

CEAC Newsletter

July 2011

President's Message

It is hard to believe that 2011 is half over and with that, I am more than half way through my term as CEAC President. I am enjoying serving CEAC in this role and I continue to be impressed by the quality of our organization. I have had the privilege of attending regional meetings in all but one region so far and am committed to making it to a San Joaquin Valley Road Commissioner meeting before my term is over. I so appreciate the welcome each region gave me. I am impressed by the discussions that we have in our regional meetings. It is an excellent way to share information and learn from each other what works in facing the many challenges that we encounter as County Engineers. Each region has its unique issues, but there is a common theme: How do we continue to provide quality service with declining revenues?

I also had the opportunity to speak at the California Chip Seal Association conference in Ontario in February where I was able to present the results of the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment. I hope this was perhaps a step in building a stronger coalition with private sector contractors in advocating for funds to preserve and maintain the local road system in California.

With our strong relationship with CSAC, our legislative efforts this year (as in years past) have been focused on the State budget and the impacts to county engineering. This year we had some good news with the passage of the Transportation Tax Swap legislation that provides protection for our local streets and roads revenue (gas tax). Another focus has been proposed legislation Assembly Bill 720 that would limit the ability of counties to use their own labor on public works projects. We recognize that private sector contractors are essential to delivering capital improvements, but there

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President's Message (Cont.)

needs to be a reasonable balance that allows us to use our county engineering staff to bring these projects to construction, our construction management staff to provide oversight to ensure a quality project is delivered and our maintenance staff to cost effectively maintain our infrastructure.

A focus early this year was preparing for our proposal to host the National Association of County Engineer's (NACE) Conference in 2014. CEAC had an excellent team led by George Johnson and a group of us went to the NACE annual conference in Minneapolis Minnesota in April to make our proposal to the NACE Board of Directors. I think we made the best proposal by far, but unfortunately we did not get the vote. I know we did our best and we had a lot of fun doing it, which is the CEAC way. Though we were disappointed in not being voted to host NACE 2014, the NACE conference was interesting and fun. It was especially nice to have a large group of us there to support Phil Demery as he concluded his term as NACE President. Congratulations Phil on a job well done!

We once again joined in with the cities for our Public Works Officers Institute/Spring Conference in San Diego in March. The conference was successful with interesting sessions and our policy committee meetings covered a lot of information. We had good participation from counties and affiliates, but unfortunately registration was down for the cities. This makes it difficult for them to commit to a continued relationship, which makes it difficult to plan far in advance. We are currently planning for a joint conference with the cities for next March in San Jose. The format will be a little different and will also coincide with a conference of city planners. This hopefully will make the numbers work better for the cities and may also provide some opportunities for some interesting sessions.

We celebrated several retirements of long time CEAC members: Tom Flinn, Public Works Director of San Joaquin County, Harry Verheul, Public Works Director of Kings County and Mitch Avalon, Deputy Public Works Director, Contra Costa County. All three are now Life Members of CEAC and we look forward to a long continued relationship with each of them.

As we head into the second half of 2011, I am looking forward to the 30th Annual Northern California Bedroll Conference at Lake Almanor July 27 - 28, our 6th Annual Policy Conference in September 8 – 9 in Sacramento, and the CSAC Annual Meeting in San Francisco, November 29 through December 2. I hope to see all of you at these events.

Julie Bueren
Contra Costa County

6th Annual Policy Conference

CEAC's 6th Annual Policy Conference

Thursday September 8 & Friday September 9, 2011
CSAC Conference Center and CSAC Offices
1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California

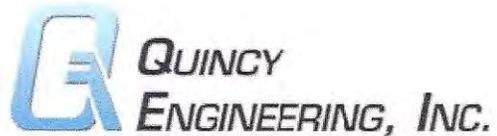
Don't miss out on this annual opportunity to attend multiple CEAC policy committees, as well as network with other county officials.

Get the latest news on funding for transportation and other public works programs.

Network with your peers from other Counties, Caltrans, and Affiliates on common issues, problems and solutions.

**For on-line registration, visit the CEAC website
at
www.ceaccounties.org**

Thank you to our valued sponsors!



