



# CEAC Newsletter

March 2010

At CEAC’s 2009 Fall Conference, Patrick “Pat” DeChellis of Los Angeles County was installed as President for 2010. Pat becomes the 97th President of our organization, which was established in 1914.

Pat also becomes the 6th CEAC President from Los Angeles County, a list that includes: Alfred Jones 1942; Earle Burt 1952; John Lambie 1967; Irv Mohar 1977; and Tom Tidemanson 1987.

Pat has been an active member of CEAC for many years. He chaired the Transportation Committee for a number of years and recently spearheaded the effort to develop a comprehensive statewide needs assessment for local County and City roadways.

*Congratulations Pat and We Wish You Well!*

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## The Many Faces of President Pat



Pat and the Los Angeles County Public Works Team



Pat was greatly surprised by his children's attendance for his installation as CEAC President for 2010.

## Engineer of the Year 2009



President Peter Rei Presents the “Engineer of the Year” Award for 2009 to  
Pattie McNamee, Contra Costa County

**Congratulations Pattie**

# NACE News

The following article summarizes NACE President Chris Bauserman's visit to CEAC's Fall Conference in Monterey and was reprinted with NACE's permission.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chris Bauserman, P.E. & P.S., County Engineer, Delaware County, OH

My wife, Sherri and I just returned from a trip to California that included four days at the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) in Monterey. It was a great conference in a beautiful location hosted by a wonderfully entertaining group of engineers and public works directors. To date, my travels as your president have included stops in Kansas with the Kansas County Highway Association and Florida, with the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents. At each state visit, I am reminded of the fact that the strength of our national association is found in our strong state affiliates. CEAC is no exception. This is a group that is strongly engaged in the work of their association and is committed to having fun in the process.

The CEAC conference was held in conjunction with the county supervisor's organization, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). California, like most other states across the country is faced with serious budget woes. The state budget deficit was reported to be \$21 billion and projected to be \$35 billion next year. This has left California counties to fight off state efforts to raid local government funds earmarked for transportation. Their efforts in this regard have been

impressive and relatively successful. The CEAC and CSAC are to be commended for the strategic and professional approach they have taken in the midst of this unprecedented situation.

CEAC also recently completed an evaluation of local road conditions and funding needs titled the "California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment". This study estimates that over \$70 Billion in local transportation investment is needed over the next 10 years to bring the local road system up to a serviceable level. I was really impressed with the magnitude and focus of this study and I was equally impressed with how CEAC is proposing to use it. Every county in the state is planning to present this study to their Board of Supervisors in public session during the month of January 2010. The cities in California are planning a similar companion presentation to boards and councils as well. This effort will certainly bring more media attention and public awareness than the traditional approach of sending the report to state politicians along with a single press release.

CEAC is strongly engaged in the business of county public works issues and they are equally engaged with the business of having fun and enjoying the friendships shared

among their members. This organization has a strong sense of family among the members and spouses and they went out of their way to include Sherri and I. The highlight of the social program was the infamous CLODS Barbeque. This is an event that has to be experienced in order to fully understand. While the food was outstanding, the highlight was the entertainment provided by various CEAC members who competed in a hip hop/rap performance competition. If you can picture NACE President-Elect Phil Demery with tattooed arms and "bling" delivering his personally created rap for Governor Schwarzenegger, then you begin to understand a bit of the atmosphere at this event. It is a huge understatement to say that a good time was had by all. CEAC is a group that takes their business and issues very seriously and but they have the wisdom not to take themselves too seriously.

As I left the conference I realized what a great organization CEAC is and what a great opportunity NACE provides all of us to network and forge friendships with our counterparts all across the country. As we celebrate the upcoming holiday season, I'll be adding that to the list of things that I am truly thankful for.



NACE President Chris Bauserman, Spouse Sherri and Phil Demery.

The 2010 NACE Annual Meeting will be held in Fort Worth, Texas April 25 through 29, 2010 at which CEAC's Phil Demery will be installed as the next NACE President. There is still time to register for the meeting and be a part of the California delegation that will be attending.

## New Affiliate Members

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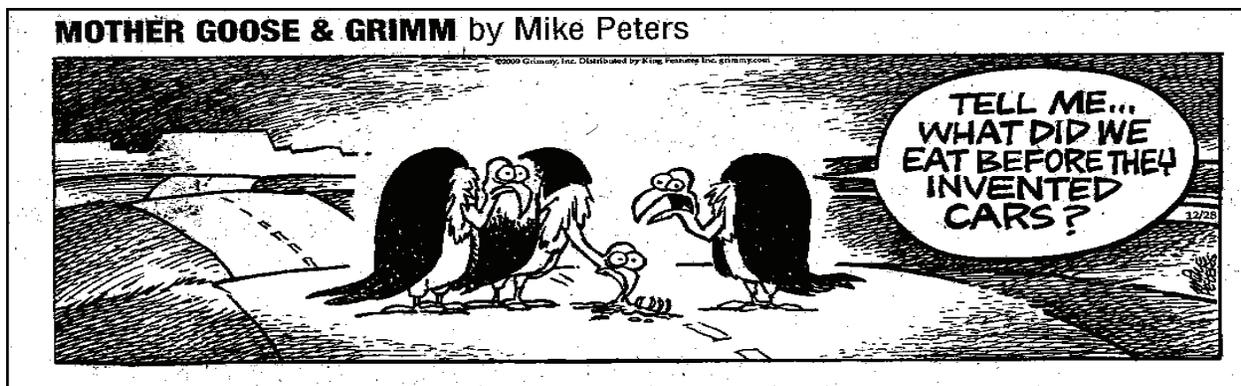
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## CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Friday, November 20, 2009 • 10:00am– 12:00pm

Redwood II, Level Three, Portola Hotel

2 Portola Plaza, Monterey, California

1. **Call to Order** (DeChellis) Meeting was called to order a little after 10:00 a.m.

