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You're Invited to the 2nd Annual "Leaves-On" Social

It's time for the 2nd Annual ASPRS RMR Summer Leaves-On Social! Bring your colleagues and friends.

The "Leaves On" social will be held during "Film on the Rocks" at Red Rocks Amphitheater in Morrison, Colorado on Wednesday, July 16th. Tailgating begins at 6:00PM. Please bring an appetizer to share and beverage(s) of your choice.

The movie is **Labyrinth** and the band is Ukulele Loki and the Gadabout Orchestra. The event will feature a carnival of aerial dancers, fire breathers and puppeteers.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance (recommended) and \$12.00 at the box office. You may purchase tickets at all King Soopers and by phone at 1-866-464-2626.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access directions and event details (click on the push pins for more information) on Maps Live. From there you may export the directions to your GPS or a kml file.

We had a wonderful time last year and hope that you will join us on July 16th as we continue this fun tradition.

For additional information about "Film on the Rocks," [CLICK HERE](#).

Plan Now to Attend 21st Annual GIS in the Rockies, Sept. 10-12

The planning process for the 21st Annual GIS in the Rockies Conference in Loveland, Colorado is in full swing and we are anticipating that final arrangements for the show will be in place by August 2008. As we continue to move along in the process, we are still hoping to include other vendors as many sponsorship and exhibit opportunities still exist.

The conference theme is "Mapping Your Assets." Application tracks for this year's show will include:

- Map Your Assets: Geospatial Data Collection and Validation Techniques to Support Organizational Asset Management Goals
- Concepts of Computer Science for Geo-Technologists
- Business Information: Accounting for Geospatial Intelligence
- Remote Sensing and LIDAR technology: The New Digital Frontier

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If you have any questions regarding this year's show or sponsorship and exhibit opportunities, please contact **Kristi Audette**, President of the event management firm "All The Details, Inc." via email at Kristi@alldetailsinc.com or you can visit the show website at <http://www.GISintheRockies.org>. All booth numbers and sponsorship priority will be assigned based on the date the application and payment are received.

Pecora 17 / ASPRS Fall Meeting Nov. 17-20, 2008

Denver - Sheraton (Adams Mark) Hotel

The planning for the Pecora/ASPRS Fall meeting is moving full steam ahead and more links on the website are becoming active. Workshops will be offered on Sunday, November 16 in the afternoon and all day on Monday, November 17. The draft of the workshop offerings can be found on the [Pecora website](#). There will also be a full-day workshop on ASPRS certification. Again, check the website for additional workshop offerings.

The online registration link is also available. Advance registration ends October 17, 2008. The final planning and scheduling for the keynote, plenary, and technical sessions are almost done. Don't miss Monday night when the Rocky Mountain Region will be hosting the Rogue's Night Out at the Wynkoop's Mercantile Room from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Be there for the RMR Scholarship Announcement.

There will be two levels of volunteer positions associated with the symposium to ensure its smooth running. The first level of volunteer position is a student assistantship and includes conference registration and a small stipend. The second level is a student volunteer and includes the conference registration. All student volunteers must be student members of ASPRS and attending an accredited college or university. Volunteer opportunities include working at the Conference Registration Desk, ASPRS Staff Office, General and Technical sessions, Exhibit Hall, Workshops, Poster Sessions, and as a floater. All positions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. A volunteer is committing to work 15 hours during the symposium, the remainder of the time you can attend the plenary and technical sessions, visit the Exhibit Hall, and attend the evening events, including the Rogues Night Out (with important RMR scholarship announcement), Exhibitor's Reception, and Landsat 5 Celebration. A short orientation and dinner will be provided for all volunteers on Saturday evening. The volunteer announcement will be on the [Pecora](#)

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[website](#) and mailed to all student members of ASPRS after July 15.

