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## A word from the PRESIDENT of OALI

Dear Members,

Our new year began this July 1, with the election of a new board. It is my pleasure to serve as your President once again this year.

We welcome 8 new volunteers to serve on the board this year. The list can be found on our website, [oali.org](http://oali.org).

Last year was a year of transition and some struggle to realign the way OALI does business. There were changes and adjustments that are part of a growing and active organization. It was a great success. We really got a lot done, but there continue to be challenges. The primary emphasis of the board this year is to grow our membership, and reach out to the membership to become more involved. To accomplish this goal, I and several of the board, have decided to tour the state and make personal contacts at Regional CE meetings. So far, we have visited Sisters, The Dalles, and Baker City. More trips are planned in the South, Coast, Valley, and NW regions. The dates and locations are listed on our site.

Another point of emphasis this year is the necessity of being a bridge between our membership and our new regulatory agency, (Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)). Current issues are the CEU proposed changes that may alter the way we obtain and use continuing education. I don't foresee any changes to the existing formula until at least the end of 2006; however, we are monitoring the situation and continue to express the interests of our membership as to the direction of any such changes.

We would like to eventually hire a lobbyist to help promote the general interests of our profession to the legislature. This is a big step and we really need full participation of our members in order to best serve the group as a whole. This cannot and will not be seen as a targeted response to any one particular sector of investigations, but rather a benefit to the profession as a whole. This is a proposal that will not be acted upon right away, but rather studied further until it is viable. Of course there is strength in numbers. The more investigators that are members of OALI, the more voice we will have. In fact if we can say we represent a significant portion of licensed investigators in the state, it gives us credibility. To accomplish this every member needs to renew their own membership and help promote a non-member to join, and participate in OALI seminars!

It has been an honor to serve as your President. I would like you to know that our board is committed to making OALI the best organization that it can be. We need your commitment, and your opinions. Please let me know how we can make OALI better.

Thank you for your support,  
Greg Parson, President

The OALI Librarian announces:

## The OALI Library is "OPEN"



OALI members can find the OALI Library under Files and Publications in the Members area of the website.

Members can check out books and media by sending an email to [debsirotiak@msn.com](mailto:debsirotiak@msn.com) with their requests by title. There is no charge for mailing books and media to the member and a self addressed; stamped envelope is included for the member return the items checked out.

*Thanks to Patricia and David Vollbrecht of Watchful Eye Investigations for loaning the OALI Library it's most recent additions:*

**Advanced Forensic Criminal Defense Investigations** Compiled by Paul J. Ciolino, CLI, CFE and Edited by OALI's own Grace Elting Castle, CLI

This is an autographed copy and is on loan to the library for your use so please handle it with TLC. It is currently available and I highly recommend it for ALL criminal defense investigators.

**Manual for Legal Investigators - A complete College Course in Investigations** by long time Oregon Investigator John R. Rose.

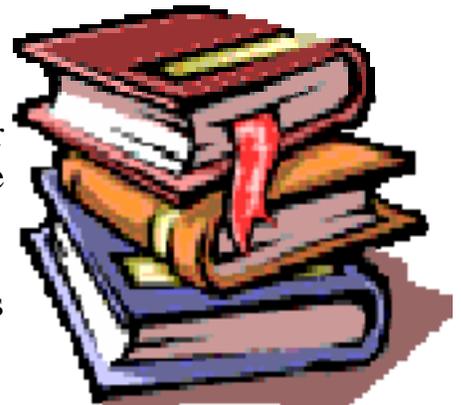
This book is a fabulous overview from A to Z for the new investigator and a great refresher for those of us who have been around awhile.

**A 3 VHS tape of the June 29th, 2002 Academy of Legal Investigators Seminar at the Spirit Mountain Casino** is also available.

Speakers: Vern Hoyer, the Pettigroves, Dr. Toby Hayes are just some of the speakers. (3 Hours in length)

I am currently in the process of updating the library. Member donations of current applicable material or ideas for source material are very welcome.

Again, thank you to the Vollbrechts for their most generous loan in helping us with our continuing education.



## National Council of Investigation & Security Services Position Statement Acquisition and Use of Telephone Records

From: [http://www.nciss.com/Legislation/NCISS\\_Cell\\_Phone\\_Position.htm](http://www.nciss.com/Legislation/NCISS_Cell_Phone_Position.htm)

**NCISS** is opposed to obtaining telephone or cellular phone records through the use of pretext or by any other method which is unlawful.

**NCISS** is further opposed to the sale or other dissemination of these records to the general public for any reason, by any method.