Policy Conference (Cont.) - Preliminary Agenda

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CLODS Business Meeting (by invitation only)
CSAC - Peterson Conference Room (1100 K St., 1st floor)

11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration hours
CSAC Conference Center (1020 11th St., 2nd Floor)

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Management Policy Committee
Chair: Susan Klassen, County of Sonoma
CSAC Conference Center (1020 11th St., 2nd Floor)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hospitality Reception
CSAC Conference Center
1020 11th St., 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner on your Own

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration hours
CSAC Conference Center (1020 11th St., 2nd Floor)

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

CEAC Regional Breakfast (full breakfast)
CSAC Conference Center (1020 11th St., 2nd Floor)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Transportation Policy Committee
Chair: Mike Penrose, Sacramento County
CSAC Conference Center (1020 11th St., 2nd Floor)

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Oversight and Special Tasks Committee/Working Lunch
Chair: Jim Porter, County of San Mateo
CSAC - Peterson Conference Room (1100 K St., 1st floor)

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting
CSAC - Peterson Conference Room (1100 K St., 1st floor)

3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

In Memoriam

Lawrence A. “Larry” Coleman

CEAC President 1982
Honorable CLOD - “Boar Vulture”
1927 - 2011

Lawrence A. Coleman, known as Larry to family and friends, passed away at his home on April 16, 2011. Born in Santa Rosa, CA. to Alonzo and Katheryn Coleman in 1927. He was 84.

Larry married his loving wife, Willa D. Johnson, in 1952 in Long Beach, CA and they were married a total of 59 years in February.

Larry graduated from Middletown High School in Lake County and followed with service in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1944 to 1946.

He subsequently attended and graduated from Santa Rosa Jr. College in 1949 and later earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California in 1952. He became a licensed professional engineer in 1958.

Larry enjoyed an extensive and fruitful career in engineering with employment in the City of Los Angeles, the City of Pasadena and the Chino Basin Municipal Water District in Ontario, CA. He served as Public Works Director and City Engineer in the Cities of Upland and Novato. In 1968 he became Public Works Director and County Engineer in Tehama County from which he retired in 1988 after 20 years of service.

Larry was active in numerous professional associations including CEAC where he was President in 1982. As an Honorable CLOD, he was also known as the “Boar Vulture”.

He was an active community leader through his membership and many years of work with the Boy Scouts, the Kiwanis, Wilcox Oaks Golf Club and local youth camps.

Larry very much enjoyed playing golf, fishing, and traveling with friends and family, especially those trips to Babine River in British Columbia.

In Memoriam

Paul Edward Lanferman

CEAC Life Member

March 3, 1922 - June 2, 2011

Paul Edward Lanferman was born on March 3, 1922 in Chicago and passed away on June 2, 2011, at the age 89, at home celebrating an early Father's Day surrounded by his loving family.

Paul graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1943 and immediately entered the Army Corp of Engineers at the Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. After training, he was shipped to the Philippines and then to Japan for the balance of WWII. He remained active in the Army Reserve and retired in 1982 with the rank of Major.

After the war, he studied at U.C. Berkley where he received his degree in Civil Engineering, while also working for the East Bay Municipal Utility District. After seven years with EBMUD, he went to work for the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. In 1966, Paul was promoted to Chief Engineer and General Manager, a position he held for the next 17 years, completing many major projects including numerous dams, reservoirs, channels, and pipelines that significantly reduced Alameda County's flooding problems. He retired in 1983.

Paul was active in many professional organizations including the American Society of Civil Engineers and CEAC, achieving Life Memberships in each. He was active in community groups, especially the Boy Scouts as a leader and mentor of many young boys including his son and grandsons.

Paul had what can be described as an active and fun-filled life. He enjoyed Forty-Niner football, ballroom dancing, Dixieland jazz and was an active member of many dance clubs in the Bay area.

Member Spotlight

Appointments “Congratulations”

Thomas Gau,
Director of Public Works
San Joaquin County



Aaron Brusatori,
Director
Department of Transportation
and Public Works
Amador County



Scott DeLeon
Director of Public Works
Lake County



Retirement

Mitch Avalon, Deputy Director of Public Works for Contra Costa County, retired after 38 plus years and was feted at a retirement dinner on June 24th in Lafayette, California. Mitch was honored by CEAC President, Julie Bueren, with a CEAC Life Membership for his dedicated service to CEAC and its membership. Mitch most recently served as Chair of the ‘Flood Control and Water Resources Committee’ and was highly involved in both monitoring legislation and coordinating the preparation of policy and technical positions on flood control and water resource issues affecting our counties.



