

Tips & Tricks in CAD and Carlson Software

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Improve Drafting Workflows

This webinar, hosted by That CAD Girl, provided an in-depth look at practical tips and tricks for using CAD and Carlson Software effectively. Topics included line types, polylines, wipeouts, text masks, symbol libraries, and 3D polyline utilities for improved drafting and design workflows.

Key Topics:

- Creating and customizing line types in CAD and Carlson
- Using wipeouts and text masks for clean annotations
- Managing and importing symbol libraries
- Advanced polyline and 3D modeling techniques
- Offsetting and daylighting with 3D polylines

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This session was presented by Jennifer DiBona on 03/20/2024.

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The Ultimate Drawing Template

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Build Drawing Templates

This webinar, led by Travis Maxwell and hosted by That CAD Girl, provides a comprehensive walkthrough of creating, cleaning, and optimizing CAD drawing templates in Carlson Software. It covers best practices for fields, attributes, layers, fonts, and scaling to ensure consistency and efficiency across projects.

Key Topics:

- Building and maintaining CAD drawing templates
- Using fields and block attributes for automation

- Managing fonts, layers, and line types
- Cleaning drawings with purge commands
- Implementing National CAD Standards

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This session was presented by Travis Maxwell on 08/08/2024.

Understanding Changes to Projections and Zones in Carlson 2024

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Manage Projection Zones

This webinar, hosted by That CAD Girl and presented by Carlson Software's Doug Oberg, explains the updates to projection and zone settings introduced in Carlson 2024. It clarifies the purpose of new prompts, datum realizations, and configuration options to help surveyors transition smoothly to the latest version.

Key Topics:

- Changes to projection and datum settings in Carlson 2024

- Understanding NAD83 realizations and EPSG codes
- Lat/Long transformation toggle and its implications
- Backward compatibility and upgrade recommendations
- Future improvements planned for Carlson 2025

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This session was presented by Doug Aaberg on 03/21/2024.

SurvNet Least Squares In Carlson Software

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Analyze Survey Networks

This recorded webinar provides a detailed overview of Carlson SurvNet's Least Squares Adjustment tools, presented by surveyor and software developer Donnie Stallings. The session covers the theory behind least squares, practical setup and configuration in SurvNet, and interpretation of adjustment reports for survey network analysis.

Key Topics:

- Fundamentals of Least Squares Adjustment

- Carlson SurvNet configuration and settings
- Processing total station and GPS data
- Reading and interpreting adjustment reports
- Troubleshooting and blunder detection

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This session was presented by Donnie Stallings on 04/04/2024.

SurvNet Least Squares – Working with Project Datasets

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Analyze Survey Networks

This webinar, led by Donnie Stallings, explored advanced surveying workflows in Carlson Software's Serve Net/Least Squares module. The session covered local coordinate systems, EDM calibration, blunder detection, and ALTA/NSPS survey accuracy verification using real-world data examples.

Key Topics:

- Serve Net Least Squares adjustment in Carlson Software
- Local vs. State Plane coordinate systems
- EDM calibration and error detection
- Blunder detection routines
- ALTA/NSPS relative accuracy testing

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This session was presented by Donnie Stallings on 06/13/2024.

Survey Project from Field to Plotted Sheet

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Complete Survey Projects

This webinar provides a complete walkthrough of creating a survey project in Carlson Software—from importing field data and processing coordinates to producing a finished plotted sheet. It covers best practices for point management, deed entry, alignment, field-to-finish automation, and sheet layout setup.

Key Topics:

- Carlson Survey project setup and configuration
- Importing and managing point data (CRD files, point groups)

- Entering and editing deed descriptions
- Deed correlation and alignment with field data
- Field-to-Finish drawing automation
- Creating legends, north arrows, and title blocks for plotted sheets

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This session was presented by Jennifer DiBona on 01/16/2024.

Making Models from a Mess: Using Carlson Cleanup and Elevate Tools

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn Carlson cleanup webinar workflows for model building

This webinar, hosted by That CAD Girl's Jennifer DiBona, demonstrates how to transform messy CAD drawings into clean, usable models using Carlson Software's Cleanup and Elevate tools. The session covers practical workflows for cleaning, organizing, and elevating data for model building and stakeout preparation.

Key Topics:

- Drawing cleanup techniques in Carlson Software
- Managing layers, blocks, and nested entities
- Elevating 2D data to 3D models for takeoff and stakeout
- Using Carlson Civil and Takeoff tools effectively
- Troubleshooting messy or inconsistent CAD data

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This session was presented by Jennifer DiBona on 08/13/2024.

Site Grading Case Study for 36,000 SF Warehouse

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Balance Site Grading

The webinar features Travis Maxwell discussing a warehouse project in North Carolina. He explains grading techniques, including site layout and design, and shares tools for grading like topography import and contour creation. Travis highlights the effectiveness of Civil This webinar features professional engineer Travis Maxwell demonstrating efficient grading techniques in Carlson Software for a 36,000 sq ft warehouse site. He walks through balancing cut/fill, using RoadNet and pad templates, and optimizing surfaces for storm-water design and machine control.

Key Topics:

- Importing and simplifying Google-based topography
- Using pad templates to find site balance elevations
- Applying RoadNet for curved drives and parking areas
- Creating 3D polylines for split-level buildings and docks
- Comparing Carlson Software vs Civil 3D for complex terrain
- 3D for simple projects and contrasts it with Carlson for precision in complex terrains

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This session was presented by Travis Maxwell on 05/23/2024.

Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Design in Carlson Software

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Design Pump Stations

This webinar provides a detailed walkthrough of designing sanitary sewer pump stations using Carlson Hydrology and Structure tools. Presenter Travis demonstrates how to calculate system and pump curves, size wet wells, and integrate Excel-based calculations with Carlson's Lift Station Design command.

Key Topics:

- Carlson Hydrology Lift Station Design tool
- Pump and system curve calculations
- Wet well sizing and float switch configuration
- Flow estimation for residential and commercial systems
- Common design pitfalls and troubleshooting

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This session was presented by Travis Maxwell on 04/10/2024.

Pond Design with Carlson Software

A Virtual Webinar Using Carlson Software – Learn to Design Stormwater Ponds

This webinar, hosted by That CAD Girl and presented by Travis Maxwell, provides a detailed walkthrough of pond design using Carlson Software. It covers grading techniques, pond creation, linking to HydroNET models, and practical tips for efficient hydrology workflows.

Key Topics:

- Pond grading and design using Carlson's Pond Grader and Bench Pond tools

- Linking pond storage files to HydroNET for stormwater modeling
- Troubleshooting grading errors and optimizing workflows
- Upcoming webinars and training opportunities

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This session was presented by Travis Maxwell on 02/23/2024.