

## Construction CPM Conference CCC25 Philadelphia 19-22JAN25

### Birthplace of a Nation - Birthplace of CPM

Birthplace of ENIAC (1st Electronic Digital Computer) 1945 and  Primavera 1983

**Birthplace of James J O'Brien 1929 and Fredric L Plotnick 1952**

Birthplace of CPM 1956 (Kelley & Walker) and PMI (Project Management Institute) 1969

### Returning to our Home for Better Planned Projects

Preparing for 2025. I expect many to have urgency. I expect need for speed of CPM.

September is by tradition the start of the school year. My school year at Drexel or Temple U Philadelphia typically cycles between my courses upon Project Scheduling and upon Law. Many of my lectures at both the undergraduate and Master's levels have been recorded for hybrid or totally asynchronous on-line learning. I invite our Past and Future Attendees to join my class as a refresher, or to train your new hires. Please join us at <http://www.fplotnick.com/EDUC/TUciveCPMsyl21.htm>.

Our course in Legal Writing may refer to features of Microsoft Word but we teach Writing and not "how to use" software. Similarly, our course upon Project Scheduling teaches CPM and not specific software. But we emphasize that a professional Planner-Scheduler must become familiar if not fully fluent in multiple platforms. Thus in Week ONE our homework involves download and "follow the tutorial" in DELTEK Open Plan. In Week TWO we download and run PHOENIX. Week THREE is to learn to use ASTA.

We will be revising WEEK FOUR to have students review the various flavors of ORACLE. Then on to Claims with our CCC Mock Trials. But the real teaching and training hark back to development of the Pure Logic Network. Week ONE is pure theory. But by WEEK TWO we assign students to create Pure Logic to "Bake a cake" or "Change the Brakes" or other exercise in interviewing on a topic unknown by the student. And to learn how to record LOGIC in multiple formats of ADM, PERT and current favorite PDM. Enjoy!

Our Construction CPM Conference will also help Attendees to refresh on the basics while our invited and volunteer Speakers share theory in greater depth or provide deeper "how to" of various software solution tools. **Education, Networking and Entertainment.**

Portal to Portal, CCC is here to maximize convenience and value of your visit. Direct rail from airport to underground concourse at CityHall and exit to surface at our hotel. Drop your bags, then hot-tub, or for same \$6.75 fee get back on SEPTA to visit Independence Mall and Liberty Bell. Or walk three blocks north of City Hall to world acclaimed Reading Market. And so much more to do in Philly.

**Sunday** is our official Welcome with Registration at 3pm and Welcome Reception by ASTA at 6pm.

**Monday** is indoor for breakfast, keynote, breaks and lunch, sessions, and Networking Reception, sponsored by SmartPM, followed by very walkable **Dine with Five New Friends™** restaurants within blocks. And then back for more drinks and a cigar courtesy of **Ron Winter's Schedule Analyzer**.

**Tuesday** is again indoors up through the Networking Reception sponsored by Zachry, then board a bus for an evening tour of Philadelphia with drop off to one of two Casinos for an evening of gambling and study of Monte Carlo analysis of Risk.

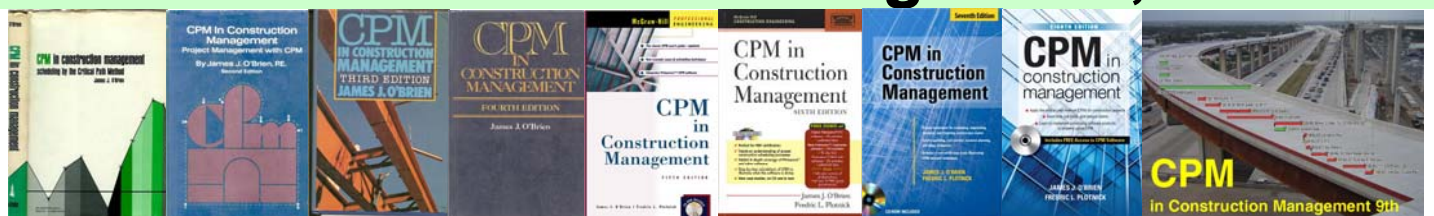
**Wednesday** is again indoors up through 4:25pm, then head for home (\$6.75 SEPTA to airport) or more events in Philadelphia, or join some to transit to Atlantic City for **Two Days of FRED** and other education and entertainment activities at the **Golden Nugget Casino**.

### Our Continuing Mission Since 2011

- To explore leading edge CPM scheduling concepts
- To seek out new expert schedulers and software solutions
- To boldly go where no scheduling conference has gone before



### CPM in Construction Management, 1-9<sup>th</sup> Ed.



### Our Industry Bible from 1964 to 2024. And now: McGraw-Hill desires we update to a 10th Edition. They and we have a few Questions:

- Has the way you use CPM in your projects changed over past 5, 10, 20 years?
- What are significant changes or hurdles faced in using CPM?
- What new trends in construction & project management must be considered?
- What are areas YOU struggle most with? Your end-users struggle most with?
- Do you find our "written for practitioners" and "layers of onion teaching" organization logical? Broad description then detail then practical application? Or do you prefer all similar material combined to be in only one chapter?
- Are there chapters (of 8th or 9th) you find unnecessary? What of case studies?
- What do you feel should be added, retired or changed?

So please help in writing of 10th with input to [FRED@fplotnick.com](mailto:FRED@fplotnick.com)

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