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From the President

WHAT'S IN A NAME: AN UPDATE

In my article "What's In A Name: A Mountain of Issues" in Newsletter No. 144, I wrote of the lengthy discussion about changing the name of Harney Peak, South Dakota's highest point. It seems the saga has been resolved: on August 12, BGN voted to change the name to Black Elk Peak. This is a somewhat courageous decision on BGN's part, given resistance from South Dakota's Departments of Tourism, and Game, Fish, and Parks. South Dakota's Gov. Dennis Daugaard claimed surprise over BGN's action, claiming he had heard little support in the state for a name change. Senator John Thune (SD) was upset by the Board's "unilateral decision", saying that he had been told by BGN that a vote would not take place until next year. Lou Yost of BGN replied that he is not aware of anyone on his four-person staff telling that to Thune. Sounds like we can be proud of Lou and BGN for sticking to their guns!

Note: Based on an article in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader

Florida SIR Picnic

Aleene Ozborn (Mrs. Claud M. (W)) has moved to Good Samaritan Village in Kissimmee, FL and is inviting USGS Retirees to the Sir Picnic at her house on the 1st Friday in March 2017. Her address is:

Aleene Ozborn
 1515 Jerstad Way
 Kissimmee, FL 34746
 Phone # 407-201-3208

Email: alozatt@gmail.com

She can seat 23 at present time.

The Good Samaritan Village has guest housing. See pages 3-4 for the application form for requesting lodging.

Luncheon & Picnic Reports

NMD Retirees Luncheon #245 was held on June 28, 2016, at the Amphora Restaurant in Vienna, VA, with 16 attendees, including Don and Karen Irby. Don reminisced about the time security boss Mike Karich told him he could not use his initials, D.C.I., to sign documents, because that stood for Director of Central Intelligence. Jack Wittmann reported on an article in *Car and Driver* magazine entitled "Map Quest", about the need for high-definition maps to plot the course for the autonomous cars of the (not too distant?) future. Jack also talked about a story that aired on the May 21 "CBS This Morning" show, "Mapping a Comeback: Old Fashioned Art of Cartography in the Age of GPS". The five-minute show included interviews at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Geography Department, and the Library of Congress' map library. Wisconsin's cartography and GIS program is so popular, it has a waiting list of applicants. The show mentioned that while the demand for traditional, paper road maps wanes, the need for "specialty" maps such as hazards, emergency response, marketing studies, 3-D topo models, etc., is booming.

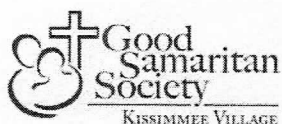
On July 25, **Luncheon #246** took place at the Amphora Restaurant, and 15 folks attended. It was announced that the March SIR picnic will be hosted by Aleene Ozborn in Kissimmee, Fla. In mapping news, Jo Anne Stapleton mentioned that Google Maps is using camera-toting sheep to gather map data in the Faeroe Islands.

Luncheon #247 was on August 23 at the Amphora, with nine in attendance, including unexpected but very welcome guests: Butch and Paula Bowman's daughter Pamela and their grandson Jacob, visiting from Newburyport, Mass. Jacob proved to be an unusual luncheon attendee, in that he never said a word! Jack provided an update to his recent newsletter article on the Harney Peak, SD names controversy; on August 12, BGN decided to change the name to Black Elk Peak. It was noted that National Geographic now has USGS topoquads available on its website, and they can be easily printed on a home computer, although only in sections. And the latest "USGS Retirees" newsletter (the one authored by WRD retires, *not* to be confused with ours) announces their annual reunion in Nashville, Tenn. At least one interesting item on the reunion program: a Tennessee Whiskey Tasting tour.

MCMC Picnic

Carol Southern 86MCMC

On Saturday, June 11th, 2016 the annual MCMC Retirees picnic was held at Lions Club Park, Pavilion 13, Rolla, Missouri. We had the largest gathering of retirees and spouses in many years with over 65 people in attendance. The weather was quite warm but the drinks were cold and the food was great. It was provided by Country Bob's in St James, MO and as in past years was excellent. A special thanks to all who pitched in and helped when it came time to serve. Another special thanks to Eunice and Jerry French, who were kind enough to go get the food. Also to James Maxwell for sending out the information about the picnic to all the retirees and present employees that he has email addresses for. The annual picnic is always held on the second Saturday in June. Anyone who would like to be notified in advance can contact Merle or Carol Southern at mjsouth20@gmail.com or choregirl41@gmail.com with contact information. Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year.



