



## **The Armchair Geographer – Unmasked!**

The Armchair Geographer wished to take a moment to extend a hearty thank you and express appreciation to the people who made Kearney a success. The opportunity to see old friends, meet new friends, learn a little more about our growing community and technology is a wonderful experience that is provided by our Association. The culmination of the 3-day experience is not often easily summarized, but suffice to say the result is from a whole lot of hard work and organization by an entirely volunteer group of professional colleagues; I speak for all of us when I say kudos and thank you very much.

Since I have passed my 30<sup>th</sup> year in the business, and I get these crazy things on my Facebook page all the time, see what others you could add to the list....

... you know you are an old Geospatial Professional when you have done ...

- Leroy Lettering
- Green Covered Drafting Tables
- Zip-a-tone and Exacto knives
- You once actually used a typewriter
- Rotary telephone dialing
- You wished you actually went to Woodstock (the first one)
- Used and actually loved SYMAP
- Punched cards and dropped a card deck
- You understand what a 'college deferment' means
- Talk about Sun Platform stability
- Remember version 4.1
- Communicated before email
- Remember before there was an internet
- Watched TV with rabbit ears
- Used workstation
- Actually got excited when you discovered raster aerials
- Tried to explain the difference between CAD and GIS
- Know what selective availability means
- Saw or used GPS before handhelds
- Think geodesy is the cats meow
- Know the difference between State Plane and state plain
- State Plane and UTM
- Remember with fondness writing AMLs
- Start getting awards ...



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