

Gateway Express

IRWA Chapter 37, Newsletter, March 2009



2009 Chapter Officers:

President: Angela Lawson, SRWA,
President Elect: Lou Ann Dollar, SRWA
1st Vice President: Harvey Allen
2nd Vice President: Clay Frankenreiter
Treasurer: Ed Dirck, SRWA, RW-NAC
Secretary:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Chapter Meeting: March 6, Pujols 5, St Louis
IRWA Course C402: March 12, St Louis, AmerenUE
IRWA Course C410: March 13, St Louis, AmerenUE
Joint Chapter Meeting: May 8, Willmore Lodge at Lake of the Ozarks.
IRWA Course C602: May 13 & 14, St Louis, AmerenUE
IRWA Course C603: May 15, St Louis, AmerenUE
Chapter Meeting: Sept. 4, Pujols 5, St Louis
IRWA Course C901: September 11, St Louis, AmerenUE
Chapter Meeting: Nov. 6, Pujols 5, St Louis
IRWA Course C203: November 12 & 13, St Louis, AmerenUE



Chapter Members and guests during a presentation at Chapter 37's Installation Banquet, Favazzas on the Hill, St Louis Missouri. January 9, 2009.



Gerald Johnson, Angela Lawson, Lou Ann Dollar, Harvey Allen, Clay Frankenreiter & Ed Dirck, Chapter 37's 2009 Board Members, being sworn in during banquet.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings IRWA Gateway Chapter 37 Members and Friends:

What a year 2008 was, and the year 2009 will be! 2009 is an exciting year for me to serve as President of the IRWA Gateway Chapter 37. In 2009 The International Right of Way Association will celebrate its 75th Anniversary, and on January 20, 2009 our Country will inaugurate its first African American President, Barak Obama.

Looking back in the year of 2008 under the leadership of Gerald Johnson our Chapter:

- increased our Chapter membership
- continued our annual Cardinal ballgame outing
- represented our Chapter at the IRWA Spring and Fall forum
- initiated a joint chapter meeting between our Chapter and Chapter 5, and
- begin the process of updating our Chapter Bylaws.

Thank you Gerald, for your dedication and the hard work you have contributed to the Chapter as President in 2008. I hope to enhance the work that you have begun.

What can our Chapter look forward to in 2009?

With the participation of all our current and future members, Chapter 37 will:

- Develop a marketing strategy with the objective of increasing our membership and member participation
- Increase the number of participants in our Chapter sponsored courses
- Participate in the IRWA Recognition and Reward Programs for our Chapter
- Complete the review and amendment of our existing Chapter Bylaws established in December 1960
- Reinvent our local Chapter Committees
- Begin the planning process in celebration of our Chapter's 50th Anniversary in December, 2010.

I recognize our objectives are aggressive and require time and commitment of all our members in 2009 and beyond. In order to accomplish our objectives a two year strategic plan will be developed for review and implementation. A summary of the strategic plan will be available for our Chapter meeting on March 6, 2009.

My pledge to you as President in 2009 is to ensure the professional objectives of the Chapter members are fully met. With the support and expertise of our Local Chapter Members, Regional and International support, I am confident *Gateway Chapter 37* will attain its goals.

I hope to contribute to the growth of the Chapter as our former Presidents beginning with the Chapter's First President installed on January 20, 1961, Fred Switzer, to the most recent, currently serving as 1st and 2nd Directors, Gerald Johnson and Cynthia Gan.

Thank you course facilitators, past officers, committee chairs and members for your participation and dedication, and allowing me the opportunity to serve the Chapter, I look forward to working with you all.

Angela Lawson, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
January, 2009

Joint Chapter Meeting

Please join us for a Joint Meeting with Chapter 5 to be held May 8th at the Willmore Lodge, Lake Ozark, Missouri. Bryan Vance, AmerenUE Field Coordinator will have a presentation on the history of Bagnall Dam, shoreline management and environmental challenges associated with the lake.

Willmore Lodge History

This historic log building was completed in 1930 for Union Electric, by Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation and designed by Louis La Beaume, a noted St. Louis architect and partner in the architectural firm of La Beaume and Klein. La Beaume's resume included work on the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (the 1904 World's Fair), a member of the St. Louis City Plan Commission, and president of the St. Louis Art Museum. His design and plan was two years in the making and was approved by Union Electric President Louis A. Egan, whose name the lodge informally bore in its early years. Early documentation refers to the lodge as an administrative building, although the amenities and interior layout indicates a plush retreat and entertainment facility for Union Electric during the early years of the Great Osage River Project.



