Modeling with Vector Data Step-by-Step Reminder of Useful Functions (Edit Mode)

Remember these **Edit** mode functions to make 2D-to-3D CAD/PDF conversions, data cleanup, and break line entries faster and easier (see next page for **Entry** mode functions and more keyboard shortcut references) ...

Control visibility of layers/data with **Alt-V** (hide/redisplay current background layers, page 103), **Alt-B** (set/change current background display layers, page 224), **Alt-H** (hide selected data/redisplay hidden data, page 116).

Find Elevation function (**Edit > Find Elevation** from menu) can be used to find and select bad imported CAD elevations (page 103) when the more-efficient CAD elevation filter is not used in **Import** mode (page 89).

Label Selection (Ctrl-L) and Join (Ctrl-J) utilities are used to select and join sets of broken 2D vector data (contours and line work for buildings/pavements) to facilitate 3D conversion (pages 105, 115)—when joining line work, be sure to adjust Bridge Gap Distance (Options > Bridge Gap Distance) as needed.

Point Compression utility (Options > Compression Delta then Utility > Compress Selected) applied to existing surface contours (page 108) will reduce job file size; applied to design line work after joining in Edit mode (page 115) will remove potential duplicate join points.

Elevation Snap function (F9 once) copies elevation from data point (or CAD text object) at *Arrow* pointer tip to selected data point(s)/line(s). F9 with a CAD text object parses and copies the numeric text value to any selected point/s (page 107) and/or line(s) (page 104) as an elevation. If the selected data is 2D *Annotation* line(s), the F9 elevation is assigned as an *Entered* value to the first point of the annotation line and to all other points on the annotation line as an *Interpolated* value (pages 104, 115). If the selected data is 3D *Data Line*(s), the F9 elevation is assigned only to the selected point on the *Data Line* (page 125).

Auto-Increment Snap function (**F8** once per snapped line) assigns elevations to sequentially snapped contour lines based on contour interval and slope direction (page 106). Contour interval is set by consecutively F8 snapping two consecutive 3D contours; each subsequently F8 snapped 2D contour is then assigned an elevation value based on the two starting F8 3D contour values. If the subsequent F8 snapped contours are 2D *Annotation* lines, the F8 elevation is assigned as an *Entered* value to the first point of the annotation line and to all other points on the annotation line as an *Interpolated* value. (If the subsequent F8 snapped contours are already 3D *Data Lines*, the F8 elevation is added to the 3D *Data Line* as an *Entered* elevation only at the point nearest to the *Arrow* pointer tip.)

Auto Pad utility (Ctrl-P in AGTEK 3D, Ctrl-W in AGTEK 4D) uses selected CAD elevation text labels and bounding *Annotation* lines to automatically elevate multiple level pad/building areas (page 116).

Insert/Break function (**F5** once) inserts a new data point on a line segment at the *Arrow* pointer tip then immediately breaks the line at the new F5 point. If F5 is used at a sloping *Data Line* segment, the resulting F5 point elevation will be correctly interpolated on the *Data Line* segment's slope (page 183).

Insert Point function (**F6** once) inserts a new data point on a line segment at the *Arrow* pointer tip (as described with F5 above) but line segment *is not broken* at the new **F6** point (page 131).

Move Point functions (see **F7** on page 257 for overview) to move selected point to *Arrow* pointer tip (pages 180, 183, 354, 396), extend/shorten line segment (pages 131, 172, 380) and *Snap Move* to a point or line segment (pages 180, 396).

Conform Selected utility (Utility > Conform Selected) elevates *Annotation* lines by "draping" them onto (1) *Data Lines* (To Data Lines option pages 109, 131, 181, 242, 382) or (2) active *Surface* (To Current Surface option pages 193, 380).

Swap Ends \rightleftharpoons utility reverses entry direction of selected object/s (pages 130, 131, 153, 177, 256, 358, 390) and Move Start Point function (Ctrl-M) moves diamond point of a closed object to the selected data point of the closed object (page 124).

Offset Line utility (Ctrl-O) Creates new data lines from extant data lines based on a user-defined horizontal/vertical/slope specification (pages 124, 130, 182-184, 187-188). [AGTEK 4D's Apply Template utility can be used to create multiple offset lines in a single pass (see AGTEK video references on page 182 and examples on pages 390-391 and 393-394).]