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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Meetings: September 12,
November 14

Upcoming Classes:

303 Managing the Consultant Process, September 29
600 Intro to Environmental Issues, November 7

Region 3 Fall Forum:
October 9th & 10th in Bloomington MN.

Annual Conference:
June 28th - July 1st, in Indianapolis IN

The 54th Annual Education Conference



Many Thanks to O.R. Colan Associates for being a Silver Sponsor and donating Registration Bags during the 54th Annual Education Conference that was held in Austin, TX, June 22-25, 2008.

Each year, IRWA's Annual International Education Conference provides right of way professionals with unparalleled learning and networking opportunities.



Day with the Cardinals

Chapter 37's Day with the Cardinals was held August 7th. Eventhough the Cardinals were defeated by the Dodgers 4 to 1, a great time was had by all who attended.

54th Annual Education Conference

June 22, 23, 24 & 25, 2008



Cynthia Gan, Chapter 37's Director & Deanna Walker, Corps of Engineers



Gerald Johnson, JJRose Enterprises
Chapter 37's President & wife Geraldine.



Jeff Douglas, SR/WA and Rick Trelz,
Real Estate Supervisors, AmerenUE.

Message from our President

Greetings Chapter 37 members and friends. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve as the President of our Gateway Chapter 37 for 2008.

Our chapter had a great year during 2007 under the leadership of Cynthia Gan. We hosted the Region 3 Spring forum, sponsored many IRWA classes, had several members receive their SRWA designations, had our annual Cardinal ballgame outing with a dinner buffet, and welcomed many new members.

As you know, our chapter offers its members many opportunities for self improvement through its educational courses, networking opportunities at our quarterly luncheon meetings, professional designations to enhance your career, and opportunities for serving on IRWA committees, whether it is chapter, regional, or international. As your President, I challenge each of you to take advantage of these opportunities and become more involved in making our chapter even better during 2008.

Our chapter provides opportunities for you to help with our educational courses, seeks your ideas and assistance for our newsletter and recruitment of interesting speakers for our luncheons. I look forward to you sharing your project experiences with our membership and encouraging your coworkers and other right of way professionals to become new members. I know you will have fun participating in our annual Cardinals ballgame outing, as well as expanding your knowledge of the IRWA by attending the Region 3 Spring or Fall forum or the IRWA annual conference in June. All of your ideas and suggestions to enhance your experience are welcomed. If each of you participates in some way, then you will have a better feeling of ownership in our chapter.

Just remember that our Gateway chapter 37 is an important part of a much larger international right of way professional organization. You can get as much out of it as you put in to it. So let's all get it together and make 2008 one of the best years yet. I thank you all for your participation.

*Gerald Johnson,
Chapter 37, 2008 President*

The SR/WA Designation

SR/WA - Senior Member, International Right of Way Association - is the most prestigious professional designation granted by IRWA to members who have achieved professional status through experience, education and examination.

The SR/WA designation requires training and examination in several major right of way disciplines. The SR/WA designation says, "I have more than five years of right of way experience, plus I have had formal training in a wide variety of right of way areas



Region 3 Fall Forum



Please join North Star Chapter 20 on October 9 & 10, 2008, for the Region 3 Fall Forum in Bloomington, MN.

Our meeting will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel in Bloomington.

Their website is www.parkplaza.com/bloomingtonmn

2009 Annual Conference Location

Indianapolis, Indiana

June 28 - July 1



Flashback to how Callaway site was bought

Reprinted from an old issue
of the *Union Electric News*

Callaway Plant may be a long way from completed but it is finished, practically, as far as the Real Estate Department is concerned. And for three representatives of that department there are fond memories of five years in Callaway County, taking care of their part of the job.

It was in February 1973 that their department manager, **Gene Arras**, sent the trio out to buy the site selected by Nuclear Engineering. The three, **George Horton**, **Dave Shaw** and **Rich Eidman**, all had long experience in land buying for the company.

"As in all purchasing of Land for a utility, we had to keep the identity



Circa 1973, a group of UE employees and the helicopter pilot check out the land eventually purchased for the Callaway Nuclear Plant.

of the purchaser a secret," Horton says. "It was a formidable challenge to acquire something over 5,000 acres of land without disclosing the name of the purchaser. First we found a few tracts that were for sale and managed to buy them with a minimum of negotiation. This established the going price for Callaway County farmland and gave us a basis for negotiating with the remaining owners." Between February and July 16, when the company's plans were made public, Horton, Shaw and Eidman bought 5,080 acres. After the announcement, bargaining stiffened but they managed to close deals on the remaining 2,107 acres needed. Average price paid was \$486 an acre prior to disclosure.

"That's just about what others are paying for land in Callaway County in 1978," Shaw points out with some pride.



Eminent Domain News

Municipal Entities Can Join Mo. Ballot Lawsuit Last Edited: Tuesday, 02 Sep 2008, 12:36 PM CDT Created: Tuesday, 02 Sep 2008, 12:36 PM CDT

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) -- The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Municipal League can join a lawsuit over an eminent domain ballot measure. They are seeking to keep the proposed restrictions off the November ballot.

The secretary of state's office ruled last month that supporters of two proposed constitutional amendments on eminent domain didn't gather enough signatures. The measure's backers have sued to challenge that. The proposed restrictions would bar the use of eminent domain by nongovernment entities and for private use.

Cole County Judge Richard Callahan on Tuesday allowed the Chamber of Commerce, Municipal League and other entities to join the lawsuit.

Those groups argue that the proposed constitutional amendments would hinder economic growth and infrastructure projects, and they want to keep it off the November ballot.

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Please join **NORTH STAR CHAPTER 20**
on Thursday, October 9, 2008 for the
TWINS STADIUM EMINENT DOMAIN SEMINAR
Lunch at 12:00 pm with the seminar beginning at 1:00 pm

This five-hour seminar will include lunch, afternoon snacks and drawings for Minnesota Twins memorabilia. The cost per person is **\$75.00**. Chapter 20 has applied for Minnesota continuing real estate credits, appraisal credits and legal credits. All credits are pending.

The IRWA Region 3 Fall Forum **COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL EVENT** with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will follow the presentation and will begin at 5:30 pm.

RSVPs required for both events. If you have any questions, please email Victoria Ely @ vely@grenergy.com