**NCISS** is adamantly opposed to the sale or dissemination of these, or any other private records over the internet to anyone who has not been fully vetted and verified and who can not clearly articulate a permissible purpose for obtaining such records and stand accountable for their lawful and ethical use.

**NCISS** supports the creation of legislation that would establish severe civil and criminal penalties for the unlawful acquisition or dissemination of both cellular and land line telephone records.

However, it should be recognized that there are significant public benefits to permitting licensed private investigators to utilize such records for lawful purposes.

Historically, the lawful, legitimate acquisition and use of telephone records - both cellular and land line - have proven to be an invaluable and cost effective asset in the processing of many types of investigations. Investigators from both the public and private sectors have used phone records as a tool to assist in investigating allegations of ID theft, fraud, abuse, parental and stranger abductions, to trace connections in drug transactions and follow stolen goods, to locate witnesses, runaways and debtors, as well as an aid in collecting judgments and for many other critical purposes. The legitimate and lawful use of phone records as an investigative tool provides the investigator with a cost effective, accurate and expedient method of confirming or denying critical thinking in many areas, and offers a focus for further investigative methods. For these reasons, **NCISS** supports the commercial provision of these records to licensed, fully vetted investigators who establish permissible purpose and are held accountable for the lawful and ethical use of such records.

### **About the NCISS**

The National Council of Investigation and Security Services (NCISS) is the nation's largest association for investigation and security services companies, with more than 1100 member firms representing nearly 15,000 investigators and security services professionals. NCISS encourages the exchange of information and best practices to improve performance and raise ethical standards. Founded in 1975, NCISS works closely with state investigation associations and other security organizations to advocate and sustain the activities of investigators and security service professionals. For more information, please visit [www.nciss.org](http://www.nciss.org). or telephone 1-800-445-8408.

*Investigators from both the public and private sectors have used phone records as a tool to assist in investigating . . . . .*

## OALI Central Regional Seminar

August 26, 2006

By Vincent Salomone

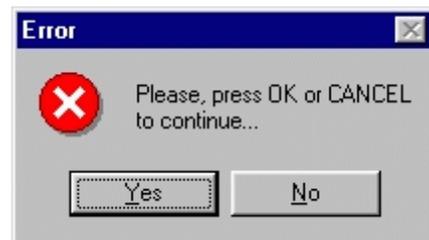
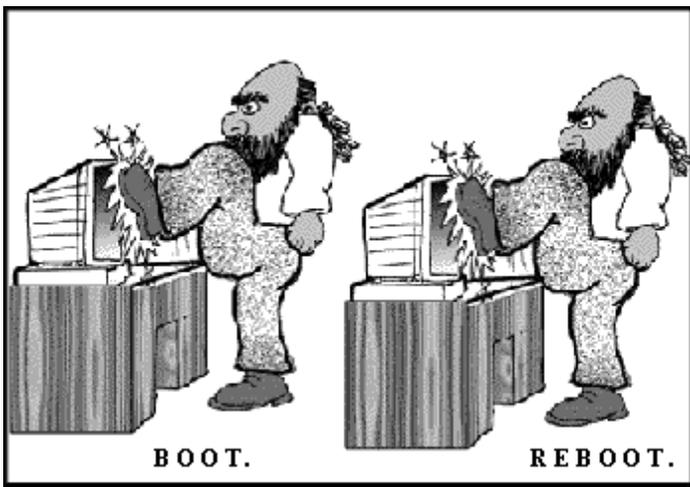
Some 15 or so investigators converged upon the small town of Sisters, Oregon for a regional seminar. The event provided an opportunity for networking and education in a setting unsurpassed for its natural beauty. Investigators as far away as Hood River and the Eugene area were in attendance. Speakers included Bill Herrick who provided a DPSST update, Ed Barbeau showed some interesting surveillance tactics, Greg Parson and Chuck VanderPerren shared their expertise in skip tracing and Chris Anderson from Ochoco Armory detailed the latest in Night Vision Equipment and its use in our industry.



This event was the first in a series of free regional seminars scheduled throughout the state by your regional directors in an effort to provide a variety of educational opportunities in various locations for OALI members.