“Mitch....thanks, congratulations and best wishes!”

New Affiliates “Welcome”

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New Affiliates (continued)

Pavement Recycling Systems, Inc. (PRC)

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Craig Harrington, Sales Representative

NACE News

The NACE Annual Meeting in Minneapolis was well attended and represented by CEAC members, staff, affiliates, and a representative from "Team San Jose" (See photos below).

An ad hoc CEAC committee put together a strong bid presentation at the meeting in an effort to bring the national conference to San Jose in 2014 during CEAC's 100th anniversary year. Unfortunately, when the votes were tallied, Baton Rouge, Louisiana won out and will be the host state for the 2014 meeting. Thanks to all on the committee for your extensive and stellar efforts.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on January 11, 2011, Peter Rei, Tuolumne Co., was nominated and subsequently chosen by the Board to be the new NACE representative for CEAC. Peter has since advised that he will be leaving the County. At a Board of Director meeting on June 24th, Pat DeChellis, Los Angeles Co., was nominated and elected as the new NACE representative.



Patty & Luann



Steve & Mike



Phil, Tony Giancola, George & Peter

NACE Meeting Photos



"The Committee"

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
 CEAC Spring Conference/Public Works Officers Institute
 & Mini Expo
 Friday, March 25, 2011 · 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Manchester Rooms
 San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina
 333 West Harbor Drive
 San Diego, CA 92101

- 1. Call to Order (Bueren)** Meeting was called to order at 9:55 am on Friday, March 25, 2011

Meeting Roster:

Officer	Office	County
Julie Bueren	President	Contra Costa
Daniel Woldesenbet	President Elect	Alameda
Tom Mattson	Secretary	Humboldt
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Past President	Los Angeles
Peter Rei	NACE Representative	Tuolumne
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou County (Retired)
Regional Directors		
Regional Directors	Region	County
Steven Kowalewski	Central Coast	Contra Costa
Rick Tippet	Northern California	Trinity
Don Ridenhour	North Bay	Napa
Michael Penrose	Sacramento Mother Lode	Sacramento
Matt Machado	San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
Scott McGolpin	South Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Jeff Pratt	Southern California	Ventura
Committee Chairs		
Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Mike Penrose	Transportation	Sacramento
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Mitch Avalon	Flood Control/Water Resources	Contra Costa
Wes Zicker	Land Use	Placer
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
Scott McGolpin	Scholarship	Santa Barbara
Susan Klassen	Solid Waste	Sonoma
Mike Emmons	Survey	Santa Barbara
CSAC/CEAC Staff		
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
DeAnn Baker	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Senior Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Senior Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Other Attendees		
Other Attendees		
George Johnson	Director, TLMA	Riverside
Max Bridges		CLODS

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All Officers, Regional Directors, Committee Chairs and Staff are listed. Those shown shaded were not in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve by Pat DeChellis, seconded by Max Bridges, carried unanimously.

3. Correspondence (Bueren)

Julie Bueren noted that a request to retain the current CEAC representative on the MUTCD committee from Southern California after he retires was made by San Bernardino County.

4. CLODS Report (Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi)

Mehdi reiterated that the CLODS were here to help in any capacity. Normally involved in entertainment at President's banquet. Noted that this year's entertainment was very good. CLODS will be meeting on September 7th and 8th, 2011, dinner being the night of the 7th. Awaiting request from CEAC to provide BBQ at CSAC conference, Julie Bueren immediately made the request. CSAC conference will be at Hilton in SF, SF region will be meeting on 4/29 at SF city hall.

5. NACE Report (Peter Rei)

Focus is on 2014 effort to bring NACE to California. George Johnson stated that Tony Giancola is retiring after the Minneapolis NACE conference. The NACE executive committee has been negotiating with candidates. George also attended the NACO legislative conference and is hopeful that NACE can announce the new executive director at the Minneapolis conference.

6. CSAC Report (DeAnn Baker)

The Governor has signed the gas tax fix along with the 1B extension. All funds are now only subject to normal HUTA restrictions, not the restrictions formerly associated with Prop 42 funds. There is still some \$200 million in outstanding gas tax deferments to cities and counties that should be paid within two days of April 28, 2011 even though the legislation formalizing this was not enacted. It is possible that the Department of Finance will delay this to the end of the fiscal year.

