



**It's Awards Time. That is right, don't miss MC Marchenko put contestants on the spot! What Fun!!**



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## MAY 2015 MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2015

**Where:** Madonna Inn

**Time:** 5:30-6:00 Social Hour      6:00pm Dinner & Meeting

**Menu:** TriTip Buffet with Dessert

**Cost:** \$35/person

**Program:** Trig ☆Star Award winners

Master of Ceremonies · George Marchenko

**RSVP:** *Please as soon as possible* Cristi Fry [cfry@thainc.com](mailto:cfry@thainc.com)

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM



**O**k, I am sitting in my recliner, the 'Old Battle Axe' ( wife) is back from Michigan, so let me look busy and try and cook up a Trig\*Star report. Thank you to all that have donated to

Trig\*Star this year, Mr. Blake, Mr. Rion off the top of my head. The Trig\*Star dinner is at the Madonna Inn this year. I hope to sit at a table with 'the others' (our honored guests) and sound intelligent, and I hope you

choose to do the same.

The school world is changing, I am hearing rumblings of tearing down the chalkboard and white board and replacing them with big screen monitors. Taking out the paper and replacing it with tablets; another tool in the toolbox, full of pitfalls and promise too. Sounds familiar doesn't it?. Until humans figure out how to download knowledge into the brain via a modem we will still need to study. When the day comes I'd like about a 19k modem, no ethernet cable for me, might not be able to find enough disc storage.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Jonathan Walsh

Rolland Van De Valk, for coming to another of our meetings.

We have exciting things happening and we are working hard to make them happen. One of the new things we are trying this year is to have a summer meeting. We have found that there is too much business to try to get done all in September, so we will have a meeting in July this summer. This will be a special meeting, as well as a business meeting. This will be a Monument Preservation Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Ron Nelms PLS. Ron has taken on the Monument

Preservation Dilemma statewide. He has a power point presentation that I watched at the Fresno State Conference. We plan to invite Public Works People from several of the local agencies. Our hope is inviting them to the dinner meeting may help

preserve some monuments that are continuing to be destroyed. A few local cities have passed bond measures that specify paving only. There will be some paving projects coming up, as well as all the ongoing ADA ramps being built everywhere and if we educate some people, maybe, just maybe, we can save some monuments. Stay tuned for more information...

Another thing we are doing is reaching out directly to the cities that have passed bond measures for paving and try to educate them on the value of the monuments to

This month is May already, which means TrigStar for us here at CCC CLSA. We will have the awards meeting this month and it will be at the Madonna Inn for the first time, on May 27, 2015 at 6:00pm. Marie Callender's in Pismo Beach, where we have had the meeting for years, has closed. I know our TrigStar Coordinator, George Marchanko PLS, has been busy with local high schools testing the competitors. It should be a fun night as always. George has a great way to get the kids to relax while he interviews them. Maybe it is because he is usually giving them a check. Thank you and cheers to George for his years of successful TrigStar campaigns!

We had a great meeting last month at the Embassy Suites. Roger Hanlin PLS, CLSA State President Elect, was our speaker and he shared with us some of CLSA's future, some of the past and the present as well. Thank you to Roger for a nice presentation. Also, a thank you to CLSA State Past President

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the general public, and the city. Grover Beach and Atascadero will be the first cities the newly formed Pavement Rehab Committee sends the letter, being drafted now, too. They will also be invited to our meeting.

One more thing we are doing is trying to possibly buy some equipment for the local colleges. This is very important to me; I have seen what these kids are trying to learn with. We have formed a committee, the Equipment Donation Review Committee, to deal with this. We are getting bids on equipment and are going to assess both Cal Poly's and Cuesta College's needs. More to come here, and we are still asking for donations of any used equipment available.

So, this is my fourth and a half year of being very

involved in the Chapter Business, I joined the chapter in 1986. A couple people at that first meeting are still at meetings today, cheers to them. I mention this because, during this last 4-5 years, for the most part, there are the same people at the monthly meetings, nothing against those that show, but I want to see new people at the meetings. The same people are the ones on the committees and that are doing the things that need to get done to keep the chapter going. We could all use some help. Please, come out and volunteer to help. Please come out and show us a better way of doing things, if you think you can, we are all welcoming to suggestions.

Thank you all for your continued support of the best chapter around.



