

The Centerline

Thanksgiving is upon us. It's a traditionally day of family, food and football—but shouldn't it be more than that? There are two critical words in Thanksgiving; thanks and giving. It is a time to give thanks. Instead, the four-day weekend has morphed into a food-fest that marks the kickoff to the holiday shopping season.

It's really easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday. Worrying whether or not we should have fried or baked turkey for dinner or thinking about not missing those great Black Friday deals can cause us to lose sight of the true spirit of the holiday—gratitude and joy. Gratitude is a deep sense of appreciation that leave us feeling warm and blessed. People that keep their focus on the true spirit of Thanksgiving know that gratitude tastes more delicious than anything on the dinner table. This doesn't mean that you have to give up anything or change anything to maintain this focus. If gorging on the feast, watching football until you go blind or shopping until you drop brings you immense joy, by all means continue to do so, but just do them from a place of gratitude. Be thankful that you can do the things that bring you and others joy.

Personally, I'm very grateful for the dedicated officers, chairpersons, committee members and members that make our chapter great. Chapter 8 would not be as strong and successful without your hard work and dedication. For that, we should all be thankful.

With that said, pass the gravy!!

Ken Vacek, SR/WA



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IRWA Chapter 8 President

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Harness the leading edge knowledge and skills to excel in your Right of Way career, earn your credential, and enhance your lifelong continuing education journey.

Choose from five categories of professional education that are customized to fit your unique learning needs and wishes! The five categories are:

- VEIT classes- online classes with a classroom feel
- Leadership Institute- online classes for emerging leaders
- On Demand Classes- online audio/ppt classes
- Education-to-Go- mini-enrichment online classes
- Classroom-based classes- traditional in person classes

[IRWA Education Link](#)

Calendar of Events

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

November 4 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon

Hess Club

November 9-10 - C417—The Valuation of Environmentally
Contaminated Real Estate

CenterPoint Energy

November 15, 11:15am-12:30pm - YP Educational Luncheon

Spectra Energy

CLASSES:

NOVEMBER 9-10 - C-417 - THE VALUATION OF

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONTAMINATED REAL ESTATE



Calendar of Events

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

December 9 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon

Hess Club

December 7 - Yo-Pro Holiday Party

J. Black's

CLASSES:



Chapter 8 Monthly Meeting Recap

IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting Recap – November 4, 2016

by Teri Cameron, Contract Land Staff

Speakers: Bob Williams, PSM, CP, GISP, Sam Inc.

“Utilizing Drones in Surveying”

IRWA Chapter 8 was pleased to have Bob Williams, with Sam, Inc. as our November Speaker. Bob spoke to us about the ever popular drones (UAVs) and utilizing them in Surveying and applications for Right of Way.

We learned that the United States is the last country to be able to legally fly UAVs in daylight only and some of the requirements.

The new rules for non-hobbyist small unmanned aircraft (UAS) operations – [Part 107 of the Federal Aviation Regulations](#) (PDF) – cover a broad spectrum of commercial uses for drones weighing less than 55 pounds. Here are the highlights of the new rule.

- Must have a remote pilot airman certificate with a small UAS rating, or be under the direct supervision of a person who holds such a certificate

- Must submit a safety plan

- Drone must be within operator's sight

- Can only fly between daylight and twilight

- Cannot fly over 400 feet

- Maximum speed is 100 miles per hour

- Cannot fly over property without granted Right of Entry

Other neat facts Bob shared with us were that UAVs can fly from 20-40 minutes and equipment can run from \$1000 - \$150,000. Bottom line - drone technology has become a tool that is necessary for land surveying in the future and everyone is excited about the possibilities of this new technology.

About Sam, Inc.

Founded in 1994, SAM is a leader in providing complete geospatial solutions.

Chapter 8 Monthly Meeting Recap

SAM's complete geospatial approach gives them the tools and skills to develop efficient and customized solutions for projects of any scale. This gives their clients the benefit of a single point of contact for a comprehensive set of surveying and mapping products. The size of their available workforce means they are able to use these tools effectively to accomplish even large-scale projects on accelerated schedules.

From rail to roadway, oil and gas to electric, civic to federal, the impressive SAM project portfolio demonstrates their proven track record of surveying, geospatial, SUE, utility coordination, and construction phase services for a wide variety of clients. Additionally, they offer a range of construction services through our wholly owned subsidiary SAM-CS®



Young Professionals



Thank you to Pinnacle Consulting Management Group and Chapter 8 for donating and co-sponsoring two educational vouchers to our chapter's Young Professionals. We could not thank our chapter and members enough for always supporting us in all of our endeavors.