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# CEU OPPORTUNITIES

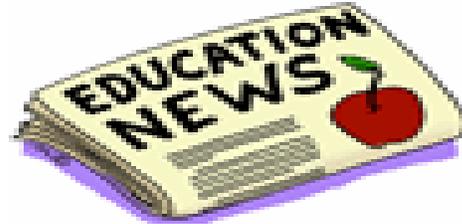
## OALI FALL SEMINAR

WHEN:

October 21, 2006  
8:00am– 5:00pm  
Registration begins at 7:00am

WHERE:

Red Lion Inn  
205 Coburg Rd.  
Eugene, OR 97401  
Phone: 541-342-5201



**Total CE for day 8.0 General CE Hours**

SPEAKERS:

**Karen Winters**

Non-Profits /Investigators and Accounting

8:00-9:00 am (1.0 General CE)

**Joanne Miller MN, ARNP, CEN, CLNC**

Legal Nurse Consultant: A Prescription for Success

9:00-11:00 am (2.0 General CE)

**Harold Burke-Siver DPSST**

Private Security/Investigators and the DPSST

11:00 –12:00 pm (1.0 General CE)

**Dr. Michael Freeman PhD DC MPH**

Motor Vehicle Crash Injury Investigation and Probability

1:00–3:00 pm (2.0 General CE)

**Rob Stearns**

Crash Data Retrieval and Vehicle Event Data Recorders

3:00-5:00 pm (2.0 General CE)



Continental Breakfast  
& Lunch included



# CEU OPPORTUNITIES

## UPCOMING SEMINAR AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

*JUST AS IRON RUSTS FROM DISUSE,  
EVEN SO DOES INACTION SPOIL THE INTEL-  
LECT.*

*- LEONARDO DA VINCI*

### **2006**

December 5, 2006

OALI NE Regions 1 & 8 FREE Regional Seminar  
University of Portland College (Time to be announced)  
Hosted by Roger E. Baughman, Director, NW Region 8

December 9, 2006

OALI Valley Regional Seminar & Networking Meeting, Lane Community  
College, Eugene, OR. FREE 4.0 hrs CEU 1 - 5p.m.  
Hosted By Timothy Newell, Director, Valley Region 3

### **2007**

February 3, 2007 OALI FREE Southern Regional Seminar  
(Medford location to be announced) Hosted by :  
Greg Parson, OALI President and Charles VanderPerren, Membership Director

March 2007 OALI Spring seminar  
(date and location to be announced)

April 14, 2007 OALI FREE Coast regional seminar  
(Newport location to be announced)  
Hosted by Hetzel Akers, Director, Coast Region 2

June 2007 OALI Annual Summer Conference and seminar  
(Time and Place to be announced)

Thanks to Bob Cupit of Fasttrax Investigations for the following information:

## BOB'S "FREEBIE" FAVORITES

### [www.searchbug.com](http://www.searchbug.com)

This is probably the best of the free "peoplefinders". It's free application includes name, age, city, former cities, potential relatives.

### [www.zabasearch.com](http://www.zabasearch.com)

Runs a close second to searchbug and offers a ton more information, some of which is generally not relevant. This links to other search engines.



### [www.internetsleuth.net](http://www.internetsleuth.net)

This is a veritable shopping center of links to free sites as well as pay databases and just some interesting investigative stuff

### [www.searchsystems.net](http://www.searchsystems.net)

This *is* the bomb! It has indexed links to virtually every free public record in America, selectable by state from an interactive map. The only quick and reasonable way to use this great resource, however, is to pay them \$4.95 a month for "premium" membership. It's a good investment.

### [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

Very nearly everyone who is in custody in the US - state, federal and local- is in vinelink. Vinelink is the official victim's notification site and so is updated every day. Search friendly, you choose your state by interactive map. You can search by name only and it gives date of birth, location of custody and identification number.

### [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)

This *is* the weather freaks site. It has weather and temps for locations in the US and sunset/sunrise, moon information, etc. I find this a *little* more user-friendly than the National Weather Service.

### [www.napps.com](http://www.napps.com)

This will give you most any process server anywhere in the country .



## BOB'S "FREEBIE" FAVORITES, continued

### [www.smdc.osd.mil/scra/owlhome.com](http://www.smdc.osd.mil/scra/owlhome.com)

If you need to know if a subject is currently in the US military, here's where you go.

### [www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov)

The national database for registered sex offenders from all participating states. This is run by the DOJ.

### [www.vanage.com](http://www.vanage.com)

This *site* can be really useful. It gives you the location of area codes, the prefixes within every area code and all of the area codes in a particular state.

### [www.payphone-directory.org](http://www.payphone-directory.org)

This is almost too crazy. It is the project of a bunch of investigators and others who go around the country obtaining and listing the numbers of payphones. All of America and some of Canada.

### [www.carfax.com](http://www.carfax.com)

This is a pay site with a pretty valuable free application. Punch in a VIN and it will give you the make, model, year and limited other information about the car.

### [www.infospace.com](http://www.infospace.com)

The home of the old "Nerdworld", which, at one time was the premier of reverse phone directories. It is still a useful tool.