The Great Osage River Project

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The Great Osage River Project is recognized as one of the greatest engineering and construction feats of its time. Site work began on August 6, 1929 by Union Electric Company of St. Louis, Missouri and the Stone and Webster Corporation. The final price tag would be \$30 million for the last and largest major dam to be built in the United States entirely with private capital. Four months after construction began, the stock market crash followed by years of the Great Depression. The undertaking created a gold rush type scene. News spread quickly and prospective employees began pouring into the area. They came by foot, horseback, river, piled high in trucks, and a few in automobiles. The area was so remote that roads were dirt and the nearest railway stopped 15 miles away in Eldon. During the worst depression that the United States had ever seen, Union Electric created nearly 10,000 new jobs and, at that time, the largest man-made lake in the world. There were some 4,600 craftsmen and laborers working at one point in time, twenty-four hours per day and seven days per week. During the next two years, the project would see 20,500 workers come and go. Before the Project started, this land was sparsely populated. Most of the residents were settlers who came because of the 1864 Homestead Act. That Act allowed 160 acre tracts of land to be deeded, at \$1.25 per acre. Union Electric created its own city. Dormitories and mess halls were built first, followed by a hospital, concrete plant, miles of roads, and even a jail for the rowdy misbehavers. Copyright Lake Area Chamber of Commerce



IRWA'S 55th Annual International Education Conference

Indianapolis
June 28—July 1, 2009

IRWA Region 3 2009 Spring Forum

Friday, March 27, 2009 at:

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Overland Park-West
8787 Reeder Road (69 Hwy & 87th St)
Overland Park, KS 66214
913-888-8440

Ask for a special rate of (\$84.00 + tax) for IRWA members for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday nights. (It can probably be extended to Sat as well)
The rate is guaranteed until Feb. 25th, 2009. *It is booked under the International Right of Way Association - not IRWA.*

Please RSVP to Matt Armfield: Matt.Armfield@westarenergy.com

Educational Offering: 200 Principles of R.E. Negotiation Wed March 25th, Thurs March 26th

KCPL (Kansas City Power & Light) Services Center
16215 W. 108th
Lenexa, KS 66219
913-894-3000

Class Coordinator: William Wright, william_wright@kcmo.org 816-513-0507

SOCIAL / MIXER / MEET & GREET Thursday, March 26th, 5:30 pm to 7:30pm

Hosted & Sponsored by: (at 95th St. location below)

Twin Peaks, Inc
20527 West 95th Street

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."

The SR/WA professional may be a specialist in one area such as acquisition, relocation or law, but also must be familiar with the other disciplines associated with the right-of-way profession. The SR/WA designation is the only designation reflecting evidence of professional attainment in the right of way field.



Chapter Member in the *Spotlight*

Chapter 37 has had the privilege of having Richard Schreiber as an IRWA member since the 1970's and was the Chapter President in 1987. He also obtained a JD Degree from St Louis University School of Law and has been engaged in the private practice of law in the St Louis Metro Area for many years.

Mr. Schreiber was certified to instruct IRWA classes in 1984 and has been teaching ever since. He is qualified and has taught property law & ethics, Negotiations & skills of the expert Testimony, Legal aspects of easements and most recently eminent domain.

The most significant change Mr. Schreiber has experienced in the past thirty years is in the chapter's growth. When he first became a member there were twenty-five to thirty active members. Today; however, the chapters membership is near one hundred, with many having obtained or in the process of obtaining their SR/WA designation. He also states the membership of the chapter is more diverse and has taken a greater interest in international programs.

In the right of way industry itself, Mr. Schreiber sees the most significant change in the condemnation process. Due to the fear of huge verdicts, those who condemn right of way are settling more cases. The addition of notice provisions to property owners and the expanded use of appraisals at every stage of the process are also big changes in the way right of way business is completed.

It is Mr. Schreiber's belief that IRWA's biggest challenge in the next decade will be its continued growth in a changing economy and adapting to the changing energy scene in the country.



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

**** FIRST ANNUAL ****
JOINT CHAPTER MEETING FOR CHAPTERS 5 & 37
& GUEST SPEAKER
WILMORE LODGE – LAKE OF THE OZARKS
FRIDAY MAY 8TH, 2009

Meeting Location:

Wilmore Lodge
#1 Willmore Lane
Lake Ozark, MO 65049
800-451-4117
573-964-1008
<http://www.willmorelodge.com/>

Reserved Lodging:

The Resort at Port Arrowhead
3080 Bagnell Dam Blvd.
Lake Ozark, MO
65049
573-365-2334

IRWA Group Rate: Standard Room \$79, King \$99 for Friday and Saturday (if needed)
Mention IRWA when making reservation to receive the discounted rate before **April 8, 2009**
<http://www.theresortatportarrowhead.com/index.php>
(use group code & password **IRWA09** when making reservation)

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. Registration, Member Networking – Meet and Greet

11:45 a.m. **FREE** Catered lunch for chapter members and guest

Please make RSVP for Meeting (with head count) no later than Friday May 1, 2009
cafrank@stlmsd.com or matt.armfield@westarenergy.com

12:45 p.m. Call to order; announcements; pledge of allegiance, and moment of silence

12:55 p.m. Guest Speaker: Bryan Vance, AmerenUE Field Coordinator/Shoreline Management
Mr. Vance will be sharing with the group some history on Bagnell Dam and Lake of the Ozarks and AmerenUE's role in managing the shoreline

1:30 p.m. Wrap Up and break into separate chapter Business Meetings

FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHER – A DO NOT MISS OCCASION

THE HORNY TOAD
Live music, entertainment, drinks
Toad Cove
2325 Bittersweet Rd.
Lake Ozark, Missouri 65049
Phone: (573) 365-5620
<http://www.toadcove.com/hornytoad.aspx>