

Florida Local Users' Group, Inc.

2018 FLUG Training Forum
October 23rd thru October 26th
Cocoa Beach, Florida

Our 2017 FLUG Training Forums were a huge success with an overall total attendance of close to 600 attendees. This year's event will be a **4-Day Training Forum** and will feature **over 100 different presentations and workshops** with **over 80 PDH credits** available.

The 2018 FLUG will be our largest event ever!

Registration and Agenda will be available the week of May 7th online at www.flugsite.com.

Please contact Scott Green at scott.green@hatch.com with any questions or concerns.



Why Should You Attend FLUG?

For over 35 years, the Florida Local Users' Group (FLUG) has **provided the most realistic and economical training in the Southeast**. Our instructors are some of the best in the industry, which helps make FLUG the best value for your CADD training dollar.

FLUG is not a Marketing Event. FLUG's primary purpose is to keep engineers, designers and technicians up to date and educated about the latest CADD information in the technology world. We are here to help you and your company succeed and grow.

Our attendees are the go-getters, the mainstays of your office. Our attendees come to FLUG to expand their working knowledge of the latest in software and applications so your professional firm can win projects. The accomplishments of FLUG attendees and their companies are unprecedented. Our instructors encourage FLUG attendees to bring project and real-world questions to FLUG. Our instructors are here for YOU! Their job is to educate you. Your success is a direct reflection of our instructors and their desire to teach you the most worthwhile process for achievement.

Important Information

Hotel Information

The Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront has reserved a block of rooms for October 21 thru October 28, 2018. The special room rate will be available until October 1st or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. The special group rate is available 3 days prior/post event dates and is subject to availability.

Frequently Asked FLUG Questions

1. Why does FLUG have Registration Fees, where other events may not?

FLUG strives to offer the best training sessions possible and we feel this is best accomplished in an **All-Inclusive Training Forum** setting. FLUG's All-Inclusive format provides you with a daily hot breakfast and lunch, daily snacks, all day coffee and other beverages, Thursday evening reception, Hotel parking, and Wi-Fi for all Attendees. **Most events that advertise themselves as free do not offer the same amenities.** FLUG is a non-profit organization and as such, we do not receive any marketing or budgeting money. We must generate our own funding to cover costs through registration and sponsorships. FLUG strives to obtain the highest quality instructors available for the benefit of our attendees.

2. If I am taking an All Day Hands-On Workshop, do I still have to pay the general Registration Fees?

Yes, the general registration fees cover the costs of the daily hot breakfast and lunch, daily snacks, all day coffee and other beverages, Thursday evening reception, Hotel parking, and Wi-Fi for all Attendees. The additional fees for hands-on workshops help to cover costs for additional printing of training materials and hardware costs.

3. My company just loaded Civil 3D on my computer and I have no training on how to use this software. I still do 90% of my production in MicroStation, but have several projects which call for AutoCAD and Civil 3D.

The answer of course is come to FLUG for the best and most cost effective training. Our current agenda offerings include many general sessions and hands-on workshops that can help.

FLUG also provides a great networking opportunity!

- Get to breakfast early
- Attend the Thursday Evening Social
- Eat lunch with someone new
- Talk to conference partners and sponsors
- Take a walk by the pool, go to the beach, or enjoy the Tiki Deck with fellow attendees

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A Message from Vern

FLUG Community,

The FDOT CADD Office annually supports the FLUG event with technical sessions and hands-on workshops. The FDOT Design Office's long-term vision is to deliver a completely integrated intelligent 3D engineered model as the legal document for construction to support a future statewide asset information of the FDOT infrastructure. We are working towards this vision in stages as CADD technology, CADD workforce resources and the CADD industry matures. Currently, the Design Office supports 3D model delivery for Automated Machine Guidance (AMG) with immediate goals to deliver intelligent models in lieu of traditional plan sheets in some areas. The CADD Office uses this opportunity each year to share with the CADD Community and receive feedback on our current efforts in development, support, and training as well future efforts on the horizon. At this year's event, we are planning sessions and workshops related to 3D Survey file workflow, evaluating terrain models, updates to automated Design Criteria Checks, 3D bridge modeling for complete 3D model integration, updates to automated quantity files, new Civil 3D sign tools, CADD platform transparency, 3D Engineered Model Project Reviews in Virtual a Reality Environment, and much more.

Hope to see all of you there!

Vern Danforth, P.E.

State CADD Engineer/Coordinator

Production Support Office

Florida Department of Transportation

Local Area Attractions

The special FLUG room rates are valid 3 days prior to and after the conference. Bring the family to FLUG and enjoy the weekend at the beach! Here are some local attractions to enjoy over the weekend!

- [Astronaut Hall of Fame](#) - Located at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (approx. 30 minute drive from the hotel)
- [Cocoa Beach Pier](#) - Features a variety of restaurants and plenty of things to explore (approx. 8 minute drive from the hotel)
- [Jetty Park at Port Canaveral](#) - Watch the cruise ships sail out of Port Canaveral while enjoying a day at the beach. This park also has a concessions area, playground and a fishing pier. (approx. 20 minute drive from the hotel)

[Visit Florida's Space Coast for more great suggestions!](#)

Be sure to share your Space Coast adventures with us on social media using the conference hashtag **#FLUG-LearnFromTheBest!**

FLUG Social Media



Join our [Facebook Group](#) to get the latest updates!



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Find us on Instagram at [@flugsite!](#)

Don't forget to use the conference hashtag, **#FLUG-LearnFromTheBest**, to share your experiences and what you are learning!

Please contact Rachel Wright at rachel.wright@rsandh.com. If you have any questions or concerns regarding social media or if you would like to place an ad in the FLUG newsletter.

FLUG Raffles and Giveaways

FLUG provides many opportunities to win gifts and prizes from the organization and our partners.

Make sure to stop by the Technology Hub to talk with our partners and drop off a business card to win prizes at the Thursday Night Reception. Also, check out the whiteboard in the registration area for daily giveaways.

Don't forget about the raffles for several gifts valued up to \$500. Be sure to stop by the FLUG table for details and to purchase your tickets.