

## ORT News! – January 2010



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Hello!

Here is your **ORT News!** for January 2010. Included in this month's issue is:

- 2009 / 2010;
- CPL Automation;
- New resource pertaining to Basic Manual changes;
- ALTA's 2010 Federal Conference;
- Ask Ann answers your question on calculating premiums using R-8a;
- Article on Buzz Marketing; *and*,
- Interesting things to know, and ponder.

Thank you for your business!

*Shannon Skurner*

### Inside ORT



2009 was a **remarkable** year for **Old Republic Title** in so many ways! Thanks to you - our agents, our growth fueled the need in our region to create a **Southwest Legal Division** so that, among other things, we could marshal our extensive legal resources to ensure we continue to provide the quickest, most consistent underwriting information.

To that, I was selected to **lead** the newly formed Southwest Legal Division but will continue to be involved with agents through this Newsletter as well as other applicable notices such as **Bulletins** and **Alerts**.

*Additionally, we are **excited to announce...***

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## Industry-Related News & Information



Old Republic Title agents using RamQuest can now take advantage of new integration that facilitates a **Closing Protection Letter** order from within the system without having to log in to an external site.

To see the **Closing Protection Letter** automation for yourself, click [here](#).



With the changes to the Basic Manual effective **February 1, 2010**, TLTA has published a new resource which is a simple chart that will allow you to quickly analyze and orient yourself with the changes.

A first of its kind, click [here](#) to view and/or download the chart.



The **ALTA 2010 Federal Conference** is coming up February 28th through March 3rd, in Washington, D.C.

For information and/or registration, click [here](#).

### Ask Ann...



*ORT's Chief Audit Officer answers your troublesome title questions.*



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This month's topic: **Calculating Premiums Using R-8a**

**Question:** I am closing a refinance transaction which will have two notes and two Deeds of Trust. The proceeds of the two new loans will be used to pay off one existing loan. The payoff balance is \$137,006. We previously issued a Loan Policy on the loan we are paying off on February 15, 2008. We have been asked to insure the two new loans in the amount of \$128,000 and \$15,000. How do I calculate the premiums

for these two Loan Policies?

For Ann's answer,  
click [here](#).



## Business Corner

Want to **stand out** from the crowd, the clutter and most importantly, your competition?

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## Interesting Things To Know, and Ponder

- With **Groundhog Day** coming up on **February 2nd**, check out: [www.groundhog.org](http://www.groundhog.org) to learn fun facts about Groundhogs - including, what they do when they are alarmed.
- Although he defined the Law of Gravity, **Sir Isaac Newton** is also credited with inventing the first known **kitty door**.
- **30 Million!** That's the number of **pounds** of potato chips, tortilla chips, pretzels, popcorn and nuts that will be consumed on **Super Bowl Sunday** (February 7th).
- There are more **dogs** in Paris than there are people.
- A **707 aircraft** uses four thousand gallons of fuel on **take-off**.
- Want to see what a **hotel** is really like before you book a room? Go to: [www.tvtrip.com](http://www.tvtrip.com), where you can **view videos** of hotels worldwide - the rooms, restaurants, lobbies and neighborhoods they're located in.



- Turns out that the advice your mother gave you about **not putting your hands** near your mouth after **handling money** wasn't some old wife's tale - especially since the **flu virus** can live on a **dollar bill** for:  
a) 7 days; b) 10 days; c) 17 days; or, d) 22 days?

For the answer, click [here](#).



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