2016/2017 Guest Housing Reservation Form

Guest Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____ - _____

1st Choice: Arrival _____ Departure _____ 2nd Choice: Arrival _____ Departure _____

☐ Screen Room ☐ Twin Beds ☐ Queen Bed _____ (based on availability)

- ☐ Pets are restricted to a limited number of designated apartments. (Two pets, 50lb max per pet). Prohibited breeds are Doberman Pinscher, Staffordshire Terrier, Husky, Rottweiler, Chow, Akita, Presa Canario, German Shepard, Pitbull, and Wolf-hybrids or other breed as determined by management).
- ☐ Golf Cart (Pre-Registration Required) \$12/day, \$69/week, \$245/month (Prices subject to change)
- ☐ UNLIMITED MONTHLY GOLF - \$150 – available for stays over 30 days (does not include golf cart).
- ☐ Marina Slip (Pre-Registration Required) \$2/day (Prices subject to change)
- ☐ RV/Trailer Parking \$2/day, \$37/month

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2016 – APRIL 30, 2017

Unit Size

- ☐ Studio \$60.00 daily + 13% tax
- ☐ 1 BR \$66.00 daily + 13% tax
- ☐ 2 BR \$73.00 daily + 13% tax
- ☐ 2 BR/2Bath \$76.00 daily + 13% tax
- ☐ Screen Room Add \$5.00 daily + 13% tax

Progressive Discounts

- 30+ paid nights: ❖ 8 % Total Discount
- 60+ paid nights: ❖ 13 % Total Discount
- 90+ paid nights: ❖ 20 % Total Discount
- 120+ paid nights: ❖ 25 % Total Discount + Wifi
- May 1, 2016 – Nov. 1, 2016: Additional 15 % discount

To determine cost first adjust nightly rate by qualified discount, multiply by total nights, & add 13% tax.

Apartments are turnkey; price includes utilities, local telephone service, cable, and access to all amenities, except golf. Individual golf rounds are \$15.00. Monthly/Annual passes are available at posted rates. Social outings and/or required transportation may require an additional charge. Maid service is available, but is not included and products provided at check-in are not restocked. Rooms accommodate up to 4 people, (studio up to 3) and no cribs/roll-away beds are provided.

RESERVATION PRIORITY PROCESS

<u>Dec 15-Apr 15</u> <u>Advanced Reservations</u>	<u>Processed</u>	<u>Unit Pre-assigned</u>
120 + day stays	by Aug 31st	Yes
90 + day stays	by Sept 30 th	Yes
60 + day stays	by Oct 31 st	Yes
30 + day stays*	by Nov 30 th	Yes
30 days or less	by Dec 15 st	No

Reservation forms are date stamped when received.

*ALL 30+ day stays that end before Feb 14 or begin after Feb 15 will be PRIORITIZED and confirmed by Nov 30th.

Read carefully and sign reverse side. By submitting this reservation I agree to the following:

- A valid state issued photo I.D. of guest must be presented at Check-In.
- CHECK-IN TIME 3:00 PM. CHECK-OUT TIME 10:00 AM.
- LONGER STAY RESERVATIONS have priority unit selection.
- Reservations require either \$35 or 10% deposit (whichever is greater) due at time of booking.
- Reservations 7 days or less during Jan/Feb/Mar will require full payment in advance.
- Credit / debit card information is required to confirm a reservation even if you choose to pay by check.
- The 10% deposit is partial payment and will be charged upon confirmation. Short stay reservations of less than 7 days during Jan, Feb or Mar, require payment in full at time of reservation.
- The cancellation fee is \$35.00. Written notice of 45+ days is required for any balance refund.
- Early departures of more than seven days during high season may result in a 10% penalty fee.
- A \$40.00 processing fee will be charged for returned checks.
- All units are non-smoking. A \$275 fee will be charged to clean carpet/furnishings for smoking in units.
- Guest will be charged \$275 to clean carpet/furnishing if a pet has been in a non-designated pet unit.
- Guests are responsible for missing or damaged furnishings.
- Any furnishings left behind will be considered donations after 10 days.
- All Village rules must be followed as posted.
- Secure card is for your use and may not be loaned or given to another person.
- Pets must meet weight and breed restrictions. Pet application required when requesting a pet unit.
- Because many of our guests are allergic to pet dander, please do not allow pets in your unit unless you are assigned an apartment specifically designated for pets.

**I AUTHORIZE USING THIS CARD AS PAYMENT TO CONFIRM A RESERVATION AND I
AGREE TO THE TERMS STATED ON THIS FORM.**

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code#: _____

Signature: _____

☐ *Personal check accepted only with referral from current resident*



Resident reference

Telephone

Retiree Doings

Jack Church 76WMC (Salinas, CA) writes "Donna and I are doing fine. At the age of 95, just waking up in the morning is pretty sublime, and after I get my feet under me I go for a 40 minute walk just to keep my blood pressure in line. And then through the day it's pills and such even though I don't do much. But to keep us at a peak we dance two or three times a week. It is ballroom stuff where we hold each other close and try not to step on each others toes. The days go by and so do the years. It's a great life we have and we continue to enjoy it through all our fears. It's waltz and polka, two step and tango. We try to keep up cha-cha and rumba until we get numba.