For more information or questions, please contact:
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President's Message

Greetings Rocky Mountain Region Members,

This newsletter is dedicated to visionaries; the ones from our past whose bounty we continue to enjoy and the ones ahead who will foster creative ideas combined with advancing technology propelling us into the future. I'm constantly reminded in this industry how blessed we are to belong to an association with such a rich history and exciting opportunities advancing society forward. Photogrammetry and remote sensing play critical roles in so many disciplines. I once listed them for a Department of Labor contract which required reducing the font size so I could contain the list to two pages!

In my career spanning the Energy, Environment, Defense and Emergency Response / Homeland Security sectors, it's been quite rewarding to work with visionaries who incorporated spatial technologies into their workflows. The value and benefit to the public well-being are immeasurable. I feel extremely proud to have you (RMR membership) as colleagues who have contributed to the greater good.

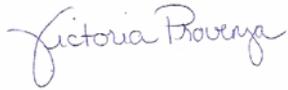
Visionaries from our region will be highlighted in the television documentary spearheaded by the ASPRS Foundation and reported by **Allen Cook** in the Spring newsletter. Kudos and gratitude are allocated to **Allen Cook** and **Matt Cross** who are representing the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) in this effort. They are also working in conjunction with the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum to assist in creating a permanent exhibit of historical artifacts from our industry. If you would like to volunteer in either of these efforts, please contact **Allen Cook** at allen.cook@ngc.com. To honor our visionaries, the RMR will match donations up to \$1,000.00 for the television documentary. If you or your company would like to make a donation, please contact our treasurer, **Linda Meyer**, Meyer.Linda@geoeye.com.

I read an interesting article recently on "Facebook Dipping," a new craze sweeping the United Kingdom combining mischievous teenage visionaries, Web 2.0 and online satellite imagery. These youngsters use Google Earth to gain spatial intelligence on

private residences containing the perfect pool for impromptu dips. The parties attract up to 500 teenagers while homeowners are asleep or away at work. As a non pool owner, I found this clever way to break the law a bit amusing. It certainly doesn't fall under the "stupid criminals" category with the bank robber who disguised himself as a tree. Luckily, he won't be attending the "Leaves On Social." But we hope you will. Please check out the invitation above and link to the tailgating location on Maps Live.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. It's a pleasure to serve as your President.

Kindest regards,



Victoria Provenza
ASPRS RMR President

National Director's Report

There is not a lot of news to report for this issue, as we seem to be in the midst of Summer! The Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, was very good, and an opportunity to visit a city we had not been in for a few years. And it didn't rain (much)!

ASPRS EXCOM is planning to meet in mid-August at ASPRS headquarters in Bethesda. There is the usual full agenda for the meeting, with the major topic being continued low-level activities surrounding the possible sale of the Grosvenor Estate (where the ASPRS headquarters condo is located). An international school is negotiating to buy the property to build a school, but they have many administrative hurdles yet to pass. All I can report now is that a sale is possible, and we are beginning to do the contingency planning should a sale become imminent. In any case, ASPRS and the other tenants of our office condo hold the key to developing the property, due to our location in the exact middle of the developable land. Should any new information become available, I will report it here, as well as reporting from headquarters to the membership directly.

There is no news to report on the television documentary initiative, but planning continues in the background. Pennsylvania PBS has signed on to lead the project, and they are currently working with **Karen Schuckman** and with the ASPRS Foundation on a methodology and schedule. There should be additional news this fall, including a possible fund-raising effort. Our own oral history initiative will derive direction from the PBS project, but additional

planning will wait until our student chapters become active again this fall.

Continuing the history theme this month, we have sent an inquiry letter to NGA, requesting the donation of any available historic photogrammetry and aerial photography equipment to the local Wings over the Rockies Museum. We understand this timing may be good, due to the move of NGA from the Washington Navy Yard to the New Campus East. We will also send a similar letter to USGS, since similar consolidation efforts are ongoing.

