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*If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door!*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. McGuire's Resort – Complimentary lunch for attendees.

Morning session is Code of Ethics Quadrennial Training for New Members, but will apply for "veteran" members who need to fulfill this requirement for the COE QT January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008 and Agency.

MLS Training and then Anti-trust will be presented right after lunch. The afternoon schedule other than MLS is still being worked out. Check [www.pbbr.com](http://www.pbbr.com) in Members Only under the Education tab for a list of those people who are required to take New Member Orientation at this session.



#### INSPIRING SPEAKERS

Debra Asher  
Kathy Ballard  
Craig Harrington  
Marcus A. Wally  
Dwayne Carte  
Sandy Geroux and more  
[http://www.mirealtors.com/convention\\_07/s ubpages/speakers.htm](http://www.mirealtors.com/convention_07/s ubpages/speakers.htm)

#### INDUSTRY TOPICS

Technology  
Legal  
Environmental  
Appraisal  
Self-motivation and more  
[http://www.mirealtors.com/convention\\_07/s ubpages/sessions-description.htm](http://www.mirealtors.com/convention_07/s ubpages/sessions-description.htm)

### Membership Updates

#### New Members:

Correction to last week's notice of new member at RE/MAX Central – Justin Bartlett was reported as Jason Bartlett.

#### Condolences

Trudy Rist, 77, former member and broker/owner for 38+ years of Trudy Rist Real Estate of Reed City, Mesick and Cadillac passed away Sunday July 29, 2007 at Autumnwood in McBain.

Trudy was born in Zdunska-Wola, Poland. She immigrated to the United States and settled in the Detroit area with her husband and first daughter in 1952. She raised her five children in Detroit and moved to Reed City in 1972.



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# PAUL BUNYAN MLS

## Paul Bunyan MLS Committee

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## MLS DATABASE CHANGES

### Additional city, township and counties have been added to look up lists.

As listings from outside our area are added for new listings or out of area solds, we find that our ERMS relationships need to be updated. We have added additional city/zip codes and Township/County selections to broaden the scope of choices. If you try to enter a listing and the city, township or county is not in the look-up list, call us and we will have them added to the lists.

### Remarks Field Changes

You will notice that there are now three fields for you to enter your Remarks about listings. However, now you can use Private REALTOR Remarks that will not be exported and that will only appear on printouts if you customize and select them to show.

Public Marketing Remarks – this field is for your advertising/marketing write ups.

Public Addendum – this field is for overflow of your Public Marketing Remarks

Private REALTOR Remarks – this field is only for Remarks that you would offer to brokers, agents and appraisers and that you would not want customers or clients to view. You can add exclusions, special showing instructions, special financing instructions, et cetera.

### Manufactured Housing fields data entry violations.

Examples were reviewed, and a decision was made to require MLS staff person call the office that has entered obviously incorrect information and notify them they have 5 calendar days to make all requested changes for reporting the Manufactured Housing information correctly or the listing will be sent to incomplete status.

### IDX Search Display result

The IDX Search Display result limit requirement was amended to change the listings per search page result from 6 to 10.

## SKYWATCHING

by Sally Baker

I'm an inveterate, but novice sky watcher. I check regularly so I'll know when the meteor showers occur each year so as not to miss the Perseids, the Orinoids, and the Leonoids dates. The Perseid Meteor shower for 2007 is coming up soon, and will best be seen on Sunday morning, August 12, late Sunday night and early Monday morning (before dawn), August 13.

This year I stumbled onto a photo I'd like to share with you. How could it get better? A photo of the Northern Lights during the Perseid Meteor shower in 2000 in Colorado!!! I know. Seeing it in person is how it could get better. One can only hope for the opportunity to occur.



I usually drag my family out for sky watching events, such as eclipses, meteor showers, and Northern Lights without a second thought to their need for sleep.

My most favorite ever Northern Lights was on a flight back to Michigan from Oregon a couple of years ago. We departed Portland just before midnight. Somewhere over Idaho or western Montana, I noticed the Northern Lights out over the wing. The cabin was low-lighted and sleepy, but I wanted to shout out ... look here! Look out over the wing! It's a sight you might never see again.

I couldn't get enough of this spectacular sight. It was almost as if someone had drawn a line at the bottom of a page and colored in a crisp darkness below to define the sky from the earth. I mentioned something to the flight attendant and she said the pilot had just radio'd back to the cabin crew that there was "entertainment" to the north. She told him at least one of the passengers (ME!) was already enjoying the show, to which he replied, "We are blessed every time we are treated to this sight up here."

I woke my husband and he watched for awhile, but then it lost its hold on him. I followed the lights all the way to Chicago. The strangest part was seeing all the early dawn activity and lights below as we approached Chicago from a distance, and up above where they would surely never be able to see was this dance of the lights going on in full technicolor! Lucky airline crews who get to see this often.