### [www.sunrisesunset.com/usa/Oregon.asp](http://www.sunrisesunset.com/usa/Oregon.asp)

Sunrise/Sunset info in chart form.

### [www.calendarhome.com](http://www.calendarhome.com)

A 10,000 year calendar. . . . So if you need to know what day of the week March 10th, 2001 was, you go here.



## BOB'S "FREEBIE" FAVORITES, continued



[www.findlaw.com/casecode/courts/9th.html](http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/courts/9th.html)

Free 9th Circuit opinions

[www.law-forensic.com](http://www.law-forensic.com)

This is a killer resource for forensic links, DNA and Death Penalty links

[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)

A national *obituary* database by state/county.

[www.radioreference.com](http://www.radioreference.com)

These are scanner freqs. Radio frequencies for law enforcement, fire and medical. Also,

[www.bearcat.com](http://www.bearcat.com)

Same as above - data supplied by America's largest scanner company.

[www.ussearchit.com](http://www.ussearchit.com)

Free SSN verification. State of issue and approximate date.

[www.ssnvalidator.com](http://www.ssnvalidator.com)

Same as above

[www.bop.gov](http://www.bop.gov)

Federal inmate locator. Also has many useful links.

[www.doc.state.or.us](http://www.doc.state.or.us)

Oregon official website with some good *informational* links.

[www.pathmax.com](http://www.pathmax.com)

Good medical/forensic/pathological links

[www.lincc.lib.or.us/news.html](http://www.lincc.lib.or.us/news.html)

Clackamas County Library's superb links to newspapers.





In each Issue, we'd like to spotlight a few of our members, to give us all a chance to know a little bit about our peers. We'd like to know a little about you too. So if you would like to be spotlighted, just send us a short article, approximately 300 words, and we will see you under the spotlight!

With this issue we would like to introduce:

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## ***Fasttrax Investigations, Inc***

Post Office Box 505, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

At long last, in the Spring of 2006, Bob Cupit joined OALI at a free regional seminar. In the Summer 2006, realizing that his district (District 7) was unrepresented, he stepped up and volunteered, he then was appointed to the board. On September 11th, he hosted his first NE regional meeting and free seminar in, The Dalles, OR. He has been active all this year on the board and has helped in "Taking the OALI show on the road".

Bob came out of the field of broadcast and print journalism in the mid-seventies into criminal defense work, where his practice has remained since. He now specializes in murder, capital murder, wrongful death and major felonies. Over the years, Cupit has taught Criminal Investigations at the Royal Academy, lectured to numerous groups (including crime writers) on various related subjects, and published magazine articles in the Oregon Bar Bulletin and the OCDLA "Defense Attorney" magazine.

Besides active membership in OALI, Bob belongs to the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Capital Defenders Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the, Old Timers Investigative Society (OTIS).

Bob, and his wife, Lisa, met while he was attending college in Southern California and they married 35 years ago this year. They live on a small piece of property in the hills above Cascade Locks, Oregon where he writes music and fiction and putters. Welcome Bob to OALI!

## Eastern Regional Seminar by Patricia Vollbrecht

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On Saturday, September 23, 2006, Southern Region 5 Director Charles "Sherman" Boyle, Boyle Investigations, Vale, Oregon, put on an informative Regional meeting at the Elks club in Baker City, Oregon.

Membership Director, Charles "Chuck" VanderPerren, Sea Breeze Investigations, Manzanita, Oregon, is an Elks Club member who found and reserved the site for the Regional meeting. Chuck said being a member of the Elks Club gives him the privilege of facilities use.

Sherman brought family members, wife Tracy, daughter Libby, son Logan and two friends, all of whom have plans for careers in process serving and/or investigations. Sherman said, 'It is never too early to begin educating the troops', (not an exact quote).



Rodger Baughman looks on as Sherman Boyle and Chuck Vander Perren draw for door Prizes at the Eastern Regional Seminar.

Dennis Beyer, Douglas Beyer, and Mary (Kathy) Dunleavy, all of Baker City, were at the meeting. They shared personal experiences of the workings of small town America where it seems, everyone knows everyone and business can get personal.

Chris Anderson of Ochoco Armory, discussed night vision products as he passed around night vision monoculars and binoculars. Chris explained what to look for in purchasing a night vision product directing our attention to a handout with specifications. We were able to see exactly what he meant by the specifications as we looked through the eye piece of the product and he recited its' specification.

OALI Secretary, Gary Crowe, of Crowe & Associates, Portland, Oregon, discussed the ins and outs of process serving. Gary explained that a process service performed for someone from another state, such as a New York service handled here in Oregon, are guided by the laws of the state where the service originated (New York).