Realignment – CSAC Board (49 counties participating) met with Governor for 1.5 hours. Many issues of concern to counties were discussed including the constitutional amendments proposed for the voters regarding extending the sales tax/vlf and what additional cuts would have to be enacted in order to have an all cuts budget. Also discussed concerns regarding realignment of programs to counties. If the programs are realigned, they would be the third draw on the general fund (after the 5-year tax extension ends if approved), behind bonds and education. CSAC Board voted 45-5 to support the Governor's budget proposal. Two republican votes are still needed in both the house and senate for 2/3 approval. If not approved, \$12 billion in additional cuts will need to be made. There are many repercussions if tax extensions do not pass, including the ability for the state to sell bonds and continue current construction projects.

Redevelopment 1 vote short of 2/3 (\$1.7 billion impact to budget). Williamson Act does not have the votes to pass, but it is not a dead issue yet. CTC does not have enough funding to keep current projects going if bonds are not sold.

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Julie Bueren reported on the CEAC/League joint meeting. League turnout was low (80 out of 481 cities). League (and CEAC) will survey membership to target next conference in order to increase attendance. There is concern that conflict with APWA conference in 2012 will also affect attendance. Looking at locations other than Monterey, maybe include planners, though this complicates the venue. The League will have more information for the planning committee meeting scheduled for 6/16/11. Currently joint conference is on a year-to-year contract due to uncertainty.

George Johnson mentioned that in the past CalTrans had a much higher participation rate, including many district directors and that Thursday breakfast used to be by CalTrans region in order to get cities/counties/CalTrans to team build.

Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi mentioned that maybe CEAC could pay the CalTrans Directors entry fee to encourage them to come.

7. Regional Directors Reports

Northern California (Rick Tippet)

Had meeting on 1/26/11. Good CalTrans turnout, Julie Bueren attended. Discussed loss of forest reserves, had agency highlights, had presentation on rubberized materials from CalRecycle.

Southern California (Pat DeChellis for Jeff Pratt)

Had meeting on 2/16/11 in Orange County. The new PW director from San Diego County attended as well. Julie Bueren also made this meeting. Presentation from Army Corp Regulatory Branch including discussion of agencies funding positions within the Army Corp to work specifically on their projects. Discussion on flood and vegetation issues, new regional director is Jeff Pratt.

Central Coast (Steven Kowalewski)

Had meeting on 3/3/11. Representatives from Contra Costa, San Mateo, Alameda and Merrin from CEAC attended. Discussion on consolidation of County departments, policies for media/outreach regarding flood control channels during storm events. Pat DeChellis offered to provide Los Angeles County media/outreach program for others to use. Also discussed the Statewide needs assessment and brainstormed how to bring that information forward, what would helpful in the campaign to make the information available to the public. PE/CE overruns and proactive safety audits were also discussed.

South Central Coast (Scott McGolpin)

Had meeting on 3/4/11. Roundtable updates from attendees and agency highlights. Discussion on bringing in junior staff members to participate.

North Bay (Don Ridenhour)

Had meeting on 1/28/11. San Francisco was represented and will host next meeting on 4/28/11. Joint issues of concern were discussed, including ideas such as statewide posting of surplus equipment to allow for purchasing by smaller counties. San Francisco presented on the preparations for the 2013 America Cup. Next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Central Coast Region.

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Sacramento Mother Lode (Mike Penrose)

Had meeting on 1/26/11. CalTrans Districts 3 and 10 invited, however District 10 and Amador County hard to get involved. Peter Rei mentioned that Amador is in transition and really does not have a point person for public works at this time. Discussed current legislation, local assistance, and had a CalRecycle presentation.

San Joaquin Valley (Matt Machado)

Matt Machado reported by email that they have had two meetings so far this year and have monthly meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year.

8. Treasurers Report (Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi)

2010 final report, \$183,000 remaining for local streets and roads, \$14,000 in flood control line, March 3, 2011 year to date report. Have about \$250,000 in reserve (cd's) not shown in budget.

2011-budget needs adoption, five counties and 13 affiliates have still not paid 2011 dues, second notice will be sent to those reminding them of dues owed.

A \$25,000 contract for the flood control study with only \$14,000 in line to pay for was discussed, possibility of changing contract to reduced amount available.

