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Introduction

For my project I chose to study sailing. I mean yard sale-ing. I have enjoyed going to yard sales for many years. It can be lucrative. Once I purchased a first edition Charlotte's Web for 25 cents (fig1), but I'm not in it for the money. It's fun! Kind of like an Easter egg hunt or a hunt for spent shotgun shells. The problem is that there are sometimes too many loser yard sales in proportion to winner yard sales. My project hoped to unravel the mystery of finding the winner yard sales.



Fig. 1. published: 1952 # Format: Hardcover # Book condition: Good-dust-jacket. Ordering information \$1800.00

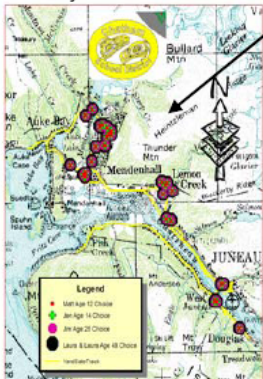
Methods

Five surveyors representing a spectrum of age groups and both sexes were asked to evaluate 25 yard sales based on:

- cost of home
- quantity of infant, male, female, and adolescent goods
- amount of money spent
- overall quality of the yard sale.

A corresponding GPS waypoint was taken at each yard sale.

The data was input to GIS software and then queried to see if relationships could be found that would discover the secrets of finding the sweet yard sales.



Map shows all yard sales visited, trip map of route taken and all surveyors selected

Materials

- 1992 Dodge Caravan (mint condition yard sale value \$500.00)
- Dell Inspiron 9400 (too new and too expensive to be found at a yard sale- give it a few months)
- ArcGIS software package (you don't want to know)
- Local map image (Do you believe in magic?)
- GPS (just get it at the store)
- \$85.00 cash money in small bills and coinage

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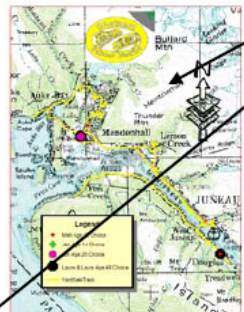
Where are the good yard sales?

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Results

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Home rating of 2 and overall quality rating of 3



This map reflects a query about which yard sales were at homes listed by the researchers as very expensive.



Literature cited

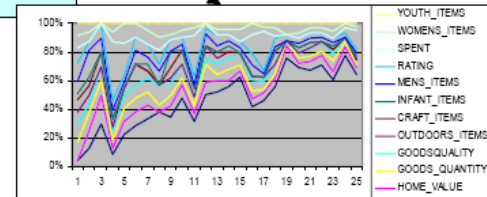
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Conclusions

Looking back I guess the project question should have been what can I buy at yard sales for \$85.00.



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For further information

Please contact jparkin@chathamnsd.org for more information on the project or to invest in GISale.org. Pictures related to this project can be obtained at <http://adoba.kodakimlery.com>. The user name is jparkin@chathamnsd.org and the password is edgejmanu. A link to an online, PDF-version of the poster would be nice, but at 2:30a m. forget!