In Oregon process may be served any day of the week, which is not the case in New York where there is no Sunday service allowed. If no Sunday service is allowed in New York where the service originated, then you cannot serve the person in Oregon on Sunday regardless that Oregon law allows service any day of the week.

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## Eastern Regional Seminar

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Gary recommended membership in NAPPS, the National Association of Professional Process Servers, if you are doing process service. The NAPPS membership directory provides each state's laws in addition to member's contact information.

OALI President, Greg Parson, of Lex Resources, Hillsboro, Oregon, and Charles VanderPerrens' presentation was a step-by-step, how-to locate "Skips" and "Locates". They provided actual business and government contact information and web addresses they use regularly in their work. They explained there is a difference between a "Skip" and a "Locate". A skip is someone who does not want to be found, a locate is someone with whom contact has been lost and is not actively trying to hide.

NE Regional Director 7, Bob Cupit, of Fasttrax Investigations, Inc., Cascade Locks, Oregon, encouraged non-OALI participants, to join OALI because there are many benefits to membership, the least of which, is legislative representation.



And the winner is . . . . .

OALI gave several useful gifts to lucky attendees with the right ticket number, including a cloth briefcase, \$25.00 gift certificates and packages of multi-colored highlighters.

To my knowledge, this was the first-ever OALI sponsored meeting held in Baker City, Oregon. We had a good time, learned new things and got to visit with fellow investigators we rarely see. I'm glad we had the opportunity to attend

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### ***HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED .....***

If quitters never win, and winners never quit, what fool came up with, "Quit while you're ahead?"

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the mornings?



## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:

Our President, Greg Parson and I have made a commitment to travel this year for Regional seminars throughout the state. These free seminars have been well received by both OALI members and non members alike, and have brought us a few new members also. I would like to personally thank the following directors for their work and assistance in helping make these successful:

Vincent Salomone, Central Regional Director hosted in Sisters, Oregon.  
Bob Cupit, Northeast Regional Director hosted in The Dalles, Oregon.  
Charles Boyle, Eastern Regional Director hosted in Baker City.



**“GREAT JOB”**



Thanks also, to all past and present board members who have participated and shown their support.

As our year continues we hope to see many new faces. Upcoming seminars are posted in the newsletter and on the OALI website.

Thank you,  
Charles Vander Perren  
OALI Membership Director

# Google's Newest Feature: News Archive Search

By  
**David Vine, MBA**

Article located at: <http://www.investigativetechnology.net/id125.html>



If you've ever clicked the link for "News" on Google's default web search page you've seen how you can search thousands of local news sources. A couple of years ago Google added its very useful "News Alert" feature for automated search, retrieval and notification of new articles matching your search criteria.

Now, they have added what I consider to be a very powerful "News Archive" function. According to Google, "News archive search provides an easy way to search and explore historical archives. Users can search for events, people, ideas and see how they have been described over time. In addition to searching for the most relevant articles for their query, users can get an historical overview of the results by browsing an automatically created timeline. Search results include both content that is accessible to all users and content that requires a fee. Articles related to

a single story within a given time period are grouped together to allow users to see a broad perspective on the events."

Why do I use the term "powerful?" In testing the News Archive I put my own name in as a phrase search with the required word "investigator." I only found two about me within 12 hits. But here's the amazing thing – the oldest article (not about me) was from 1954 from a local paper in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Another was from the August 6, 1966, issue of the Elyria, Ohio Chronicle Telegram. The first one about me was on September 14, 1994 found in The Record of Bergen County, New Jersey.

Most of the older articles come from the [www.newspaperarchive.com](http://www.newspaperarchive.com) site and some of the newer articles are from [www.highbeam.com](http://www.highbeam.com). Both are fee based sites. NewsBank and other major news subscription services also provide sources for the archive search.

As with any source of information, one has to approach it with an open mind and wide open eyes. There may be limitations in terms of sources for the News Archive but my guess is that Google will be adding lots more over time.

The fee to obtain an archived article varies but is always under \$10 and many are \$2.95 per article. Finding the article is most of the battle. Getting a copy is easy. Incidentally, you may be able to get the article(s) via your local library. Almost all of them have Internet access to some type of online database collection. Using the information you obtained from the Google News Archive search you can log onto the library's website and go to an appropriate database, if available. You will need either a user name and password or library card bar code and PIN.

Help from Google is available at <http://news.google.com/archivesearch/help.html>.

For further reference see  
<http://www.infotoday.com/newsbreaks/nb060918-3.shtml>.

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