Target of \$18,000 revenue for this conference may not be achieved, will know more later after accounting is rectified.

CEAC 2011 budget was approved unanimously.

9. Committee Reports –

a) Flood Control and Water Resources—(Karen Keene)

The committee discussed Levee Vegetation Policy; F&G mitigation; 404 Permit streamlining; and Statewide Flood Control Needs Assessment (CH2M HILL is hired to do the assessment)

b) Solid Waste – (Susan Klassen)--No Report

c) Surveyor – (Mike Emmons)

Wes reported that the committee discussed Geodata Control, LAFCO Processes and Legislation on Unrecorded Map.

d) Land Use—(Wes Zicker)

Discussed Legislative issues especially on SB375 and its implications on RTP's and funding allocations; report on Planning Directors meeting that we want to continue maintaining CEAC's relationship with the group; Presentation on how to manage unpaved roads was made.

e) Transportation—(Michael Penrose) since everyone at the BOD was present at the meeting, there was no report-out.

f) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee – (Jim Porter) Only 4 attendees still discussed Vision 2012.

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10. Other Committee Reports

- a) **Fellowship** (Patricia McNamee) Good attendance; everyone indicated having a great time and thanked Pattie for her leadership.
- b) **Scholarship** (Scott McGolpin) Scholarship call letter is out and on the website; encourage more surveying students to seek the scholarship.
- c) **Outside Committees** (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, TDAWG, SR2S)

11. Life Membership

- a) **Mitch Avalon, Contra Costa County** (Bueren) was unanimously approved by the BOD.

12. Unfinished Business

- a) **NACE 2014** - Tom Mattson to respond to Tamela Blalock on the Video advising her that CEAC will not be using Team San Jose's video.
- b) **LSR Statewide Needs Assessment Update** - Discuss strategies on how to pay for future updates. Julie is to write the language on how to incorporate increases in dues for future updates; Kiana is going to crunch the numbers. This item has to be noticed to the membership and approved by 2/3rd vote of the BOD.

13. New Business

- a) **Life Membership.** Issues include—life members registering and not showing up; should there be a nominal membership fee? If they represent a company, should they pay full fee for conferences? Pat is to put together a proposal for BOD's consideration.
- b) **Guest Program.** Ken Miller suggested discussions on the future of the Guest Program at the next BOD meeting.

14. Scheduled Conferences

- a) NACE Conference, Minneapolis Mn., April 17-21, 2011
- b) NACO Annual Meeting, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 15-19, 2011
- c) CEAC Northern California Conference, Lake Almanor, California (PG&E Camp Conery), July 27-29, 2011
- d) CEAC Policy Conference, September 8-9, 2011, Sacramento
- e) CSAC 117th Annual Meeting, Nov 29-Dec 2, 2011, San Francisco

15. CEAC Board of Directors 2010 Meeting Schedule

- a) May, 2011, time/date tbd (conference call)
- b) July, 2011, time/date tbd
- c) September 2011, time/date tbd (Policy Conference)
- d) December 2, 2011, time tbd (Annual Meeting)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50am

Minutes Prepared by Tom Mattson, CEAC Secretary and Daniel Woldesenbet, CEAC Vice-President

Public Works Secretaries Seminar

*Thanks go out to Sonoma County,
Phil Demery, Director of Public Works,
and Especially
Martha Cheever, Executive Secretary
for
Arranging and Hosting a Very Informative and Successful
2011 Secretaries Seminar*



Droppings



This article is a continuation of excerpts from early CEAC Newsletters that began with the 1st issue in July 1961 with Bob Glenn as Editor.

Issue No. 10, April 1964:

“President’s (Bill McIntosh’s) Message”.

The Collier Testimonial Dinner on Wednesday night was declared a complete success. Senator Collier was apparently overwhelmed. For those of you who did not attend, you might be interested to know that the Association presented the Senator with a beautiful gold money clip, with his initials placed in diamonds. Bill MacDougall in trying it out, clipped on a ‘frog’ thinking the bill was a ten-spot. The error was discovered only after Randy (Senator Collier) had given a profuse thank you for the token bill, but by then it was far too late for a gracious recovery.

“Personalities”

A highlight of Engineers Week in Sacramento County was the selection of Dee McKenzie as “Engineer of the Year” by the Engineering Council of the Sacramento Valley, not only for his outstanding work as a professional engineer, but also for his outstanding civic activities. (Note: Dee McKenzie passed away in 2010 as was reported in the August 2010 Newsletter).

