### IMAGIN Jim Living Geospatial Achievement Award



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# IMAGIN Jim Living Geospatial Achievement Award 2013

Brooks
Kelley,
GISP



# Professional Background

#### Employment

- InfoGeographics, Inc.
- 3Di, LLC
- KCM Computer Consultants
- Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
- US Forest Service, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station

#### A Few GIS Service/Publications-Related Items:

- Over 15 published works in State and National publications
- More than 16 formal presentations at conferences and user group meetings.
- Co-founded and helps run the Esri Northern Michigan Users Group

#### Professional Memberships & Affiliations:

- Certified GIS Professional GISP (since 2007)
- IMAGIN
- Esri Northern Michigan Users Group (Secretary)
- US Metric Association

# Academic Background

#### Education:

- MA, Geography/GIS
   West Virginia University
- BA, Geography
   West Virginia University
- BS, Computer and Information Science University of Maryland





### IMAGIN Service

- \* Exemplifies the highest IMAGIN standards of professionalism.
- ❖ IMAGINews Editor for 10 years ±
- Member of the Student Paper & Poster Competition Team
- Numerous Conference Presentations and Workshops
- \* Many *IMAGINews* articles
- Generously provides support for IMAGIN activities
- \* A "Go To" person for in-depth GIS knowledge and wisdom for the IMAGIN membership



# The Background You Don't Know

#### Brooks ...

- was a competent geographer early on, as a freshman in high school, he navigated for some neighbors 500 miles to the family cottage on Lake George without any reference to a map!
- was destined for geography, one day his Dad saw a poster by Ford Motor Company indicating they were hiring geographers. He said he couldn't imagine how Ford could use them. Brooks, a high school senior at the time, explained that they were needed most likely to help Ford locate a manufacturing plant, for they would know the demographics of Ford's facility's needs, both staff-wise and location-wise. His Dad knew his destiny...
- Probably knows more about Canadian history than most Canadians
- Has traveled to 48 states (Brooks, get to OR and SD!)

## A Little of Brooks



Member of the Hagerty Cycle Racing Team!



Rides his bike 26+ miles one way to work or back!



Has restored a vintage 1958Mercedes 190 SL



Is an avid runner, award winning cyclist, cross county & downhill skier!



# A Little More of Brooks



Telemark sking in the Rockies



Caravanned to Alaska



Stayed in the Ice Hotel!



Cycle competitions

# Professional Peers

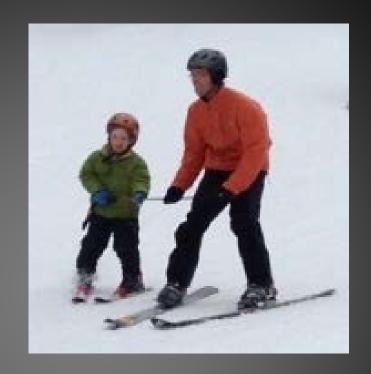
- Pete Schnieder, GISP, Holland Board of Public Works "Brooks has a rare blend of talents. Fortunately for us, Brooks chose to use those talents in the GIS field. There are a few GIS superstars out there, but InfoGeographics has them one in Brooks Kelley."
- Tom Van Bruggen, Muskegon County GIS

  "Brooks has been a wonderful asset to the development of Muskegon County's GIS program. From his expertise in database designs, easy to follow documentation, and answers to questions no matter how big or small, GIS in Muskegon would not be where we are without his assistance. Above that, Brooks has become more than just a professional GIS consultant, he has become a valuable and trusted colleague and friend."
- Phil Bendily, Roscommon County

  "When I get stuck on a particularly difficult problem, I know Brooks will find
  the answer and get me back on track. Brooks makes life with ArcView so much
  more productive. My life as a GIS technician would be much more difficult if it
  weren't for Brooks."









Congratulation Brooks!