IRWA CHAPTER 8
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
Holiday Party

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 7TH | 7:30PM-9:30PM

J. BLACK'S | 110 S HEIGHTS BLVD. HOUSTON, TX 77007

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

COLLECTING 15OZ CANS OF FRUIT FOR THE HOUSTON FOOD BANK

You are welcome to bring a guest



RSVP TO IRWAYPC8@GMAIL.COM BY DECEMBER 6TH





2016 IRWA Young Professional of the Year Award Application

Due November 30, 2016

Please contact Kasy Chambers at
kasy.chambers@airliquide.com for
this year's application.

Applicants must be active members of IRWA Chapter 8.
Chapter members may nominate or a Young Professional
can self-nominate.

Announcing The 2016-2017 IRWA Chapter 8 Young Professional's Committee

Co-Chairs: Kasy Chambers, Air Liquide

Kelly Simmons, Paragon Partners

Membership Chair: Mintra Rickelman, Percheron

Events Chair: Courtney Hart, Energy Access Solutions

Events Committee: Brittney Christy, Spirit Environmental

Kirby Ewing, Contract Land Staff

Education Chair: Eric Alley, Enterprise Products

Education Committee: Daniel Shaw, Pinnacle Group

Congratulations to our new IRWA C8 YPG Leadership!

Industry Acronyms



Industry Acronyms You Need To Know!

IRWA – International Right of Way Association

ROW – Right of Way

RWA – Right of Way Agent

RWP – Right of Way Professional

SR / WA – Senior Right of Way Professional

RWIEF – Right of Way International Educational Foundation

CRWIEF – Canadian Right of Way International Educational Foundation

ROWCC – Right of Way Consultants Council

YPG, YP's or YoPro's – IRWA Young Professionals Group

CLIMB – Content knowledge and communication, Leadership, Instruction, Methodology and Behaviors

Toys For Tots!



TOYS FOR TOTS 2016

Don't forget to bring a new unwrapped toy or: cash, check or credit card to donate at the meeting on Friday, December 9, 2016

New Option to Donate Prior to the Luncheon:

If you are unable to attend the Chapter 8 Holiday Luncheon you can still donate to this worthy cause.

Contact Judson Wisner at (281)726-4540 or daniel.j.wisner@exxonmobil.com to donate. We can accept credit card payment by phone and will send you a receipt for your donation.

Remember, all money raised will be used to buy educational and imagination inspiring toys at wholesale cost from our partners at Discovery Toys. These toys will be donated to a local **United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots** campaign brightening Christmas for many of the less fortunate children in our area.

Thank you for supporting the Chapter 8 Toys for Tots Program!

C200—Principles of R.E. Negotiation

Start Date: 3/30/2017
End Date: 3/31/2017
No. of Days: 2 Days
Course Level: Core
CEU Credits: 16.00
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Daily
Tuition: \$415.00 Member/\$520.00 Non-Member
Sponsored By: Chapter 8

Course Description: C200 Principles of R.E. Negotiation

INSTRUCTOR:

Ana B Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC is a Senior Vice President with Percheron. She has over 23 years experience in the right of way industry. Her areas of expertise include project management, feasibility studies, negotiation and acquisition, title research, title curative, permitting, relocation assistance, damage and claim settlement, construction support, due diligence and budgeting for the pipeline, electric utility, telecommunications, transit, wind, rail and public sector industries. Over her career Ana has worked as a consultant as well as the Vice President of Real Estate for a major Transit Authority. Ana received a Master in Business Administration (MBA) doing with a Bachelor of Science (BS) from the University of Houston. She is a Licensed Texas Real Estate Broker. Ana is a member of the IRWA Governing Council as the Chair of IRWA Region 2. Ana is also a Certified IRWA Instructor for C200 and C201 and is a past President and Professional of the Year for IRWA Chapter 8.



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More information to follow

CLASS FACILITY LOCATION:

Percheron
1940 W Grand Parkway N, STE 200
Enterprise and Endeavor Rooms
Phone: (832) 300-6400
Participant Capacity:
Suggested Hotel Accommodations:

C421—Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

Start Date: 5/8/2017
End Date: 5/11/2017
No. of Days: 4 Days
Course Level: Advanced
CEU Credits: 32.00
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Daily
Tuition: \$755.00 Member/\$935.00 Non-Member

Sponsored By: Chapter 8

Course Description: C421 Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

INSTRUCTOR:

Donnie Sherwood, MAI, SR/WA, R/W-AC



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Suggested Hotel Accommodations:

C431—Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

Start Date: 5/12/2017
End Date: 5/12/2017
No. of Days: 1 Days
Course Level: Intermediate
CEU Credits: 8.00
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Daily
Tuition: \$265.00 Member/\$330.00 Non-Member
Sponsored By: Chapter 8

Course Description: C431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

INSTRUCTOR:

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DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1, 2017



IRWA Call for Awards

EACH YEAR, IRWA recognizes members, chapters and companies for their valuable contributions toward advancing the Association and the right of way profession.