Tom Mlcoch, Mike Fink’s right-hand man in Yuba County, has stepped out of the public trough in the hope of finding more and better vitamins elsewhere. On April 1 he joined John Hamby and Associates of

By

Dave Gravenkamp
CEAC Historian

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Paradise, California. (Forty-seven years later, Tom remains an Affiliate Member of CEAC through his firm L.T. Mlcoch, Inc. of Redding).

President Bill McIntosh has fully recovered from his untimely accident on the night of January 17th. For those who may be uninformed, Bill was returning home after attending a Central Coast Regional meeting. It seems that some *damb phool* planted a tree in the middle of the road and Bill, being a little sleepy, tried to go on both sides of it at the same time. Bill says that if he had not had his seat belt fastened, CEAC would now have a new President.

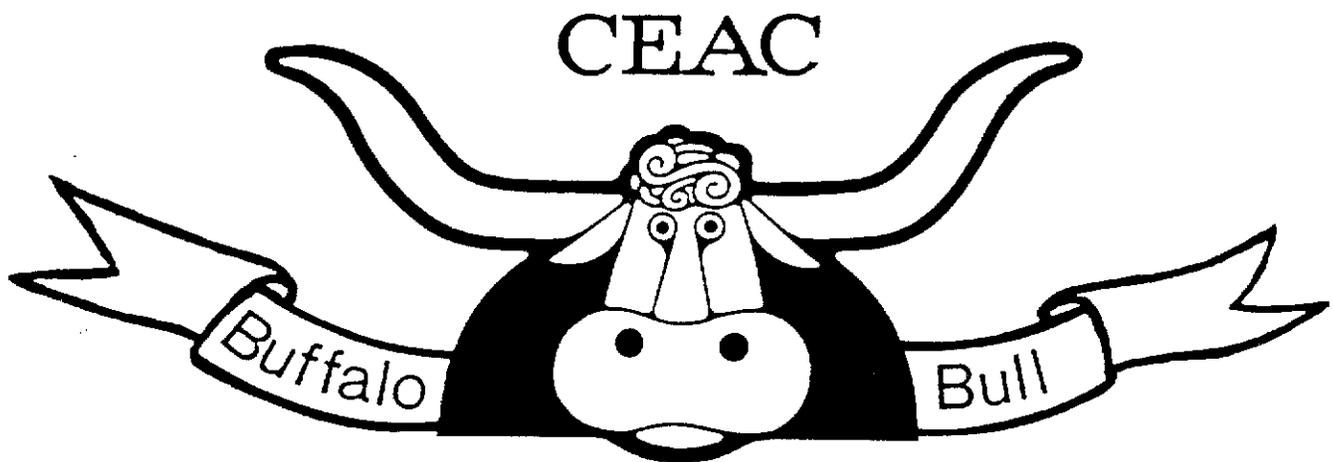
I hope you have enjoyed reading of CEAC activities and personalities in the earlier years of our Association. As always, I welcome input from any of our members on items, stories, etc. that may be of historical significance to CEAC or its member counties.

~Dave

‘The only good thing to do with information is to pass it on. It is never of any use to oneself.’

~Oscar Wilde

Buffalo Bull Award 2011



...and the 2011 Buffalo Bull Award goes to **Pat DeChellis**, Los Angeles County
"Congratulations?"

Technology Transfer Program - ITS Berkeley

Free Traffic Safety Evaluations for California Communities

Tech Transfer has offered evaluations to California cities and counties for more than 20 years.

The primary objective of a Traffic Safety Evaluation (TSE) is to improve traffic safety in a city or county. Improved local enforcement and engineering practices and programs can reduce traffic collisions that cause injury, death, and property damage. To achieve these objectives, Tech Transfer provides free Traffic Safety Evaluations, in which evaluators will review your city or county's traffic safety conditions, programs, and needs, and suggest new strategies to improve local traffic safety.

Any city or county public works department or police department in California can initiate a request for a TSE. Tech Transfer will assign a team of two traffic safety experts (a traffic engineer and a traffic enforcement expert) to conduct the TSE. A two-day visit is scheduled in the city or county upon receipt of an intake form and on the basis of the agency's **Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) ranking**. Following the visit, the TSE team will prepare a report presenting their findings and suggestions to improve traffic safety and traffic operations in the city or county.

