Follow up: If You're Not Using LandXML, You Should Be… (yes, all of you!)

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We had a great turnout for our LandXML webinar last week and I was excited to have Nathan Crews join us to wrap it up and put a bow-tie on my presentation! Nathan is the developer of LandXML and is the custodian of LandXML.org.

He joined us to explain some of the history of LandXML, give a preview of where LandXML 2.0 is going and also provide an update as to the organizations that are currently (and planning on) standardizing on LandXML.

As a primer, you can read this article from Machine Control Online last year. And, if you missed it, you can register below to watch the 9/17/2015 webinar:

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Software Training Workshops

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Can’t believe we’re ready to start registration for end-of-year workshops already! What happened to March…?!

We’re really looking forward to seeing everyone again and I’ve gotten quite a few inquiries already wondering if and when and where we’re holding events this year. As to the when and where, the list is below. We’ve really had a great turnout in the Asheville area for the 1/2 day sessions the past couple years so we’re coming back for a full day this year.

Because we’ve had a good number of people want to attend both days in Statesville or Raleigh we’ve decided to restructure things a bit so that we don’t repeat any major presentation over the two days we’re in one location. That way you can attend both days if you need the credit or are just interested in the material. Although my CAD Tips & Tricks is listed both days in Statesville & Raleigh, I’ll have a completely different presentation each day. The two days in Raleigh will mostly be a repeat of the two days in

Statesville.

The registration fee for all events is $99 but an early registration discount is in effect through 9/30 for the Hendersonville (Asheville area) & Statesville events and through 10/31 for Raleigh events.

As always, we'll have snacks and box lunches along with software, hardware and maintenance renewal specials. And it's always fun seeing what we can convince Carlson to provide for giveaways at the end of the day!

See links below to register and to download the announcements for each event:

Hendersonville NC Workshop – Mon Nov 16th, 2015
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Statesville NC Workshop Day One – Tues Nov 17th, 2015
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Statesville NC Workshop Day Two – Weds Nov 18th, 2015
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