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Upcoming Events:

Jan 13 — MicroStation SIG

Jan 16-17 — SoCal Bentley Bash at Rio Hondo

Jan 27 — AECOSim Building Designer SIG

Buying Archway vs. Buying Direct

You may be asking, "Why should I buy through Archway if Bentley charges the exact same price?"

Archway may charge the same price, but you **get so much more!** Not only do you get Bentley's great software, but you also get **additional support** from Archway including free local phone support from Archway—when the phone rings, we answer. No automated systems to struggle through. With 25 years of experience with MicroStation and other Bentley software, we can help you with all your support needs. We specialize in helping small to midsize companies. Another benefit is all your employees go free to any of the Bentley Bashes!

Archway has been a channel partner for **over 25 years** and knows the ins and outs of Bentley software. We have been selling and training Bentley software that entire time. We will work with you on a personal and individual level to give you the support you need.

Want to talk to someone personally to figure out if Bentley software is right for you? **Call us today!** We'd be happy to work with you to figure out what the best options are for your company when it comes to software and whether to lease or buy!

We want to help you be more efficient, more productive and generate more income. Call us today for a quote, more information, or just to get to know us as a company!

Special Happenings at the Bash!—from Tom Lazear

First off, you will enjoy **2 lunches** (pizza on Friday and full lunch with **pie!** on Saturday) plus a **continental breakfast** on Saturday. More importantly, you will have the opportunity to hear about the **new Connect Edition** from Sr. VP of Software Development, **Santanu Das** (hold on to your hat for this one!). Thirdly you can choose from the **30 hands-on workshops** lead by Bentley's finest (as well as networking opportunities with them and other attendees). And you have a shot at **over \$500 worth of door prizes**. Events like this generally cost in the neighborhood of \$500, but this one is yours for just **\$25!** [Sign up today](#). Classes are filling up fast, and prices increase **January 9th!**

Recent SCBUG User Group Meetings

John Frampton, MicroStation Product Manager, was the featured speaker at the recent three SCBUG User Group Meetings. Attendees were treated to an overview of the brand new MicroStation Connect Edition, due out in Q1 2015. Here are just a few of the new features:

- File Open completely rewritten so users are taken more directly to the type of project they are working on
 - New files are created more easily
 - Preparation of output is now a snap!
- In addition, tasks are now organized across the top in the current ribbon-bar format for easy picking. And of course, compatibility with the latest DWG and other formats keeping MicroStation the champ in interoperability.

Find out more by attending our Southern California Bentley Bash on **January 16-17th** at Rio Hondo Community College. You can learn about Bentley's whole Connect Strategy and get a look at the new MicroStation Connect. [Sign up today!](#)



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Who's Who at Archway Systems

Tom Lazear

Administration, Sales & Training

George McMeans

Sales & Training in Nor. Cal.

Mike Lazear

Programming & Support

Sandy Lazear

Accounting

Linda Grubb

Sales Manager

Josh Lazear

IT Specialist

Daniel Lazear

Sales

Lauren Rybarczyk

Marketing & Sales

Shannon Schoenberger

Marketing

REPORT

Southern California Bentley Bash 2015

The Southern California Bentley User Group's Annual Bentley Bash at Rio Hondo Community College in Whittier, CA will take place on **January 16-17th, 2015!** It's less than two weeks away so [sign up today](#) for this great two days of training!

As always we will have many workshops to choose from ranging in topics from **MicroStation** and **InRoads** to **Point Clouds**, **RAM**, and **Water** products. Up to three **3 hour hands on** sessions during the weekend all for **only \$25** if you register by **Friday, January 9th!**

We know in the past, our Bashes have been free, but to keep up with rising costs, this year we will have to charge a little. But for just **\$25**, if you register **before**

January 9th, you get **three 3 hour hands on workshops** on Friday & Saturday plus **continental breakfast** on Saturday and **lunch on both Friday and Saturday.** All for just **\$25!**

Plus a keynote address from Bentley Senior Vice President of Product Development, **Santanu Das** speaking on "The Road Ahead." He will be talking about the **all new user interface of MicroStation CONNECT.** You don't want to miss out!



MicroStation Class at 2014 Southern California Bentley Bash

product from Archway in the last year, **you get in free!** Great exposure for your company, great perks for you!

This can be a great opportunity for you to network with Bentley instructors, Archway instructors, and other Bentley software users. Whether you are just getting into Bentley software, or have been using it forever, this event is always a great opportunity to see how Bentley software is thriving in Southern California. And you get a chance at winning a door prize (total value over **\$500!**).

