat's batteries provide ample power supply for the ham radio receiver and the PC. Our printer requires 110 V AC. For this we use an invertor-an electronic device that turns 12 V DC into 110 V AC.

In addition to current weather maps, we can receive a 24 or 36 hour prognosis, as well as surface wave condition, cloud cover, wind force and direction. All this weather information turns us into a mini weather station; we can predict what weather is in store for us. Well, after having picnics rained out, ball games called off, and anchors drag due to unexpected weather, I don't hold a great deal of confidence in weather predictions. However, the weather maps do give us an excellent overall view of the general weather conditions.

Of course on those rainy days when one gets a bit bored we can always get out the PC and play one of the games friends have insisted we "must" have! This is not a problem in the summer in the Aegean Sea-it never rains! In fact the weather is so predictable, you sometimes think the same weather map

is used day after day.

With settled weather and the usual north wind predicted, we set sail from Pythagoreon for a nice down wind run to the south coast of Turkey where we will spend the remainder of the summer.

Editor's Note: This article was written by a Florida surveyor and his wife who are sailing around the world. Currently they are visiting Turkey with interesting side trips such as this.

The First American Transit

By: Robert Heggan Jr., PSM, PLS

Some of us that had the pleasure of using a transit in the field years ago never really took into account the instrument's origin. One of the most prolific surveying instrument makers of the 19th century, William J. Young of Philadelphia, was known for his innovations in instrumentation that included the development of many





survey instruments for the railroad and mining industries. He also worked closely with William Austin Burt and manufactured Burt's Solar Compass.

In the early 1830's, Young was developing improvements to his compass. With the railroad industry blossoming, there was a growing need to have more accurate instruments. While the English theodolites offered the accuracy required; they were bulky and cumbersome to operate. By adding a graduated horizontal limb, that could be locked, angles could be read independent of the compass needle by a vernier on the compass plate. Additional improvements included placing the vernier scale beneath the glass on the compass box and darkening the face of the compass to reduce glare. Young applied for a patent for these developments in 1830. The patent was granted in 1832, surrendered for revisions and reissued in 1834. This patent, for what became later known as a railroad compass, became the precursor for the American

The addition of the horizontal limb plate and vernier allowed angles to be read in 3 minute increments. Other improvements to the "Improved Compass" included a transiting telescope to replace the sight vanes and telescope mounted spirit levels to act as a leveling instrument. In a testimonial in the American Railroad Journal from 1833, an engineer from the Germantown & Norristown Railroad stated





"For a year I have used the instruments made by Mr. W. J. Young, of Philadelphia, in which he has combined the properties of a theodolite with the common level. I find these instruments admirably calculated for laying out railroads, and can recommend them to the notice of engineers as preferable to any other for that purpose." Also, during the same year a testimonial from the Superintendent of Construction for the B & O Railroad stated, "This instrument, more recently improved with a reversing telescope, in place of the sight vanes, leaves the engineer scarcely any thing to desire in the formation and convenience of the compass. It is indeed the most completely adapted to lateral angles...and in fact, when known, I think that it will be highly appreciated for common surveying."

The earliest versions of the "Improved Compass with Telescope" are marked "W. J. Young MAKER Philadelphia". This is commonly found instruments made prior to the January 17, 1832 patent. Instruments made after that date bear the word "Patent" in addition. Later improvements included graduated vertical scales and tangent screws to replace the rack and pinion movement for the horizontal limb plate.

It has also been noted that Edmund Draper of Philadelphia had developed the transit around the same time as Young. While Young possessed the patent for the instrument, some publications argued that Draper was the true inventor. Unfortunately, the records of some instrument makers were often vague as to time, type and number of instruments manufactured. So, it seems that history will remember the record keepers and promoters.