Since you asked a few months ago, I don't mind connecting up with WRD and GD as an umbrella group. I only knew a few WRD's and GD's, but as all of the GS is shrinking it would probably be nice to have a bigger foot in the door (ouch). But, at the same time I would like us to continue our present and more personnel "Mapping Retirees" newsletter for the foreseeable future."

Neil Falcone 97MAC (Sterling, VA), reports "Beth and I are alive and fairly well. My oldest son, Justin, is starting a catering business. My younger son, Brian, just got his PHD and is now starting his career in Education at the U.S. Census Bureau."

George Harrison 78RT (Lynchburg, VA) writes "Hazel and I are doing as well as we can. I will be 90 in October."

Stephen Johnson 04RMMC (Broomfield, CO) reports "We traveled to California last September for a 50th high school reunion on the Queen Mary. Our second oldest son moved from Florida back to Colorado in December. Now all four children and 12 grandchildren live in the Denver area. We traveled back to California in June for my youngest sister's wedding. I've been working at Wal-mart part-time for the past two years."

Robert "Bob" Lemen 10MCMC (Rolla, MO) writes "First of all, I want to say how much I've enjoyed the Mapping Retirees Newsletter to date. I retired from NGTOC (formally MCMC) in Rolla, MO in December 2010, but didn't subscribe to it until earlier this year. I should have done it long ago!

I'm enjoying retirement very much and find it easy to stay busy. I stay active by working out, hiking the many parks and trails in MO, doing some biking and keeping up with mowing and bush-hogging the acreage at my home. My wife and I travel occasionally and like to visit the various National Parks across the country. We took an Alaskan cruise/land tour, which included Denali National Park, with friends this past May and it was wonderful. I've also served as a volunteer for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), a national organization that works on behalf of abused and neglected children.

Last October (2015) I decided to relive my USGS field days somewhat (I had only one assignment while in the Cartographer Development Program.). I thought it would be exciting to visit the area of my field assignment where I worked and while there try to recover some of the Bench Marks that I set in Tensas Parish, LA. This was an area I hadn't been to in 36 years (1979). I ended up finding two of them! This also gave me a chance to revisit some of the places in Natchez, MS and across the Mississippi River in LA that I used to frequent, including the trailer park where I lived. This was really fun for me, brought back old memories, and made me think of all of the USGS career field men in the past and how they would perceive today the many places they used to work long ago."



Alan Mikuni 10WRG (Fremont, CA) writes "Immediately after I retired from USGS Menlo Park in 2010, I went to work for Towill, Inc., a SF Bay Area surveying and mapping firm. Then, in 2015, I left Towill to co-found a small woman-owned aerial mapping company, GeoWing Mapping, Inc. In addition to conducting digital mapping from conventional aerial platforms and sensors, GeoWing acquires aerial imagery using unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones. Yes, we fly our drones "legally", since we are authorized by the FAA to do so. Despite the "busy-ness" of the business, I appreciate time I can spend with Diane, daughters Cory (San Francisco Fire Department fire-fighter/paramedic), and Kristy (mom of grandkids Angelina (8-years) and Carson (1.5 months)). I also greatly enjoy working with the WMC committee planning and then attending our annual luncheon."

Donald Port 90RMMC (Golden, CO) reports "All is well with the Port family. I see Dave Stubbe and Don Adkins about every month for lunch. I lost my medical a year ago and sold my airplane."

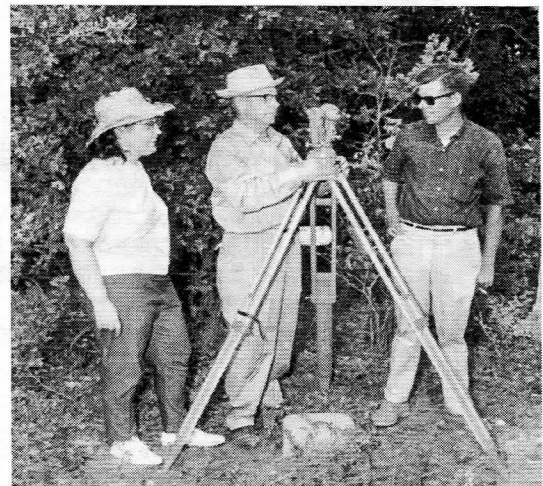
Mary (Dickey) Rosenberg 93MCMC (Rolla, MO) reports "I am enjoying retirement by keeping busy. I do volunteer work through the Senior Corps of Phelps County along with some of my USGS coworkers. At a recent meeting some of those attending were Johnie and Hazel Schumate, Laverne Parrish and his wife, Betty Allison and her sister, along with myself. We had all worked at the Survey here in Rolla. I also volunteer at my church, First Assembly of God. I also work at the voting polls. Like most everyone else I enjoy my family and grandchildren."

