

Opening Remarks
34th ILA Convention and Technical Symposium
Robert Lilley, Convention Chair
October 18, 2005

Welcome to ILA-34!
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Morning Program

- **08:00 Welcome** – Chair, Bob Lilley
- **Introduction** – Technical Chair, Greg Johnson
- **Keynote Remarks** – ILA VP Langhorne Bond

- **08:30 Session 1: Status Reports and Updates**

- **10:00 Break**

- **10:30 Session 2: Programs and Plans**

- **12:00 Lunch: Sierra Madre North**
– Speaker: Michael Edwards, VP Venoco, Inc.

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"Loran-C and e-Loran:
When Sole Means is Not an Option"



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Necessary Announcements:

As you know, we're meeting in a geographic area which can "misbehave", and we don't want to get in everyone else's way if the hotel needs to clear out at some point during the meeting. Basically, the plan is to turn 180 and run away...The hotel security people will tell us if a fire alarm is real or false, but if we feel the need to leave, the place to be is at the wall across the parking lot. This clears fire lanes, etc.

Rest rooms are located out the door, left, left and then right.

Please be sure the Registration desk has your correct address, phone and e-mail. We noticed that many e-mail addresses reported on the registration forms actually bounced...

You will no doubt notice an important absence – Circumstances prompted ILA President Linn Roth to forego the Association's meeting this year. Anyone who knows Linn and his long commitment and dedication to the ILA will recognize how difficult such a decision must have been. Needless to say, we hope his concerns are temporary. Linn asked me to pass along his best wishes to friends and colleagues, along with his wishes for a successful convention.



At the registration table we have a few copies of announcements about other Association meetings and events of interest. Here is a brief; if you need more information, please see the registration desk.

Welcome:

This is the 20th anniversary of the Association’s first visit to Santa Barbara in 1985. We were here also in 1993. Former ILA president John Illgen, who chaired those meetings, can’t be here this week due to business schedules, but once again I am to deliver best wishes. John’s company was acquired by Northrop Grumman about two years ago, and he’s busier than ever. Northrop is our gold sponsor (and our home town host) among an impressive list of meeting benefactors this year.

It is good to see the extensive participation by members of the U.S. Coast Guard, much in the news in the US lately. These gentlemen represent an agency which has saved many hundreds or thousands of lives in the New Orleans area alone, and others as well. Our thanks to the Coast Guard, and the other first responders, for work done well...

Welcome also to our friends and colleagues from the Canadian Coast Guard. Dave Hunter (Regional Superintendent in the Pacific) [B.C.] and Tim Kelly, COCO (Newfoundland).

Welcome to Santa Barbara, everyone, from right around the world!

When I retired at Ohio University, I wrote to the Avionics Center staff describing the next chapter as living where “high-tech companies and concepts share time and place with the ancient whales”.

Little did we imagine at that leaving and arriving that Santa Barbara would quickly become both a professional and social success for us – beyond any possible expectation. Ellen and I are pleased and proud to welcome you to our home town.

More than other such meetings, in my view, the ILA Annual Convention and Technical Symposium has featured graceful prose along with the languages of science and business. This 34th annual meeting will be no different. As in past years, we share with our authors and with each other our pride in accomplishment, the excitement both of challenge and success, and the interaction of friendship and cooperation.

Our subject matter is both ancient and modern. We share the idea of a constant present – that the communication, navigation, and surveillance of today are part of the same world that the pioneer explorers and navigators shaped to their uses.

We quite properly look to the primitive and the essential as the guarantee of truth.

We stand on the shoulders of accomplishment by our pioneers and upon eLoran’s successful heritage, their legacy.

Think globally, act locally. Retaining Loran, one navigator at a time:



Three weeks ago I was fishing for salmon in Alaska in the small boat of this man, Captain Creston Leathers, a highly competent (and patient!) fisherman and guide. (...and a thoughtful and intelligent commentator as well...) As we looked for fish (and for rocks) with his impressive interconnected

collection of bridge instruments, he remarked that GPS works pretty well, and that Loran has "...gone out with plasterers..."

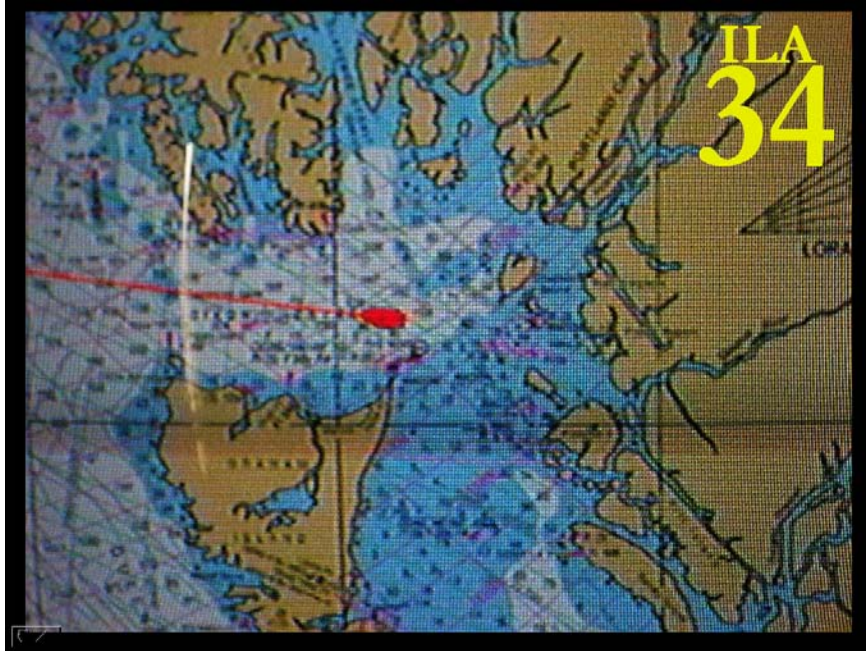


I made some comments about the continuing Congressional support for e-Loran, and these were received well. He also was apparently reminded of some *extensive* commentary concerning Congress and nearby subjects which are not pertinent here, though they *were* thoughtful and intelligent.)

Before the end of the fishing trip, I believe I had him thinking again about Loran as a worthy partner in the navigation game. I recall the phrases "rising like a phoenix", and "prudent navigator" actually coming up.



We caught some nice fish, perhaps thanks more to Creston Leathers than to us. (Love that name...). This picture is cropped somewhat – we had other help from friends... Look at Ellen's designer deck shoes...



We spent a rather windy and noisy night in Dixon Entrance waiting for wind to subside before heading up the narrow channel to Ketchikan. While watching the moving map on the TV in our cabin and wondering what strategy the captain had in mind, I noted the Loran lines on the map and the logo to the right...felt far better during all that wind and wave...

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker:

I am pleased and honored to deliver you into the verbal clutches of a transportation leader at the state and national levels in the US, an aviation consultant, racer of fine cars, gentleman farmer, aviator, father and father-in-law of aviators. I'm sure you'll find him to be restrained and low-key (!) but an extremely effective Loran advocate. Please welcome Vice-President and incoming ILA President, Mr. Langhorne Bond.