The International Nominations and Elections Committee is currently accepting nominations for the following categories:

- Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year
 - W. Howard Armstrong Instructor of the Year
 - Young Professional of the Year
 - Government Employer of the Year
 - Employer of the Year
 - Chapter of the Year
 - Website of the Year
 - Newsletter of the Year
 - SARPA Scholarship Sponsored by RWIEF
 - CRWEF Scholarship
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SUBMISSION INFORMATION All forms are available on the IRWA website under the "About Us" tab and submissions will be accepted by email only.

CRWEF Scholarship application should be sent to Shannon Favaro, SR/WA shannon.favaro@fortisbc.com

Newsletter and Website of the Year should be submitted to INEC Vice Chair Randall Kopfer, SR/WA at randallkopfer@gmail.com

All other submissions should be sent to Arlene MacKenzie, SR/WA at arlene.mackenzie@gov.ab.ca

Award winners will be honored at IRWA's Annual Awards Luncheon on June 12, 2017 during the 63rd Annual International Education Conference.



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TOGETHER.

New Requirements for Filing for SR/WA Candidacy

Transitioning Options Update

Transitioning your current certification from the old program to the new Industry Certification Program:

Pathway certification levels available under the new Industry Certification Program are:

Generalist	O&G Pipeline	Transportation	Electric-Utilities
RWA	RWA	RWA	RWA
RWP-GN	RWP-OG	RWP-TN	RWP-EU
SR/WA-GN	SR/WA-OG	SR/WA-TN	SR/WA-EU

Anyone who held an RWA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an RWA under the new Industry Certification Program in any of the -GN, -OG, -TN & EU pathways.

Anyone who held an RWP certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an RWP-GN under the new Industry Certification Program.

Anyone who held an SR/WA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an SR/WA-GN under the new Industry Certification Program.

Anyone who held an RWA, RWP or SR/WA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically granted credit for RWA level coursework under all of the pathways (-GN, -OG, -TN & EU) within the new Industry Certification Program.

Transitioning options for those partially through the old program (the pre-2016 RWA, RWP or SR/WA program):

You will have until December 31, 2016 to earn 64 or more credits hours of IRWA course work to qualify for SR/WA candidacy

- and -

You will have until December 31, 2016 to apply for SR/WA candidacy.

Approved candidates must complete the requirements within the 5-year candidacy time frame. Candidates who complete this certification under the pre-2016 program will be granted SR/WA-GN certification.

WHO SAYS THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH?

Chapter 8 Members,

The Chapter 8 Board has decided to offer its members the opportunity to receive a free lunch for the submission, acceptance and publication of a newsletter article.

To Qualify:

1. You must be a current IRWA Chapter 8 member. (Chapter Chairs and Executive Officers excluded)
2. Submit a newsletter article and have it published in the Award Winning The Centerline.
3. You receive a free lunch voucher for one of the regularly scheduled lunch meetings.