I traveled quite a bit in the past, but now enjoy things close to home more. I have a cabin on the Gasconade River and enjoy the time that I spend there. I continue to have lunch a time or two a week here at the local Burger King and visit with some friends, one being Parky (Walter) Parkinson, a former USGS coworker also. He is the oldest one of us that meet and is probably in better physical shape than any of us. He still swims several laps at the local center every morning."

Jack Wittmann 01MAC (Lanham Seabrook, MD) writes "Many of you are aware of my love of cruising, but Jo Ann and I do still enjoy a good, old-fashioned driving trip at times, so over eleven days from late July into early August, we went up to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with a bit of sightseeing in Maine along the way. Canada's Maritime Provinces have long been a favorite destination of ours, but we only seem to get up that way every 10-15 years or so, the previous trip by car occurring in 2002. The scenery never changes, of course; we particularly love Cape Breton Island, at the top end of Nova Scotia. It's like taking Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive in Virginia, and plunking them down alongside the Atlantic coast. The Canadians are delightful people; we were asked on more than one occasion if we were looking for a place to live north of the border, should our preferred presidential candidate lose the election. They also, by and large, still know how to drive, very seldom poking along in the left lane. All in all, a very pleasant 2,600 mile road trip, plus perhaps 150 or so via car ferry from Portland, ME to Yarmouth, NS (seems we can't stay off of ships completely!)."

An MCMC Photo from the Past

Here is a picture of Elizabeth Hardebeck 88MCMC receiving some early field training on the Wild T-2 theodolite. Elizabeth passed away May, 23, 2016. Her obituary was in the last issue. The other people in the photo are not identified.



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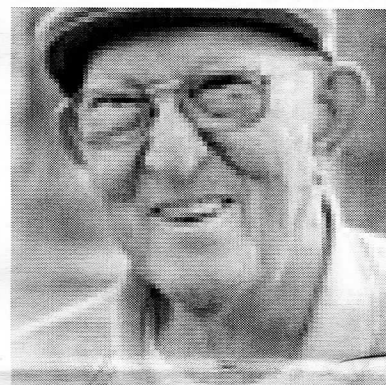
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Obituaries

Raymond Carlson 86RMMC (Lakewood, CO), 77, passed away December 24, 2015 at his home. He was born April 17, 1938. He served in the armed forces. A sister notified us of his passing.

Robert (Bob) Ginn 06WMC, 74, passed away April 25, 2014. He earned a degree in Commercial Arts from San Jose State. Bob worked for the USGS for over 30 years in the Photo Lab. After it was shut down, he went into the production area and retired as a Carto Tech. He retired in 2006. He and Jane lovingly raised two sons and a daughter. Bob was a calm and generous person who always had a patient ear to listen or lend a helping hand. He was humble, yet very humorous in spirit.

William J. "Bill" Johnson Jr. 90WMC (Pleasanton, CA), 91, passed away September 21, 2016. Bill passed away at his assisted living facility in Pleasanton, CA. He had fallen about a month earlier which required an operation to relieve pressure on the brain. His health deteriorated after the operation. He passed peacefully in his sleep in the morning of Sept. 21st. His wife Margaret preceded him in death in July 2011.



Bill was born August 14, 1925, in Fayetteville, NC. He grew up being called Jack by his family, but after going away to school, he was always known as Bill. During World War II, he worked at the Marine air base at Cherry Point, NC. After graduating with a degree in mathematics from Appalachian State College where he played tennis, Bill took a job teaching high school math and science and coaching the girls basketball team at Gatesville High School in Gatesville, NC.

He met his wife, Margaret, on a blind date. For Bill, it was love at first sight, a love that endured until his death. They married Dec. 1, 1956.

He was hired as an engineer with the US Geological Survey. He started as a surveyor in the field, then moved to headquarters in Washington, D.C., before transferring and moving his family to California in 1963. He and Margaret raised four sons and one daughter in their house on Farwell Drive in Fremont, CA. They lived in a tight-knit neighborhood, establishing lifelong bonds with their neighbors. Bill had many passions. He loved his job making maps for the USGS. Even after his retirement, Bill would go to the USGS office in Menlo Park to help organize and preserve the old maps.

