

Esri Mid-Atlantic User Group Newsletter



Fall 2016

Welcome to the Fall 2016 edition of the Esri-MUG Newsletter. If you have a calendar item, GIS activity, or GIS news item that might be of interest to us all, please submit it to our secretary, Sue Hoegberg, at shoegberg@dewberry.com.

President's Message

There will not be an Esri Mid-Atlantic User Conference in 2016. The landscape for conferences is changing, and many of us will now adjust our schedules and budgets to take advantage of other activities. In the absence of the usual late year MUC, you might think about the Esri Public Safety Forum in Philadelphia in December, or another meeting focused on your discipline.

Chris Markel, Esri-MUG
President



The MUG Board is currently working on plans for a Spring Meeting. We're looking for ideas, presentations, and what Esri technology you'd like to learn about. If you'd like to help out and perhaps earn some GISP certification points, contact one of the Board members listed in this newsletter, or join the discussion in the LinkedIn group (search for ESRI MUG if you're not a member).

Esri-MUG SIG at Esri UC

By Angelica Hassinger

The 2016 Esri International User Conference was held from June 27 to July 1, 2016. The Esri Mid-Atlantic User Group Special Interest Group (Esri-MUG SIG) meeting was well attended on June 28th. After a brief explanation of the MUG's mission, we delved into the benefits of becoming more involved. I emphasized the importance of networking within the MUG, through the hosted social meetings and local conferences. I spoke about my personal involvement with the MUG Board and how quickly and easily you can become involved. We talked about the golf outing fundraiser to benefit the scholarship fund and answered some questions. The MUG is a great group to get involved with to enhance your professional network. It is very simple to become more involved and to influence

the topics covered during activities and social events. At the end of the meeting, I asked everyone to take the remaining time we had in the room to chat about GIS and their work or interests with each other and initiated a small professional networking activity.

Esri-MUG Golf Outing 2016

By Golf Outing chairman Tom Schweitzer

The Esri- MUG 2016 Golf Outing was held on August 10th at Needwood Golf Course in Derwood, MD. Once again the weather cooperated with sunny skies, and nice temps. We had 16 players attend the event, pairing off into 4 teams. RouteSmart and Atkins supported the event with donations, getting a sign with their logo at several of the tee boxes.

Prizes were given for the longest drive and two closest to the pin on two select par 3's. David Attaway captured the longest drive on #13. It was Charles Gerlach's second year in a row to capture one of the closest to the pins, this year on the front nine. Eric Cook out-aimed the group to take the closest to the pin award on #15 on the back nine.

The two winning teams each shot a 58!! That's 12 under par. The teams consisted of Brendan Ford, Craig McIntire, Christine Ford, and Matt Bubak with the second team of Eric Cook, Jason Fry, John Sniezek, and Chris Walz. This would be the third time Brendan's team has shared the win. We need to get him some more competition next year! Thanks to all that participated.

The outing also netted \$420 to support the Esri-MUG student scholarship fund.

We are planning on continuing the tradition next year and looking to have it around the same time of year, late July or early August. We are always interested in increasing participation in this event, so feedback on location and dates is always welcome.

GIS Day Events in the Mid-Atlantic

GIS Day is November 16, 2016! GIS Day provides a forum for users of geographic information systems (GIS) technology to demonstrate real-world applications that are making a difference in our society.

The first formal GIS Day took place in 1999. Esri president and co-founder Jack Dangermond credits Ralph Nader with being the person who inspired the creation of GIS Day. He considered GIS Day a good initiative for people to learn

about geography and the uses of GIS. He wanted GIS Day to be a grassroots effort and open to everyone to participate.

GIS Day is celebrated the Wednesday of National Geography Awareness Week, which is itself celebrated the third week of November each year. Hundreds of GIS Day events are planned this year across the globe on nearly every continent. Many agencies and organizations throughout the Esri-MUG area observe GIS Day by hosting local events that highlight GIS and their efforts in using GIS. A list of GIS Day events held in the Mid-Atlantic area is shown below.

For more information about GIS Day visit <http://www.gisday.com/>

Pennsylvania

Allegheny County
Pittsburgh, PA

California University of Pennsylvania
California, PA

Central Pennsylvania Community
College
Harrisburg, PA

Drexel University
Philadelphia, PA

Kelly Elementary School
Lewisburg, PA

King's College
Wilkes-Barre, PA

Lancaster County
Lancaster, PA

Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Bradford, PA

USDA Farm Service
Warren, PA

US EPA
Philadelphia, PA

Washington County
Washington, PA

New Jersey

American Water Enterprise
Picatinny Arsenal, NJ

Burlington County
Mount Holly, NJ

Rowan College at Burlington County
Mount Laurel, NJ

Delaware

City of Dover
Dover, DE

Delaware GIS Day Committee
Dover AFB, DE

University of Delaware
Newark, DE

Maryland

University of Maryland
College Park, MD

Washington College
Chestertown, MD

District of Columbia

Department of Health and Human
Services
Washington, DC

Library of Congress
Washington, DC

New Light Technologies
Washington, DC

Self-Represented Litigation Network
Washington, DC

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC

Virginia

Blue Raster GIS Day for Washington-Lee
High School
Arlington, VA

City of Danville
Danville, VA

Churchill Road Elementary School
McLean, VA

Dewberry GIS Day
Fairfax, VA

George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

Virginia Department of Transportation
At the Richmond, Hampton Roads, and
Fairfax VDOT offices

West Virginia

City of Oak Hill
Oak Hill, WV

Davis & Elkins College
Elkins, WV

Marshall University
Huntington, WV

West Virginia Department of
Transportation
Charleston, WV

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