Submit your article today to

teri.cameron@contractlandstaff.com



Fun & Games

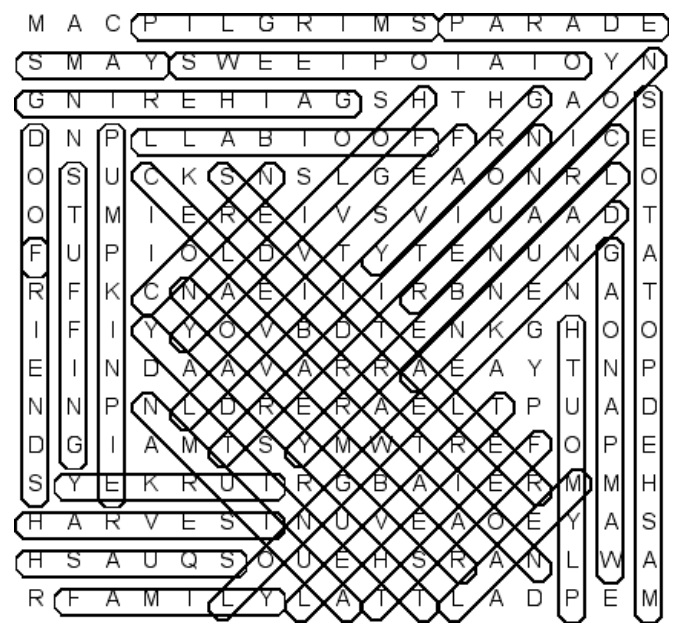
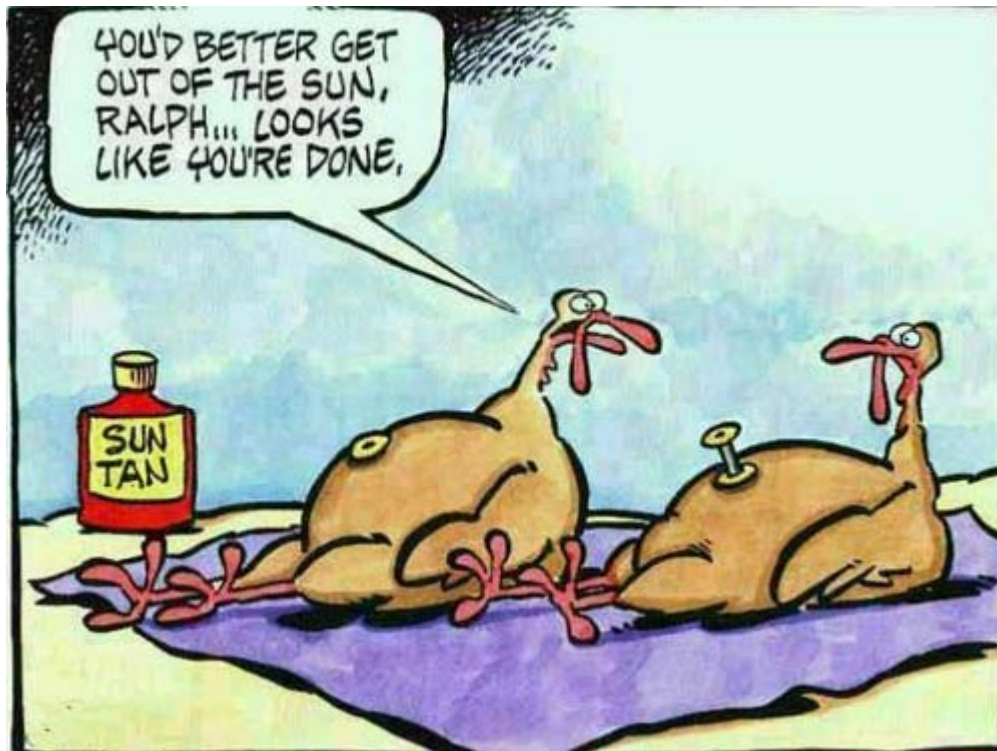
“Life is more fun if you play games.” ~ Roald Dahl

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Annual		Plymouth	Wampanoag
Autumn	Gathering	Pumpkin Pie	Yams
Celebration	Gravy	Relatives	
Corn	Harvest	Reunion	
Cranberry	Holiday	Squash	
Family	Long Weekend	Stuffing	
Feast	Mashed Potatoes	Sweet Potato	
Festival	Meal	Thursday	
Food	November	Tradition	
Football	Parade	Travel	
Friends	Pilgrims	Turkey	

Answers are on the next page!

Fun & Games



About the IRWA

Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, the IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, strong ethics and improved service to employers and the public, along with advancements within the right of way profession. IRWA is the

unsurpassed source of right of way educational programs and professional services worldwide.

Our Members

Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, IRWA has nearly 10,000 members throughout the US, Canada and Africa. Our members are multi-disciplined professionals employed by private industry and government agencies as Acquisition Agents, Appraisers, Environment Professionals, Engineers, Lawyers, Property Managers, Relocation Assistance Agents, Surveyors and Title Experts.

Please welcome our newest Chapter Members:



Please help us congratulate the following Educational Milestone, Recertification's and Candidacy's:

Right of Way Agent Certification

Jason Reece R/W-AC

SR/WA Recertification's

Glenda Briggs SR/WA

Steve Voss SR/WA

R/W Recertification's

Glenda Briggs SR/WA, R/W-AMC & NAC

Virginia Robledo R/W-RAC

Declaration of Candidacy

Jorge Cavazos, R/W-RAC

Norman Henenberg SR/WA

Crystal Shrader R/W-NAC, SR/WA

SR/WA Certified

Kasy Chambers SR/WA

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