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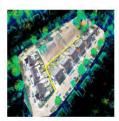
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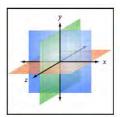
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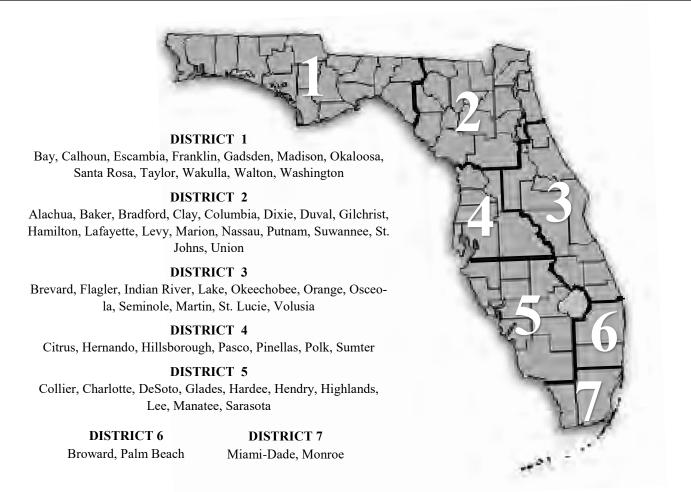
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GEOMATICS <u>VS</u> LAND SURVEYING A DEBATE OVER THE DESCRIPTION OF PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICES

What's in a name? Land Surveyor, Geomatics, Geodetic Surveyor, Hydrographic Surveyor, Cadastral Surveyor, Construction Surveying, Photogrammetry, etc. express a hint of what the act of surveying is engaged in, and what that act intended to accomplish.

Least we forget, there was a time when the term "Engineer" also included Land Surveying (or Surveying in general) and all sorts of design efforts. As Engineering became more diverse and the need for more specific knowledge for each effort, the term was bifurcated and "specialties" of engineering evolved. Thus: Agricultural Engineer, Structural Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Chemical Engineer, Aeronautical Engineer, Nuclear Engineer, Biomedical Engineer, Biomechanical Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Software Engineer, Mining Engineer, Environmental Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer, Transportation Engineer, Utility Engineer, Surveying, etc. Many of those new engineering specialities were a subdivision of what we also used to know as "Civil Engineering". Who knew?

Even now as we view the term "Surveying", we have begun to see the need for speciality survey knowledge in our profession. I believe that this trend will continue. These specialties require special knowledge and training, or experience, that few of us have mastered all. Many Surveyors have some idea about the skills needed to perform Photogrammetry, Hydrographic, Cadastral, Geodetic Surveys, etc., but I venture to say that none of us are "true masters" of all the finer skills needed for each. If you doubt that statement, envision having to defend each stated skill in a court room where you are questioned, in detail, about the actual extent of your knowledge of each.

In my opinion, the term Geomatics is the umbrella term for all of these survey skills. The higher education, now mandated in Florida, is an effort to familiarize the graduate with them, not to master them. I believe that today's Geomatics graduate finds themselves hired by an entity (private or governmental) and continues their education in the finer aspects of one, or just a few, of those specialities. Those graduates that grow into management know enough about each skill to direct its operations, but leave the details to the staff that specializes in each. Senior management levels find that they have lost much of the detail level of skill, as it advances in the sciences and softwares, and more about how to speak to their clients, end users, project management and marketing their

entity's wares. I, for one, find that I spend more time on the phone, or in meetings, then practicing the survey skills I once knew.

My knowledge is unique to my experiences obtained after schooling. I consider my personal speciality developed into the Cadastral element of our profession. My schooling provided the foundation for me to learn the basics of our profession and gave a broad understanding of most of it, however much advancement in the science and tools of surveying has left me in a technical void. I understand that, and feel that my expertise in Cadastral is worthy of my dedication to it. The gizmos and drones seem to be the rage of these young cadets, and thats fine with me. I just wish that I could plug a thumb drive I one ear and copy my knowledge and experience to share with those new graduates! Not that they would pay any attention to it.

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