



Summer Wrap-Up



With summer drawing to a close, here's what some of our fellow Sidwellians did over the past few months to make their "fun in the sun."

Debbie Angello and her husband Carl have attended numerous motorcycle parties and rallies across Illinois, Indiana and Michigan; they've logged 1,500 miles thus far!

Linda Coulombe spent a week in Northern Wisconsin, as well as several weekends in Lake Geneva. Linda also exercised her green thumb working in her home garden.

Julie Dancheck purchased a townhouse, and made plans galore for her August 31st wedding and subsequent Hawaii honeymoon.

Scott DeHainaut and a childhood friend spent three days backpacking through the coastal wilderness of Olympic National Park in Washington. During their time there, they saw sea stacks and arches as well as deer, raccoons, bald eagles and harbor seals. "It was a breathtaking trip," commented Scott.

Barbara Dutton completed several sewing projects, went boating with her dad, and enjoyed a favorite pastime: reading fiction.

Alysa Hwalisz came in 5th place out of 30 runners in her class in her very first competition, during the Swedish Days 5k Flodlopet Run.

Carole Karr and her husband Ed took a 1,400 mile bus tour to Idaho. While on their trip, they toured Schweitzer Mountain, Sun Valley, Hell's Canyon (by jet boat!), and also took part in a 75-mile white water rafting trip down the Salmon River. "We got wet," Carole said, "but we're ready to do it again!"

Dave Squires and his wife Mary Ann traveled to southern Indiana and Ohio in search of Mary Ann's roots. They visited the hospital she was born in, as well as schools she attended and houses she lived in. "It was a great and sometimes emotional experience," said Dave.

Planes, Trains and Activities A-plenty

Retired Sidwellian Bob Meiborg is not one to let the grass grow under *his* feet. Although he officially retired from the company in 1983, he continued to work for another 10 years or so as a consultant to the aerial photography department, which he was instrumental in building from its fledgling form after he joined the company in 1961. Nowadays, he spends time pursuing a variety of personal interests—a variety he sometimes thinks causes him to go in too many directions at once. "I think I'm trying to do too many things and I'm not really getting *anything* done," he laughs, adding, "Occasionally I've said, 'Why don't you pick just one or two of these things and concentrate and get it done!' Yeah," he says, in commenting about his inability to resist taking up an interesting new project or pursuit that comes his way, "I say, 'Geez, that is *neat*. Why don't I look into that?'"

One of the interests he has focused on in recent years is panoramic photography, a photographic technique he became interested in 20 years ago while attending a photogrammetric conference in San Francisco. In a gallery there he saw a panoramic photo of the city. "I bought one of the pictures and took it home," he recalls. "And then

I called the guy [who took it and] and said, 'Gee how do you get one of these cameras?' and that was it!" Bob claims he was bitten by the "panoramic virus." And although he says that panoramic photography actually dates from the 1800s and became popular during WWI for taking group pictures of soldiers in camps, at the time he became interested in it there were very few of the cameras available. But, he says, there are now quite a few of these special devices out there that

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Milestones

The following employee celebrates a significant service anniversary this summer:

25 Years

Denise Lester

Congratulations to Denise, as well as to all employees celebrating anniversaries in other increments of time!





Sidwell's 1997 Picnic: *Almost Here!*

Reminder to all employees: Sidwell's 1997 Company Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 1997. The festivities will kick off at 11:00 a.m.; our projected turnout stands at 120 adults and 35 kids! This year's

picnic feast will again be catered by All-American Picnics, and will include hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, chicken, corn, assorted salads and numerous ice cream treats. Also provided will be beer, wine coolers and soda pop. Games and entertainment will be available for all children in attendance—and the Moon-Walk makes its return as well!

Our usual picnic tent will be in place, and employees are requested to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Here's hoping for favorable weather—see you there!

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are able to "sweep" expansive subjects (or photograph a moving subject) to capture a very long image; and, that he belongs to an association of panoramic photographers. Bob himself served during WWII with the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aerial photographer in the Pacific.

Because of the lack of what he calls "breathtaking scenery" to shoot in the Midwest, Bob's photographic subjects have focused on trains and other subjects—including a carousel—which lend themselves to this photographic medium. The largest, or longest, image he's produced is of a circus train; its photographic negative measures 13 feet, and when the image was enlarged for printing the result was a 26-foot-long print! Bob has also turned his lens on small town scenes and architectural structures that face the possible threat of destruction. His work includes a series on derelict buildings, including houses and barns; and he has captured on film such interesting architecture details as cupolas. Additionally, he is currently experimenting with infrared photo techniques; and some of his photographic works were recently exhibited at a local library.

Among the greatest challenges he reports encountering in working in this medium is getting a panoramic photo image developed. "Because of the size," he explains, "it doesn't fit in with any of the normal printing things. So it's always oddball," he continues, adding jokingly that people who are involved with this art form also "are kind of that way!"

In addition to his work with panoramic photography, Bob has been expending efforts writing a book documenting the history of aerial photography in Illinois, as well. For this project-in-progress he reports that he's been saving material for more than 30 years. When completed, the book is to cover aerial photography taken not only from planes but from helicopters and kites, and is to include information on Sidwell's role in the industry.

It certainly appears likely that Bob's activities as an artist and author will keep him from sitting still for some time to come!

Welcome, New Employees!

The most recent additions to the Sidwell staff are:

Dave Cichon - Compilation II
Kirk Dearborn - GIS Maintenance
Phil Schullo - Special Projects
Barb Stewart - GIS Maintenance

Please take a moment to stop and welcome these new members to our staff!



The Sidwell staff didn't want to disappoint the old adage that things happen in threes: three staff members were married this summer! GIS Compilation I staff member Pat Krook and

Laurie Sherman were married July 12th in Roselle, and honeymooned in Door County, Wi. Chris Wason, of Photogrammetric Services and Meg McKeague were married on August 9th in Villa Park, and honeymooned in St. Lucia. And last, (but certainly not least), Executive Assistant Julie Dancheck married Dave Hulsey on August 31st in Wayne, with a Hawaiian honeymoon following. Congratulations to you all, and many happy years ahead!



Your Suggestions Welcome!

The staff of *The Sidwell Flyer* would like to remind all employees that your suggestions for future feature articles, employee profiles, or another fun and interesting information to include in *The Flyer* are always welcome! Suggestions may be submitted directly to newsletter staff members Barbara Dutton, Carol Miller or Karen Fouts, or via Sidwell's Employee Advisory Committee. We look forward to hearing from you!