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Rocky Mountain Region 2008 Scholarship Announcement

In its continuing efforts to support and build awareness for the Remote Sensing & GIS sciences, the Rocky Mountain Region of ASPRS is proud to announce its academic scholarships for 2008-2009. If you would like to obtain additional information or details please visit www.asprs-rmr.org to learn more about the Scholarship Program. The Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) of ASPRS offers scholarships to deserving undergraduate and graduate students every year. The scholarships are intended for students throughout the Rocky Mountain Region (Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming) who are demonstrating excellence while pursuing careers in the fields of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or related disciplines. Both undergraduate and graduate students of any third-level educational institution within the four-state region who are pursuing degrees in these disciplines are eligible for the awards. The deadline to submit applications is in the fall every year and the winners are chosen in early or mid-December. Awards are presented at the ASPRS-RMR Annual Dinner Meeting in January. We have consistently offered thousands of dollars in annual scholarships and this year will be no different! Preference is given to those studies that apply sound scientific principles to practical applications and/or to those presenting their work at an ASPRS-sponsored conference. Award of both the Undergraduate and the Graduate scholarships is based on academic merit (that is, the application form does not request any personal financial data). For more information, please contact **Trent Casi**, Vice-President, ASPRS-RMR at 303.215-31700 or at tcasi@harris.com.

RMR Receives 2 National Awards

Many thanks to the 2007 RMR Board of Directors and the entire membership for another outstanding year. Your Rocky Mountain Region continues to be recognized with awards from National Headquarters as one of the most active regions. These awards were presented at the ASPRS 2008 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon, and are based on our 2007 calendar year successes. This time around RMR was chosen for 2 awards:

- Region of the Year Award – 1st Honorable Mention (2nd place)
- Region Newsletter of the Year – 3rd Place (Rocky Mountain Compiler)

Again, congratulations to everyone in the Rocky Mountain Region for making 2007 such a successful year, as we consistently lead the way for ASPRS!

Welcome New Members!

Please extend a warm Rocky Mountain Region welcome to our new members!

Marc Feigitsch	Andrew M. Fox
Llana Hines	Frederick C. Koether
Leah Martin	Michael Tyler Naus
Todd Packebush	John Risetto

Proceedings and Audio/Video from Portland Meeting Available Online

If you didn't get to go to Portland, or you want to refresh your memory about something in the Keynote or General Session, you can review audio and video files at <http://www.asprs.org/conference-archive/portland08/multimedia.html>.

For members only, the proceedings of the Portland Annual Meeting are also accessible online. A link is in the lower left corner of the home page, <http://www.asprs.org>.

Roger Hoffer Is Now an Honorary Member

In the opening session at the Annual Meeting in Portland, Rocky Mountain Region's own **Roger Hoffer** became an Honorary Member. This is the highest award an ASPRS member can receive, and there are only 25 living Honorary Members of the Society at any given time. Candidates are chosen by a Nominating Committee made up of the past five recipients of the award and chaired by the most recent recipient. **Dean Merchant** served as the current chair.

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Initiated in 1937, this life-time award is given in recognition of individuals who have rendered distinguished service to ASPRS and/or who have attained distinction in advancing the science and use of the geospatial information sciences. It is awarded for professional excellence and for at least 20 years of service to ASPRS.



ASPRS President **Marguerite Madden** presented a certificate and trophy to new Honorary Member **Roger Hoffer**.

We Invite You to Get Involved

To suggest new activities, offer compliments or feedback, or help with the various activities underway in the Region, get in touch with a member of the Board. Contact information is on the region website at <http://www.asprs-rmr.org/officers.html>.

News from Headquarters

Chad Lopez became the first Remote Sensing Technologist to be certified. http://www.asprs.org/news/releases/2008-06-1st_cert_rs_technologist.htm.

An Award has been established to honor **Abraham Anson**. <http://www.asprs.org/news/releases/2008-06-anson-award.htm>.

The successful ASPRS 2008 Annual Conference, held April 28 – May 2, was reported. <http://www.asprs.org/news/releases/2008-05-portland.htm>.

The Boeing Award for Best Paper in Image Analysis and Interpretation has been announced. <http://www.asprs.org/news/releases/2008-04-boeing-award-winner.htm>.