

2013 UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

IAAO Course 102

Income Approach to Valuation
March 4-8
Starkville, MS

IAAO Course 600

Principles and Techniques of Cadastral Mapping
March 4-8
Starkville, MS

CAS Challenge Exam

March 27
Department of Revenue

Recertification

April 2—Cleveland
April 4—Oxford
April 9—Bay St. Louis
April 11—Hattiesburg
April 16—Meridian
April 18—Brandon

Collector of Revenue I

April 22-26—Hattiesburg
May 6-10—Stoneville
May 20-24—Oxford
July 22-26—Pearl

Certified Appraiser School

May 13-17 (Week One)
June 3-7 (Week Two)
MSU Campus

Collector of Revenue II

July 29-Aug 2—Oxford
August 5-9—Hattiesburg
September 9-13—Stoneville
October 7-11—Pearl

IAAO Course 601

Cadastral Mapping Methods & Applications
May 13-17
Starkville, MS

MAE Exam

May 22
Department of Revenue

MAE & CAS Retake Exam

June 18
Department of Revenue

Deadline to Apply for Designations

June 20

MACA Annual Conference

June 24-27
Bay St. Louis

IAAO Course 311

September 23-27
Starkville, MS

MACA & IAAO Fall Conference

October 28-31
Jackson, MS
Hilton Hotel



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*When you change the way
you look at things, what you
are looking at changes.*

Across County Lines

February 2013

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Association of
Assessing Officers
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MACA Legislative Workshop 2013

The Central Mississippi High Resolution Imagery Project: In late summer 2012, in response to a USGS proposal to contribute funding to a Jackson, Mississippi Urban Area High Resolution Imagery project, Joel Yelverton, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Assessor's and Collector's Association, began assisting in the coordination and organization of a multi-county central Mississippi high resolution imagery acquisition project. Imagery resolutions will be 6 inch for urban and 1 foot for rural areas. Mr. Blake Wallace, Executive Director of the Hinds County Economic Development Authority, is acting as the primary coordinator for contacting and acquisition of the data. At the end of 2012, bid proposals were taken and Sanborn was awarded the contract. Data acquisitions has begun in this 14 county project to include the counties of Hinds, Forrest, Lamar, Covington, Simpson, Copiah, Lawrence, Yazoo, Lincoln, Madison, Adams, Itawamba, Rankin and Sharkey.

You Want Me To Appraise What?

On February 5th, 2013, the IAAO message board was all abuzz with the question; how do you assess Federal property in your jurisdiction? This got me thinking about all sorts of events that led to this column.

Many of us go through our careers without any events that would lead to such a fruitless endeavor. That's the way I was just several years ago, blissfully ignorant. What good could possibly come from assessing exempt properties? The question "how much heating and cooled area is in the local library?" was right up there with the question, "how much wood would a wood chuck, chuck?" Even if I did know the answer to the question, I don't need it, I don't have time for it and it doesn't matter.

Would it matter if I told you where this library is? It's exempt no matter where it is, right? How

about the City Halls, fire departments, schools, courthouses and yes, even the most revered Tax Assessor's office? Well, they are on the Mississippi Coast; or more correctly, they *were* on the Mississippi Coast prior to Hurricane Katrina. You may have no need for correct field data on public structures until they disappear. Then, as assessors, you *will* be asked for information on each and every one of these structures. Even if you are not on the coast to be affected by hurricanes, you may be in a county that reaps havoc from tornados. You too will be contacted by Federal agencies wanting answers to questions you may have never even thought to ask. So it's not a bad idea to get a head start before you need the information.

It may not be our job to know the number of stop signs, fire hydrants, or manhole covers that are in a particular area; but someone needs to know. Usually the public utilities will have to answer those questions. Any buildings or assets owned by a public entity should be documented and accounted for,

have pictures taken of them, with good notes as well. When and if they are needed, they are worth their weight in gold.

Just to answer the original question; I'm willing to bet that assessing federal properties may be physically impossible in most cases; Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi and the Seabee base in Gulfport come to mind. I am convinced that all structures owned by our local governments should be listed and rechecked every couple of years along with your 25% inspections. And I pray you never need the data!!

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Chief Deputy
Harrison County, MS



Welcome MS Chapter IAAO New Members

Paul Z. Barnes, Jr., GIS Director,
Harrison County
May Bender, Tax Assessor/Collector,
Newton County
Vince Carlisle, Tax Assessor/Collector,
George County
Michael Hall, Personal Prop. Manager,
CKB, Inc.
Mason Smith, Real Property Appraiser,
Lincoln County
Stephanie Hayes, Homestead Supervisor,
Harrison County
Mandy Franke, Deputy Assessor,
Harrison County
Joy Clark, Office Supervisor,
Harrison County

PARKER PICKLE

ONE OF A KIND

Parker Pickle. An incomparable name — and man.

He hides behind no pretense. His off-color stories will have you on the floor. A man told him a few years back that he cussed too much. Parker answered with a string of expletives that left the man speechless — all this while Parker was campaigning for Desoto County tax assessor. Cowarding to no one, he's managed to be re-elected to the office for five consecutive terms.

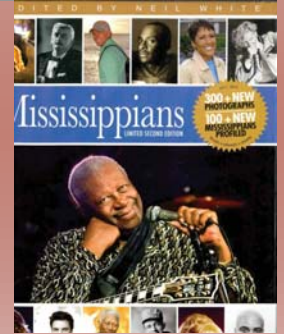
Raised in Love, Mississippi on his family's dairy farm — the youngest of eight children — Parker carries a deep sense of family . . . and a deep-seated suspicion his father is waiting in hell for him with a list of unfinished chores.

Parker's sense of humor is only exceeded by his generosity. Friends and colleagues know you don't turn down an invitation to Parker's home, The Cedars. You'll never laugh so hard or enjoy such a delectable meal.

Photograph and Story by Karen Ott Mayer



Do you recognize the person on the left? He is Parker Pickle, the famous Tax Assessor of Desoto County. He is included in the book "Mississippians" edited by "Neil White". This book includes 300 + famous Mississippians. What an honor it is to be sharing the spot light with Robin Roberts, Elvis Presley, Faith Hill, Morgan Freeman and many others that are from our great state. Hats off to you Parker! Get your copy at Barnes and Nobles.



BEFORE YOU AGREE TO MEET
FACE-TO-FACE WITH A
DISGRUNTLED CUSTOMER
MAKE SURE THAT YOU
REMOVE ANY OBJECTS FROM
YOUR DESK THAT CAN CAUSE
DAMAGE IF THROWN AT YOU.
THIS MEANS EVEN YOUR
STAPLER. IT REALLY CAN
HAPPEN. JUST ASK
DELBERT.



CONGRATULATIONS!

**THE FOLLOWING HAVE RECEIVED
IAAO DESIGNATIONS:**

Garry Beech, Assessor/Collector, Pearl River County—CMS
 Jack Smith, Assessor/Collector, Lamar County—CMS
 John Sullivan, Assessor, Rankin County—CMS
 Nicholas Elmore, Assistant Director, Jackson County—RES, AAS
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