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 2015 Membership Form**

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Are you: LS    LSIT    RCE    Other

State CLSA: Life    Corporate    Affiliate    Student    Associate    None

1. This is where Parallax and all other chapter correspondence is to be sent
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**Chapter Dues \$20.00 per Person (Yearly Dues)**

Please Make Check payable to: **Central Coast Chapter CLSA**

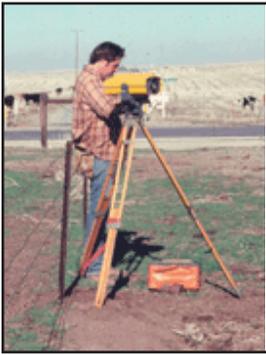
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## EDITOR'S CORNER

by: Tom Mastin



**H**ere we go again with Trig☆Star. I would venture to guess that our chapter has longest running Trig☆Star event. Certainly we are the only smaller chapter that has been doing it for so long. Going back into the Chapter archives (another name for things I think I remember), **Leonard Lenger** started our involvement in Trig☆Star in 1993. Leonard ran the show until about 1996 when **Randy Woodjack** took over the chairmanship of the Trig☆Star Committee. Randy increased the number of schools participating and developed the process of local surveyors going to the high schools and giving presentations before the testing event. Then in 2002 our current chair **George Marchenko** took over raising it to its current level.

Over this time a large number of local surveyors have participated in this event, but these three chairs are the ones that kept this event going strong in our chapter. I see this as a major function our chapter puts on every year. I remember at one Fresno State conference I attended years ago, Dr. Crossfield lamenting the fact that no Trig Star winners continued onto a Geomatics education. I think Dr. Crossfield missed the idea of Trig☆Star which is an outreach program to educate the young public about land surveying.

I think our chapter has excelled in that process. I hope as many of you as possible can attend the meeting and sit and discuss what we do with the students, their family and their teachers.

And although Trig☆Star is a very big deal, it is not the only event that continues to run because of the efforts of a few individuals. We have been having summer barbeques since about 1980. They were originally run by **Ken Fargen**, but after



doing that for 20 years, he decided he would only handle all the initial planning and all the barbecuing. For the first 15 years or so they were done at the County Park in Los Alamos. Then it was moved to its current location at Cuesta Park in San Luis Obispo. Ken and his crew gets there early in the morning every year and stays till late in the afternoon cleaning up. When most of us were younger we would have softball and volleyball games, but now we are down to just horse-shoes, which **Paul Baragona** had

organized up to the last year (Hi Paul!). The organizing of the prizes has gone from **Mark Lewis** to **Jonathan Walsh**, with every year seeming like there are more and more prizes. I believe I am the only one that doesn't get at least two prizes every year.

Then of course there is the Christmas Potluck that was started about the same time the barbecues were started. **Susan Jensen** and **Leonard Lenger** would organize that every



year at the yacht club, decorating the club and preparing the ham and turkey. Sometime around 2000 (or maybe before) **Linda Richardson** took over organizing the event from Susan, although both Susan and Leonard still help with the set up and cooking.

We have a number of hard working members of our chapter that keep this chapter vibrant and active. So this column is not only to thank them, but also to suggest to the newer members to maybe try to help with Trig☆Star, or the barbecue or the Christmas Potluck and maybe let some of the members who have been working for the chapter for so long take a well deserved rest.





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## **MINUTES**

**CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CLSA MEETING** held on **April 22, 2015** at **6:00 PM** at **Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo, CA**

**CALL TO ORDER 6:08 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Jonathan Walsh, President  
Cristi Fry, Vice President  
David Karp, Secretary/Treasurer  
George Marchenko, Immediate Past President  
Ian McClain - State CLSA Board Director  
Linda Richardson - State CLSA Board Director: Not Present

**19** in attendance at the meeting, including the speaker and guests.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Cristi Fry and **SECONDED** by Joe Morris to approve the March 25, 2015 Chapter Meeting Minutes as published in the April Parallax.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Jonathan Walsh reported: He was helping out at the local community college; Cuesta College and they mentioned they may be looking for someone to take over teaching the class. If anyone is interested in teaching the class, contact Jonathan. Next month we will be looking for volunteers to become officers.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Cristi Fry reported: Next month's meeting is the Trig-Star Meeting and it will be held at Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. She also mentioned that she had a speaker for the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Ron Nelms and he will be speaking on monument preservation.

**MOTION** by George Marchenko and **SECONDED** by Jesse Brady to approve a budget of \$1,000.00 to invite and purchase dinner for members of local agencies and department heads to come to the July 15<sup>th</sup> monument preservation presentation.

**MOTION CARRIED**



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### **SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

Secretary/Treasurer David Karp reported the current Chapter checking account balance is \$10,849.93

Except for our guests, cost for dinner tonight is \$35, make checks payable to CCCCLSA, and to pay the CLSA dues.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Ian McClain reported on the February 7 Board of directors meeting in Oakland:

- The Bylaws Com has sent sample chapter bylaws to all chapters for review and revision.
- The Workshop Com has announced June 24 and 26 for Ghost in the Machine by Michael Denis in Ontario and Sacramento/Oakland. Location to be determined.
- LegCom has drafted a letter for BEPLSG to send to agency engineers regarding 2015 changes to section 8771 of the LS Act and 6730.2 of the Professional Engineers Act per SB1467.
- GIS Com announces the CalGIS conference in Sacramento, June 1st through the 3rd.
- GIS Com also announces the 2nd annual ESRI AEC summit at Manchester Grand Hyatt July 18-21.
- The CSUF GME Advisory Council is seeking a letter of recommendation to remove Geographical restrictions being considered first on student admissions and to make the program open and available to all areas of the state.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Tom Mastin reported:

Land Use Navigators (Mike Durkee) has two Subdivision Map Act Seminars coming up.

