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Setting Our Sights

Years of planning and construction went into Beijing's iconic bird's nest stadium that is now synonymous with 2008 games. With Vancouver slated to host the Winter Games in 2010, surveyors have been hard at work helping to ready the infrastructure. Check out the story on page 12.

Diversifying

For those of you looking for ways to expand your practice, both Wendy Lathrop and Gavin Schrock have something to say on the subject of diversification this month. Schrock has also extended his teaching ability to the Internet. Those of you who enjoy "visual learning" can now watch YouTube video versions of Schrock explaining RTN components. Parlaying his comedic skills (particularly in Part 7), Schrock presents informative, short and entertaining explanations of Real Time Networks. Go to amerisurv.com and select the Video tab.

Tips & Tricks

Steven E. Weible, a Missouri LS, gives step-by-step instructions on how to use State Plane Coordinates with an inexpensive handheld GPS unit. Many of you are using these units to search for evidence, but using lats and longs. While Steven's method only applies to Transverse Mercator states, if you happen to live in such a state, you might find the ability to work directly with SPC a benefit.

A Foot in the Past . . . an Eye to the Future

Across the U.S., summer is "prime time" for Boy Scouts to work on their Surveying Merit Badge. Mike Davis wrote a nice article in the Summer 2008 *Hoosier Surveyor* about activities in Indiana. Here in Maryland, surveyors from the Appalachian Chapter of the Maryland Society of Surveyors met up with a group of Boy Scouts in July on the sprawling 107-acre campus of FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The photo below shows them drawing scale maps of their surveys. Hats off to those of you across the country who volunteer your time, share your knowledge, and set your sights with an "eye to the future" for our great profession.