As his children grew up, he and Margaret were active in their lives. Bill coached his sons' Little League baseball teams and was a leader in Scouts and the school PTA. He and Margaret rarely missed one of their children's many activities.

At least one night a week was spent at the bowling alley as part of the USGS bowling league. In later years, he would travel around the country on bowling teams and several times bowled in national championships. He loved to golf and played on the Pinehurst, NC championship golf course a couple of years ago with his son, Michael.

A favorite family memory was Sunday breakfasts where Bill would surprise the family with his own recipes for pancakes -- chocolate chips in the pancakes were a favorite; cream corn was not as popular. Mealtime at the Johnson household was always preceded by a family prayer.

Thanksgiving dinners were huge affairs, with the extended family and many relatives and close friends. Summers were spent at Lake Tahoe in early years and later at Sun River, OR, where Bill and Margaret would get matching T-shirts for the grandchildren.

The Johnson home was always open to far-flung relatives and friends visiting California. The huge table in the kitchen was often filled with people. Guests were always welcome in the Johnson house.

After retirement, Bill established a daily routine, Mass at Holy Spirit Church and a walk around Lake Elizabeth, usually with his camera in hand and a tweed cap on his head. Bill was passionate about photography. In his travels around the country, he would photograph old churches. At family events, he would snap pictures and then rush to the camera store to have prints made of the photos, often before the event was finished. Attending his children's events was replaced with a passion for attending grandchildren's school events after his children grew up and started families of their own.

He never lost his Southern charm, although his Southern accent faded a little with the years. He was always the gentleman, holding open doors for women and helping them with their chairs. That charm was especially evident in his love for his wife, whom he cherished through their 54 years of marriage.

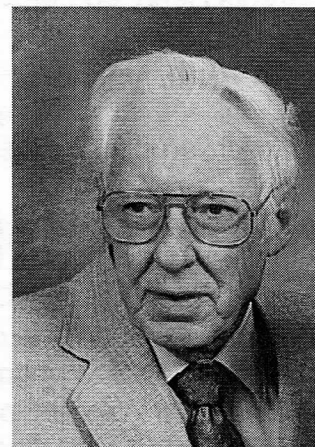
They moved to The Parkview assisted living facility in Pleasanton in 2009, where he was active in the residents' association. He rarely missed a bingo game and loved playing bridge.

Another of his passions was his Catholic faith. For more than three decades, he was a lector at Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont and taught Confirmation catechism classes. After moving to Pleasanton, Bill would take the bus to Mass on Sundays.

Bill is survived by three sons; one daughter; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; a son; his parents; and two sisters.

William "Bill" J. Jones RT (North Potomac, MD), 84, passed away on August 18, 2016 in Rockville, Maryland. He was born July 12, 1932 in Edwardsville, PA. He is survived by his wife, Lillian R. Jones; a daughter and a son; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Mr. Jones was a member of Kensington Baptist Church for many years and served in various positions. He had worked as a cartographer for the USGS for 39 years when he retired.

Frank Beck CTM writes "I was sorry to hear of Bill's death. He certainly was a memorable character. I worked with him for several years when I came into the Branch of Technical Management. That was back in the days when smoking was allowed in the private offices and Bill was never too far away from a cigarette. He was one of those people that

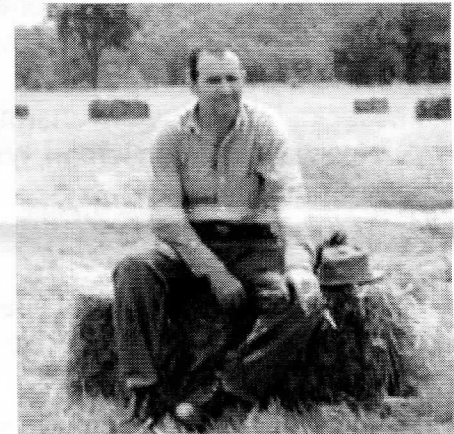


as he approached retirement, many people were wondering how the Branch, if not the entire Mapping Division, would ever survive without his "corporate knowledge", and he did have a vast amount of that from his many years of service.

In meetings, at almost any level, I remember him to be quite laid back and quiet, mostly listening to the back and forth conversations, only to finally cough or clear his throat, and proceed to utter an idea or suggestion that often cut to the heart of the matter and was quickly accepted by many as "words of wisdom". It seemed quite funny at the time. He was also well known to be sitting at his desk as you tried to "sneak" past the door without being seen, only to hear his low, gravelly voice come out with, "Hey, got a minute?" Which always meant more than a minute and often on a topic that he wasn't too pleased about. Also funny at the time. He knew his stuff, and never seemed to get overly worked up or excited about anything."