- May 7 at Sunnyvale
- May 22 at Fresno

The Review sessions for the LS/LSIT exams were completed on April 11. We had small groups in both the LS and LSIT after the first session. This year's sessions were designed more as a study group than lecturing about a particular subject.

To get a sense of the value of the class in this format a Google survey was sent out to all who signed up, even if they never made any of the sessions. We had 7 respondents of which 4 had attended over half the sessions.

A summary of the results are as follows:

*Time of the week:*

- 6 responded Saturday was fine
- 1 wished it had been on week nights

*Format:*

- 4 liked sending questions out ahead and then going over in the session
- 1 would have liked a combination of lecture and questions



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- 1 would like short discussion and handout before going over questions
- 1 would like to have a book written

Attended other review classes: 5 yes 2 no  
General Comments were positive.

### **WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT**

I have contacted Allen Instruments about doing a field to finish demo of the Datumate software. *Datumate* software allows the user to produce topographic mapping from photos and total station data collection of minimal points using a standard digital SLR camera and lens. The demo would take 3-4 hours. I would like to take a count of how many would be interested in a demo.

Other of interest events:

- Confined space awareness training 5/5/15 SLO BE 8-12noon
- Heat Illness Prevention Training 5/12/15 SLO BE 8-11am

### **TRIGSTAR COMMITTEE REPORT**

George Marchenko reported the Trig-Star testing was complete. There were 5 hosting schools involved: Righetti High, Mission College Prep, Morro Bay High, San Luis Obispo High, and Atascadero High. Trig-Star is a god outreach for students and teachers. The TWIST program is a program that pays for a math teacher to go to a convention in Washington. The convention teaches a teacher on how to include GIS and Surveying real life principals to their students.

### **PROGRAM**

Vice President Cristi Fry introduces guest speaker, Speaker Roger Hanlin, the CLSA President Elect.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Jonathan Walsh called for any old business:

Bill Dyer submitted a letter to the local chapter to send to the City of Grover Beach about the need to preserve monuments, because they passed a multimillion dollar bond to repave street around the City.

**MOTION** by Robert Reese and **SECONDED** by Ian McClain to send the letter to ExCom to review and send back to Bill.



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**AMENDED** by Jesse Brady and **SECONDED** by George Marchenko to put together an adhoc committee by Jonathan to draft/revise a letter to send to the Cities for future use.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Jonathan appointed to the "Pavement Rehab Committee" and on the committee is: Robert Reese, Mike Stanton, and Paul Karp.

**EQUIPMENT DONATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Bob Fredricks of the education donation review committee stated it will be in the \$4,000 range for new equipment for Cuesta and Cal Poly colleges

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Jonathan Walsh called for any new business: NONE at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next meeting May 27, at the Madonna Inn, speaker will be George Marchenko, TrigStar awards.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Jonathan Walsh adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Karp, PLS  
2015 Secretary/Treasurer  
Central Coast Chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association



## California Land Surveyors Association Central Coast Chapter 2015 2nd Quarterly Board of Director's Meeting Report

The CLSA Board of Directors met at the Holiday Inn in Oakland on April 25. Items of interest to the Central Coast Chapter included the following:

- Central Office Reports that Chapter Financial Reports are past due.
- Central Office reports the 2015 Conference had 527 attendees and raised \$33,000 for scholarships, and a gross income of \$192,451.
- **Action Item:** The Legislative Committee is seeking input on whether or not to pursue draft legislation Record of Survey Narrative requirement.
- **Action Item:** The Legislative Committee is seeking input on whether or not to pursue counter legislation to SB854 and the requirement for Land Surveyors to register and submit certified payroll on public works projects.
- **Action Item:** Bylaws Committee requests that chapters utilize sample chapter bylaws to bring the chapters into compliance with revised Association Bylaws by the end of May.
- Nominating Committee reports 2016 CLSA Officer nominations are as follows:
  - Vice President: Ian Wilson
  - Secretary: Jeff Steffan
  - Treasurer: Annette Lockhart
- **Action Item:** CSRC Liaison Michael McGee is seeking recommendations for use or donation of the ARCGIS licenses.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Holiday Inn in Oakland on July 25th. Chapter reports are due by June 20th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Richardson  
George Marchenko  
Ian McClain