Want to be a part of that? Sign up now in order to secure your spot in the classes you want. Classes are filling up, so [sign up today!](#) After **January 9th**, the price goes up to **\$35.**

Also check out our registration page for company sponsorship information. If your company sponsors the Bash at any level (**starting at just \$200**) or has purchased a



Keynote Address at 2014 Southern California Bentley Bash

Training Class Schedule

Archway offers a variety of training classes using the latest of each software. All classes use certified materials and are held from 8:30AM to 5PM. Locations: Huntington Beach training center (**HB**), S.F. Bay area (**BA**), and Nashville, TN (**TN**). Classes can be delivered on-site and online. Call or email Archway or visit LearnMicroStation.com for the latest class schedule.

Upcoming MicroStation & Other Bentley Classes

- **MicroStation Essentials** — This course is designed for the new MicroStation user and builds a solid foundation in the concepts, tools and features found in the MicroStation drawing environment. Cost is \$1600. Location: **HB, BA & TN**
 - ◊ **HB Dates** — 1/27 to 1/30; 3/24 to 3/27; 5/19 to 5/22; 7/14 to 7/17; 9/8 to 9/11; & 11/3 to 11/6
 - ◊ **TN Dates** — 2/10 to 2/13; & 4/7 to 4/10
- **MicroStation for AutoCAD Users** — This course is specifically for experienced AutoCAD users wanting to transition their CAD knowledge to MicroStation skills. Cost is \$1350. Location: **HB, BA, & TN**
 - ◊ **HB Dates** — 2/24 to 2/26; 5/6 to 5/8; 6/17 to 6/19; 8/12 to 8/14; 10/6 to 10/8; & 12/1 to 12/3
 - ◊ **BA Dates** — TBD
 - ◊ **TN Dates** — 1/28 to 1/30; & 3/10 to 3/12
- **MicroStation User Update** — This course covers all of the major new capabilities of MicroStation V8i in a series of hands-on exercises. Students will learn about Workflow Task based interfaces and Project Explorer among other topics. Cost is \$950. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **V8 XM to V8i SS2** — TBD
- **MicroStation Everything 3D** — In this course, users will navigate and work in a 3D design file, create and edit 3D geometry in MicroStation, create parametric 3D models and develop a basic knowledge of the rendering capabilities of MicroStation. Cost is \$1800 Location: **HB & TN**.
 - ◊ **HB Dates** — 2/10 to 2/13; 4/7 to 4/10; 6/23 to 6/26; 9/15 to 9/18; & 12/8 to 12/11
 - ◊ **TN Dates** — 3/17 to 3/20
- **MicroStation for Advanced Users** — This course is for the experienced MicroStation user and focuses on improving user and work-group productivity. Cost is \$1500. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **HB Dates** — 2/3 to 2/5; 3/31 to 4/2; 5/27 to 5/29; 7/22 to 7/24; 9/1 to 9/3; & 11/17 to 11/19
 - ◊ **TN Dates** — 2/18 to 2/20; & 4/21 to 4/23
- **MicroStation CAD Management & Administration** — In this course, users will learn the skills and techniques necessary to manage a MicroStation-based design environment, with an emphasis on project management and standardization. Cost is \$2600. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **HB Dates** — 2/17 to 2/20; 4/21 to 4/24; 7/28 to 7/31; & 10/20 to 10/23
- **MicroStation for Animating** — This course covers how to animate in MicroStation 3D. Cost is \$1100. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **Dates** — 3/3 to 3/4
- **MicroStation for Rendering** — This course covers how to use the Luxology rendering engine in MicroStation. Cost is \$1100. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **Dates** — 3/5 to 3/6
- **MicroStation VBA Basics to Advanced** — This course covers the features of Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) development environment specific to MicroStation from the most basic to advanced features. Cost is \$1000. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **Dates** — 4/15 to 4/16; 7/8 to 7/9; & 9/30 to 10/1
- **AECOSim Building Designer Architecture** — This course is designed to help users understand the Architecture features available in AECOSim Building Designer. Cost is \$1500. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **Dates** — 2/24 to 2/26; 4/28 to 4/30; 7/22 to 7/24; & 10/21 to 10/23
- **InRoads Fundamentals SS2** — This class is to introduce civil engineering designers to InRoads software for road design projects. Cost is \$1600. Location: **HB & TN**
 - ◊ **HB Dates** — 1/20 to 1/23
 - ◊ **TN Dates** — 3/31 to 4/3
- **InRoads User Update SS2 to SS3** — This one day class walks user through the brand new InRoads SS3 built on OpenRoads technology. This class will highlight all the differences between SS2 and SS3. Cost is \$500. Location: **HB & TN**
 - ◊ **TN Dates** — TBD