Jack Wittmann 01MAC writes "Bill was the only boss I ever had who tracked me down while I was on vacation - in Terlingua, Texas, middle of nowhere. I made the mistake of leaving him my trip itinerary; he called me at our motel (pre-cell phone days) to ask me where a file was! When I arrived at the motel and the clerk said there was a message from my boss to call him, I thought I was getting fired!

Henry S. Kemnitzer MCMC (Steelville, MO), 91, passed away June 26, 2016 at the age of 91. Henry was born in St. Louis, Missouri on October 29, 1924. Henry was united in marriage to Miss Mary Katherine Richardson on November 10, 1945. This union was blessed with four children. He worked as a supervisor on the Highway 44 project installing the spillways, but as the work got more distant from home, he decided to pursue an opportunity with the USGS, where he did topographic mapping for 28 years. In 1936 Henry's parents bought a farm near Steelville, MO, when he and Mary Katherine married they too would enjoy living on the farm. As their family grew they would reap the bounty of the beautiful river where they learned to swim, and Henry taught them to float the river. They always had a big bountiful garden, and plenty of cattle. Henry still drove to Rolla everyday to work, came home to farm, spent six years on the Steelville school board, and served on the Cattleman's Association. Henry is survived by two daughters, one son-in-law, two sons and wives, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents Henry was preceded in death by his wife Mary Katherine Kemnitzer in 2011.



Billie Ruth Kidwell (Vienna, VA), 90, passed away August 22, 2016 at her home in Vienna, VA. Billie is survived by her husband, Ross Kidwell 87NMD; two daughters; a sister; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

William (Bill) H. Kline 89WMC, 93, passed away February 20, 2013 after a long illness. Bill was a Section Chief in Photogrammetry. Before he retired in 1989 with 34 years of service he became the Assistant Chief, Branch of Photogrammetry. His wife Jimmie was a cartographer in Sacramento prior to coming to Menlo Park. Jimmie passed away sometime after 2000. Bill grew up in rural Snohomish, WA with his three younger siblings. He graduated from the University of Washington with a B.S. in Forestry in 1941. He served in the US Army Services from 1941 to 1946, discharged as a Master Sargent serving as a weatherman. Bill earned a

B.S. in Meteorology and Climatology in 1953. He began his career with the USGS in 1954. He loved to collect seeds, grow and propagate plants of all kinds. He was proud to have visited all 50 states and many National Parks. Bill is survived by his four children and a grand-daughter and a great-grandson.

Kenneth P. Michaelian 80EMC (Rockville, MD), 92, passed away May 12, 2016 at a hospital in Rockville. The cause was sepsis. He was born in Jersey City, NJ. He served in the Army Air Forces in the Pacific during WW II and settled in the Washington area in the 1950s. He worked 28 years at the USGS, retiring as EMC Chief of the Branch of Photogrammetry. He had a total of 35 years of government service. In retirement, Ken was a regular participant in activities at the Rockville Senior Center.

Delores Alice Miller (League City, TX) passed away June 15, 2016 at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center in Webster, TX. She went to Bolton High School in Alexandria, LA. After high school, she studied Nutrition and Food Science at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., was editor of the Gallaudet University Manus (Poetry Literacy Club and Publication), and a member of the Phi Kappa Zeta sorority. She graduated from the International Culinary Arts and Institute in Baltimore, MD and became a chef for a short time. She worked as a certified Deaf Interpreter/Deaf Advocate for the USGS and the Defense Mapping Agency in Reston, VA for 25 years. She moved to Texas after her retirement. She is survived by her four sisters, a brother and five nephew. Alice loved to read, shop, cook, travel, grow vegetables/herbs, enjoyed being with friends and helping people.



David Warren Painter 05NMD (Alexandria, VA), 65, died on September 1, 2016, in Alexandria, Virginia, where he was born and lived his entire life. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Carter, his mother, a sister and husband, a nephew, his mother-in-law, and a brother-in-law. David was an avid supporter and loyal volunteer of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. He loved to build wooden boats and sail them. He had a deep love and knowledge of the flora and fauna of the Eastern Shore, Alexandria, and the Shenandoah Valley, where he and his wife had a weekend home. He was a deep thinker, an avid reader, and a lover of maps. He retired in 2005 after many years as a geographer and cartographer at the USGS. More than anything else he will be remembered as a man who was devoted to his family, friends, and neighbors.

Kenneth Allen Salts 97MCMC (Rolla, MO), 73, passed away Saturday, July 30 2016 from a heart attack. Kenny met the love of his life, Shirley, in the fifth grade and started 'driving' her to school on the handlebars of his bicycle. In June they celebrated 57 years of 'riding' together in marriage! Kenny worked as a draftsman for the USGS for 39 years until his retirement in 1997. Throughout those years of work, he was always there for his family – at ball games, track meets, and dance competitions. He also stayed active himself and made many friends as he played slow pitch softball and racquetball.

