



Al Giannantonio retires after 45 years!!

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Albert Giannantonio, P.E., PLS, also known as “Al or Al G” was hired by Yerkes Engineering, Co. in November 1971, 45 years ago. He served as a Junior Engineer, Project Mgr., President, and President Emeritus. Al’s most memorable project was the redesign of Mansfield State College Water System, for the General State Authority in the early 70’s. The project consisted of the design of major campus water mains to loop the system for better fire protection, a

redesign of the ancient water treatment plant on Corey Creek, and an enlargement of a reservoir in the creek to impound more water for the growing college student body. The design of a one-million gallon water storage tank still serves the campus today. Al did the design of the storage tank, most of the water line design plans and prepared all of the specifications for bidding the whole project.

What Al liked most about his work at Yerkes, was that each day brought new and interesting challenges in all parts of the work he did. “One never knew what type of project was right around the corner and that in itself made the work interesting and never, ever boring. Meeting our clients, which ranged from the individual homeowner with a fairly minor project, to the corporate giants in the development field with their mega-commercial and residential developments, made the work most interesting and gave great insight on how development large and small was conducted. I can’t think of anything I would change about the positions I have held and the work that was made available to me,” Al nostalgically reflects.

Al will be doing what he loves, working on the board of several fantastic non-profit organizations, continuing to edit two magazines a year for his railroad historical group, along with devoting his efforts to two antique cars he says need substantial attention.

Yerkes Associates expresses a heartfelt Thank You to Al, for his 45 years of dedicated service and wishes him much happiness and enjoyment during his retirement!! We wish Al nothing but the very best!!