Upcoming Rhino Classes

- **Rhino I** — In this class you'll learn to create and edit accurate free-form 3D NURBS models. This fast-moving class covers most of Rhino's functionality, including the most advanced surfacing commands. Cost is \$695. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **HB Dates** — 1/27 to 1/29; & 3/24 to 3/26
- **Rhino II** — In this class you'll learn productivity tools and NURBS concepts, advanced surfacing, using 2D drawings and images, sculpting surfaces, meshing and rendering. Cost is \$795. Location: **HB**
 - ◊ **Dates** — TBD

Bentley Plan Review

Bentley Systems now has a fully digitalized and automated plan review system, Bentley EB Plan Review! For those currently doing plan review via paper, there is now an electronic plan review system that will not only speed up the process of the review, but will also get rid of the piles of papers laying around.

There are so many benefits to Bentley EB Plan Review including: Immediate communication among all users, Consolidated comments in one report, Processing times reduced, Physical trips reduced, Real time status updates, Reduced storage: little or no paper, Appropriate and timely progress reports, and so much more.

Want more information, check out this [18 minute video](#) to show you exactly how Bentley EB Plan Review works.

InRoads SS4 Just Released!

InRoads SS4 was just released! Download it today!

Bentley Civil software continues to evolve and move forward, bringing you the best in civil engineering and transportation technology. OpenRoads technology expands civil engineering design boundaries by providing transportation professionals with 3D immersive modeling with parametric design, design-intent capture and persistence, dynamic cross sections, civil cells design-time visualization, and construction-driven engineering in one application.

OpenRoads technology is a powerful example of Bentley's commitment to partnering with users to provide the tools needed to produce innovative designs in a better, faster and more cost-effective manner.

Upcoming SIGs Schedule

We now have both **MicroStation Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** and **AECOSim Building Designer (ABD) SIGs!** They will both be using the flipped classroom style. Once you sign up, you'll have videos you can watch to learn on your own. Then there will be a **live Q&A session** that takes place on the dates listed below. There will be two Q&A sessions for each topic. One at **8am PDT** and one at **4pm PDT** on the same day.

• Upcoming ABD SIGs:

⇒ **Jan 27th** — [Electrical Basics](#)

⇒ **Feb 17th** — Conceptual Energy Simulation built-in to Architectural Design

⇒ **Mar 24th** — Generative Components Integrated with Design

⇒ **Apr 28th** — Using the Item function for quick and thorough schedules and lists

⇒ **May 19th** — Schedule Simulation in Integrated Building Design

• Upcoming MicroStation SIGs:

⇒ **Jan 13th** — [Creating 2D Plans from 3D Geometry](#)

⇒ **Feb 10th** — [Configurations, DGNLibs, and Workspaces: Putting it all Together](#)

⇒ **Mar 10th** — [Effectively Using Annotation Scale](#)

⇒ **Apr 14th** — [Introduction to MicroStation CONNECT](#)

⇒ **May 12th** — [The New User Interface of MicroStation CONNECT](#)

Register today by clicking the links above! You don't want to miss out on the opportunity to learn more about these topics, for **free!** Check back next month for more SIGs! Contact us today if you have any questions.

Archway's Product Line

Archway is a full service provider of technical software serving the Academic, Architectural, Civil and Mechanical Engineering markets.

DESIGN & ENGINEERING SOFTWARE:

- MicroStation, ProjectWise and applications
- VersaCAD Win & Mac
- AECOSim Building Designer & Generative Components
- InRoads, PowerCivil & Geopak Civil Software
- Haestad Hydraulic Analysis Software
- AECOSim Energy Software
- Promis*e
- Pointools Edit and applications

Archway Training Center

Check out the training classes on page 3. Classes for every need for MicroStation, InRoads, STAAD.Pro, RAM, Rhino, and VersaCAD. Increase your design productivity. If there is not a class listed to fit your needs, call us and let us come up with a custom solution for you.

SERVICES:

- Training
- Phone support
- On-site support
- Customizing
- Consulting
- Contract software development
- CAD file translation

3D GRAPHICS & ANIMATION SOFTWARE:

- LumenRT
- Rhino 3D, Flamingo, Penguin & Bongo
- Bentley Navigator
- ArchVision libraries

MyCADvideos.com

Check out this site for free introductory videos and one hour webinars on the latest in CAD, FEM, and more.

Archway Job Site

Check out our job site where you can view jobs that local companies have posted specific to your industry.