Reminders
LA URISA will be holding an open meeting at the RS GIS Conference in Lafayette on **Tuesday April 26** during the lunch session. In addition to the open meeting Buck DeFee will speak about GISP certification requirements.

Recent Events
LA URISA and NEI held a Lunch and Learn in Lafayette in April. Thell Gillis and Bernard Lemoine presented on recent FAA changes making it easier to fly commercial unmanned aerial systems. With an encouraging turn-out at this event we hope to continue to build our Lafayette membership base with more events in the area.

Upcoming Events
The LA New Orleans May social will be held on **May 11th** from 5:30 to 7:30 at the New Canal House 8001 Lakeshore Drive, 70124.

The Baton Rouge Lunch and Learn will be held on **May 18th** from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the LSU Union Vieux Carre Room 325. The Lunch and Learn is **FREE**; attendees are asked to provide their own lunch which can be purchased at the union! Andrew Milanes and David Alford from Environmental Science Services and Cliff Mugner and Joshua Kent From the LSU Center for Geo Informatics will be discussing High Accuracy GPS Data Collection.

LA URISA will be holding a membership appreciation GIS Day event on **November 16th**. The event will take place at the Transportation Management Center at 10 Veterans Blvd, 70124, where Buck Defee will be discussing GISP Certification.

Other Things You Should Know
- **May 10-12** CalGIS 2016 in Anaheim.
- **May 15** Abstracts due for the GSDI World Conference in Taipei, Taiwan **November 28-December 2**
- **June 1-3** 2016 GIS in Public Health Symposium Washington, DC
- **July 5-9** GISCI Worldwide Exam Dates
- **August 1-5** URISA Leadership Academy in Chicago ,Illinois
- **September 5-8** URISA Caribbean Conference Barbados
- **October 31-November 3** GIS Pro 2016 URISA Conference Toronto, Canada
- **March 6-9 2017** GIS CAMA Tech Conference Chattanooga, Tennessee

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