Retirement brought the opportunity for travel as Kenny rode his bike with Shirley and friends to 47 of the lower 48 states. When he wasn't traveling, he was busy serving in Rolla. He was especially passionate about impacting the lives of young adults in the campus house ministry – serving on the board, raising funds, and constructing and repairing facilities. He also loved serving at his church – which he was happily doing when he suffered his initial heart attack on

Friday. Many people could tell stories of how Kenny was there for them when they needed someone – pulling them out of a ditch, giving or loaning them what they needed, or being a listening ear. He was a hero to his grandchildren – traveling hundreds of miles to see them play or perform or helping them through a tough time. Kenny will be missed by hundreds of people, but especially by his family: His wife, Shirley; a son, two daughters, 12 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Claudia L. 'Mimi' Skordal (Springdale, AR), 97, passed away July 24, 2016. She was born October 21, 1918 in Renville County, North Dakota. She attended Minot Business College and married Henry Benton Skordal 79MCMC in 1942. Her husband's job required the family to move often, and she always made each destination a beautiful, loving home. She was preceded in death by Hank "Papa" Skordal. She is survived by two daughters and one son, 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was the best cookie and potato salad maker of all time.



Announcements

Rocky Mountain Mapping Center Spring Reunion Dinner

Note: There is a change in the day of the week from Friday to Thursday. Also, from the last week of the month to the third week of the month. It is hoped this will no longer compete with Memorial Day.

The dinner is scheduled for **Thursday May 18, 2017.**

Social Hour 5:30pm, Dinner 6:00pm at the:

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Please try to let me know at least 2 weeks prior to May 18 so I can help the restaurant prepare dinner and his staff to serve us.

Citizens Mapping in DC

Marking change in cartographic detail
The Washington Post - Washington, D.C.
Author: Hui, Mary
Date: Jul 25, 2016

After the storm clouds had passed on a recent summer evening, about 20 people, armed with smartphones, pens and clipboards, fanned out in teams of two to three in the District's Shaw neighborhood to conduct street surveys. Each team's mission: to map a city block. These citizen cartographers are members of Maptime DC, a group founded in 2014 with the aim of democratizing the field of digital mapping. Run by volunteers, the group regularly hosts sessions where members can learn the basics of mapping software, web platforms and mapping techniques. The D.C. area is home to several such groups, including MappingDC and Geo DC. These three groups alone boast more than 3,000 members. Together, members meet up to discuss developments in cartography and conduct street surveys across the city to improve neighborhood maps. The work is "sort of a public service, if you will" said Steven Johnson, 60, a geospatial professional active in the mapping community. He is a co-organizer at Maptime DC and MappingDC and also leads TeachOSM, an online resource designed to introduce teachers and students to OpenStreetMap, a free and open Web map of the world.

Visually, OpenStreetMap is similar to Google Maps; the key difference is that anyone can edit it. If Google Maps were Encyclopedia Britannica, then OpenStreetMap would be Wikipedia. The fact that anyone can add to the map, Johnson said, is "tremendously empowering" and its value to the world "almost inestimable." After the Haiti earthquake in 2010, for example, hundreds of volunteers around the world collaborated to produce a crowdsourced crisis map. They used satellite imagery to trace the road network onto the country's OpenStreetMap and also mapped eyewitness accounts sent via text messages, emails and Twitter, aggregating incidents to give disaster-relief workers a better sense of the patterns of destruction. And in 2015, after a massive earthquake crippled Nepal, volunteers again took to OpenStreetMap to map areas of massive destruction, helping to coordinate and direct aid to the hardest-hit regions.

In day-to-day life, free and open mapping also means that there is no need to wait for official cartographers. All one has to do is pull up OpenStreetMap and start editing. One might add the neighborhood Bikeshare station or a recently opened business, or note interesting architectural features of buildings. These are hyper-local neighborhood elements that are important to the daily lives of real people but that official cartographers do not have time for, Johnson explained. That is where volunteer cartographers come in. In the past two years, for example, members of Mapping DC have charted neighborhoods including Columbia Heights, Petworth, Minnesota Avenue and the Atlas district, and Old Town Alexandria.

Mappers have also partnered with the government. In late 2014, Mapping DC began a collaboration with the District's Great Streets commercial revitalization program. Volunteers met for regular "mapping parties" in the emerging commercial corridors identified by the government, gathering, uploading and editing data about local businesses in OpenStreetMap. On their recent Tuesday evening meet-up, Maptime DC members used three mapping tools on their street survey of Shaw. Some used a tool called Field Papers, which allows users to print a map of a selected area, write and draw on it while in the field and then digitize and upload the drawing by taking a photo of it. Others used an app called Pushpin, which allows volunteers to edit and add data to OpenStreetMap. Still others used an app called Mapillary, a Swedish start-up that uses

photos to create a crowd sourced version of Google Street View.

