



4th Quarterly Meeting
12/1/2010

1. The CenTexGIS Website has been updated, much thanks to Sara Smith and Greg Goldman for their great efforts! If you haven't seen it yet, please visit www.centexgis.org and please let us know what feedback or suggestions you have.
2. RoxAnne Parker with the City of Austin, CTM - Geospatial Technology Division spoke about GIS Day hosted by the City of Austin that was held on November 16, 2010. This year's event included a GIS Pyramid/Trivia game, a geocaching event, and a map contest and gallery. To find out more about the activities and presentations from this year's COA GIS Day, please visit: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/gis/gisday/>

The 2010 GIS Day song and video! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mCDUf08YLg>

3. There was a discussion about possibly having a regional GIS Day in 2011. Anyone interested in planning a regional GIS Day is encouraged to email host@centexgis.org. The first planning meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of 2011.
4. SWIGGIS (<http://swiggis-austin.org/>) is having their Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 8th at 219 West starting at 5:30(ish). There will be a White Elephant gift exchange, so please bring an inexpensive gift. SWIGGIS is also adopting a family from SafePlace, please contact Jacquelyn Bilbro by Friday, December 10th if you are interested in donating or if you have any questions about the Holiday Party: jacq@imp-res.com
5. Sean Moran, GIS Department Chair at Austin Community College (ACC), gave a presentation on "GIS for the Masses", highlighting the evolution of GIS hardware and software over the last 30 years. Sean also demonstrated two new GIS-based programs that are widely available and accessible to many users: City Sourced (<http://www.citysourced.com/default.aspx>) and Google Sketchup (<http://sketchup.google.com/>)
6. Congratulations to Kim Ludeke, Director of the GIS Lab at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, for being this quarter's GUS Award Recipient! Kim has been a leader in the GIS Industry, specifically in the Central Texas region, for over 20 years and has had many GIS-related accomplishments. He has been directing state-wide landcover data efforts at TPWD that includes mapping vegetation to facilitating conservation planning.
7. Jack Avis emceed a GIS and Geography trivia game; thanks to all of those who participated!