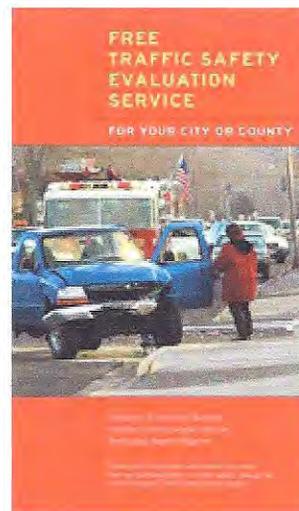
Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the **California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)**, through the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**.

Who can Request a Traffic Safety Evaluation from Tech Transfer?

Any agency within a city or community in California may request a Traffic Safety Evaluation from Tech Transfer. However, the number of evaluations we can do each year is limited by funding from OTS. Priority is given to applicants with significant traffic safety issues based on OTS collision rankings. Communities with the highest collision rates (top ten) for their population group are given priority. Communities with populations over 25,000 that appear in the top ten lists for OTS collision rankings are given the highest priority. Agencies can review their **OTS collision ranking online**.

How to Request a Traffic Safety Evaluation

To learn more about Traffic Safety Evaluations and to request one for your city, e-mail tse-info@techtransfer.berkeley.edu. A limited number of evaluations are available each year, so send in your request early.



Traffic Safety Evaluation Brochure (PDF, 505K)

The Technology Transfer Program through ITS at Berkeley offers a variety of training and evaluation programs that can be of great benefit to your staff and your agency.

Free traffic safety evaluations as described on this page is one of many such programs that are currently available.

For more information about their programs see their website.

<http://www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu>

“Jest a Minute”



Three Decisions: Golf Or Sex

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. "Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt," the golfer mumbles to himself.

Just then, a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be willing to give up one-fourth of your sex life?"

Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer says, "Sure," and sinks the putt.

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, "Gee, I sure would like to get an eagle on this one."

The same stranger is at his side again and whispers, "Would it be worth giving up another fourth of your sex life?"

Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay" and he makes an eagle.

On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says: "Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?"

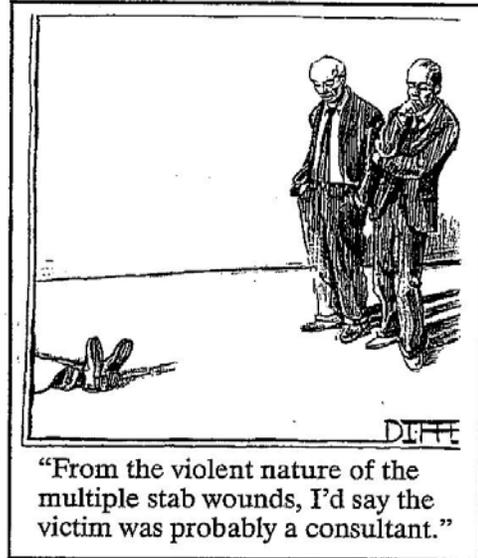
"Definitely," the golfer replies, then he makes the eagle and wins the match.

As the golfer is walking to the club house, the stranger walks alongside him and says, "I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm the Devil, and from this day forward you will have no sex life."

"Nice to meet you," the golfer replies, "...I'm Father O'Malley."

The County Engineer received a government form to fill out with the instructions: "List the names and addresses of all employees broken down by sex." The Engineer wrote, "None, our problem is absenteeism."

- George Richards



Statistics on Airport Screening –From the Dept. of Homeland Security.

Terrorist Plots Discovered	0
Hernias	1,485
Hemorrhoid Cases	3,172
Enlarged Prostates	8,249
Breast Implants	9,350
Natural Blondes	3



Jake was on his deathbed. His wife, Susan, was maintaining a vigil by his side. She held his fragile hand, and tears ran down her face. Her praying roused him from his slumber. He looked up and pale lips began to move slightly.

"My darling Susan," he whispered.

"Hush, my love," she said. "Rest. Don't talk."

He was insistent. "Susan," he said in his tired voice. "I have something I must confess to you."

"There's nothing to confess," replied the weeping Susan. "Everything's all right, go to sleep."

"No, no. I must die in peace, Susan. I was involved with your sister, your best friend, and your mother."

"I know," she replied. "That's why I poisoned you."