"We try to instill in everyone that all parts of the map are created equal," said Johnson, who works as a geospatial project manager. "All those sexy places have been mapped and mapped again," but what he wants to do is give visibility on a map to otherwise marginalized groups, he said.

Shaw has undergone tremendous change in recent years, and that is exactly why Maptime DC chose it for the group's inaugural fieldwork session, said Andrew Wiseman, 36, another co-organizer and a part-time geography professor at George Washington University. "There are a lot of new businesses, a lot of change in this area," said Wiseman, who wants to see those changes documented and mapped.

And so the mappers set off to do just that. Kathleen Weiss, 61, a performance consultant from Arlington who is new to mapping, paired up with Wade Crump, 52, a senior geographic information systems analyst and veteran cartographer from Ellicott City, Md. They were to map the 800 block of R Street NW, a residential area two blocks from the Shaw Metro station. Crump had decided to use Field Papers, and as he walked down Ninth Street NW, he jotted notes in pencil on his printout of the block. He also had a GoPro camera attached to the strap of his sling bag, which snapped photos automatically every few seconds, which he would later edit and upload to a crowd sourced street-view map.

Weiss, meanwhile, had chosen to use the Pushpin app on her iPhone. As the mapping duo walked by a brown brick building, they stopped to document its attributes. Weiss found the corresponding building on her iPhone, dropped a pin on it and started typing details. She noted that it was a three-story apartment building, No. 807. On one side of the building hung a large banner that read, "Heritage at Shaw Station. Now leasing luxury apartment homes." Crump scribbled down the name. These brown brick buildings tell the tale of a changing neighborhood. Until 2013, they were part of the Lincoln Westmoreland housing complex, which participated in the federal Section 8 program, enabling low-income residents to live there. In 2013, however, Lincoln Westmoreland transformed into "luxury apartment homes," as the banner advertised. The buildings look the same as before. The only change was that the landlords opted out of the Section 8 program, put their units on the market at market rate and repackaged them as "luxury apartment homes."

Crump even made note of a green fire hydrant on the corner of Ninth and R streets NW, and Weiss noted a surveillance camera on Eighth Street. Soon, however, the half hour was up, and it was time to reconvene with the group.

Back at their meeting spot in the lounge at the WeWork Wonder Bread Factory, group members huddled around laptops. Over slices of pizza, they pulled up OpenStreetMap and began to enter their newly collected data. It is time-consuming work. So why do all these mappers bother to do this on top of their day jobs? For Crump, it is a mix of personal satisfaction, civic pride and helping the greater good. He said he likes being able to see the best possible map of his city and being able to say, "Here's my city, it looks great, and I've done a lot of work." Crump also sees it as a hobby, but it goes beyond personal recreation: "I'm out, getting exercise, using my brain and helping the greater good in a way."

Weiss said she is drawn to mapping because of its potential to affect policy. "It's up to the citizens to be the eyes and ears for local officials," she said, and she wants to use maps and demographic data to tell a story that might, one day, inform the decisions of policymakers.

And for Wiseman, the co-organizer, community mapping opens up all sorts of new questions. Does a particular area lack certain city services? What kind of resources are available in this neighborhood? Which businesses have surveillance cameras installed, and which do not? "It's sort of open-ended. Once you have the data, you can really do anything," Wiseman said.

Memoirs of Mapping

Paul Antill 83PD

In May of 1996 I published "MEMOIRS OF MAPPING," 50 copies, not 100 as shown in the frontispiece. There are no more bound copies available, however I do have a PDF version which I can send to your e-mail address FREE! As the PREFACE states: "The purpose of this book is to document some colorful, interesting and challenging aspects of topographic mapping experienced by fieldmen....if this colorful part of the history of USGS is not collected soon, it will be lost forever, much of it already is."

There are 20 chapters, one for each person responding. After two years of cajoling people for their input I finally went to press with what I had. The historic "floppy disc" of "Memoirs" did not capture the inset diagrams of bears, helicopters, rattlesnakes, etc. Sorry.

[Editor's Note: The above information was published in the previous newsletter, #145. I requested a copy from Paul and he emailed it. This is a very interesting document and should be of great interest to retirees, therefore this announcement is included again. The document has 20 chapters authored by 20 different people. It is 90 pages long. I admit I haven't read it all at this time, but will eventually finish it. The authors are listed below.]

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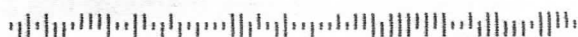
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