### Meeting Roster:

Officer	Office	County
Patrick DeChellis	President	Los Angeles
Julie Bueren	President Elect	Contra Costa
Daniel Woldesenbet	Secretary	Alameda
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Peter Rei	Past President	Tuolumne
George Johnson	NACE Representative	Riverside
Bill McIntosh	Treasurer Emeritus	Lassen County (Retired)
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou County (Retired)

Regional Directors	Region	County
Jim Porter	Central Coast	San Mateo
Tom Mattson	Northern California	Humboldt
Birgitta Corsello	North Bay	Solano
Michael Penrose	Sacramento Mother Lode	Sacramento
Tom Flinn	San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin
Paul Greenway	South Central Coast	Monterey
Ignacio Ochoa	Southern California	Orange

Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Tom Mattson	Transportation	Humboldt
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa
Mitch Avalon	Flood Control/Water Resources	Contra Costa
Wes Zicker	Land Use	Placer
Daniel Woldesenbet	Oversight	Alameda
Scott McGolpin	Scholarship	Santa Barbara
Susan Klassen	Solid Waste	Sonoma
Mike Emmons	Survey	Santa Barbara

CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
DeAnn Baker	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC

Other Attendees		
Rick Tippet	CEAC Member	Trinity

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

2. **Approval of Minutes, October 15, 2009** (Bueren) – With a note to correct the name on Item 9e, Transportation Committee report from John Kelly to Greg Kelley, the minutes were approved. Motion by George Johnson, second by Tom Mattson.
3. **Correspondence** (Rei) - None
4. **CLODS Report** (CLODS) – CLODS' BBQ was a success. Feedback on the change in menu was mostly positive. The CLODS request 20 minutes on the program for the President's dinner at the Spring Conference
5. **NACE Report** (Johnson) – Received proposals for hosting NACE conference. **Action Item - The subcommittee will review with Patti and Merrin and report out options.** 2010 Conference in Fort Worth. Phil will become president. It would be nice to get a lot of California participants. Reminder that CEAC will sponsor and pay the registration for one attendee who has never been to NACE.
6. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff) –
  - **DeAnn** - 2009 was a challenging year and it appears we have another challenging year ahead with Budget and overall reform, Federal reauthorization, HUTA protection, SB 375 implementation, AB 1409 and Indian Gaming issues.
  - **Merrin** – working on the annual report, request for roster updates has been e-mailed, excellent participation at the conference. There has been an increase in affiliates. Question came up how to find out status of life members and if they are still interested in being active in CEAC. **Action Item – Merrin will send link of life members to Public Works Directors and request that the Directors update the information for the Life Members from their county.**
7. **Regional Directors Reports** – the Regional Committees had an opportunity to meet at the regional breakfast on Wednesday morning, November 18 at the annual meeting in Monterey. Feedback was positive and would like to do again at future conferences, but maybe start a little later in the morning and take one hour instead of two.
  - a) **Tom Mattson (Northern California)** – Good meeting in the region with both FHWA and Caltrans present
  - b) **Paul Greenway (South Central Coast)** Paul gave a report on how the coastal counties weathered the October storm. Monterey and Santa Cruz hit hard. The Board of Directors thanked Monterey for the excellent conference venue.
  - c) **Jim Porter (Central Coast)** Had good joint discussion with Central Coast and North Bay Regions at the regional breakfast on Wednesday morning at this conference. Discussion of budget issues, storm response, and ARRA delivery were the main topics. Jim reported that the Central Coast Counties weathered the October storm surprisingly well, even the coastal communities of San Mateo. San Mateo County is building a jail.
  - d) **Mike Penrose (Sacramento Mother Lode)** – No report  
**Action Item for Regional Directors – Provide 2010 regional meeting dates to Merrin for posting on the web page.**
8. **Treasurers Report** (Sadjadi) – Reviewed report and accepted. Question came up on contract with Maurice Shiu regarding the Road Report. **Action Item - Julie to find out status from Maurice and look at putting a team together to**

**pursue the issue.** Julie offered staff to work on it. Jim Porter of San Mateo and Mike Penrose from Sacramento are also offered staff support.

Public Works Secretary's Seminar host for 2010 will be San Luis Obispo County. They have requested \$1500 sponsorship from CEAC as in the past. Request was approved to include in the budget for next year.

**9. Committee Reports**

**a) Flood Control and Water Resources**

Good meeting. Received a status from Vince with Orange County on streamlining. Roundtable discussion focused on sharing experiences with FEMA mapping issues.

**b) Solid Waste**

Good meeting. Small attendance. Working on getting more involvement. Waste Board staff came to discuss the issues with illegal dumping and recycling grant. Yvonne Hunter from the Institute from Local Government presented a model recycling ordinance and they are looking for a county to implement. Roundtable discussion – Sonoma County shared what they are going through with their landfill issues.

**c) Surveyor**

Committee is asking the Board to support the effort of the California Spatial Referencing Center. Would provide real time data availability. Motion by Julie, second by Ken – approved. **Action Item – Merrin will prepare letter of support for Pat's signature.**

**d) Land Use**

Good meeting. Planning Director from San Benito attended. Discussed road districts. Rick Marshall provided information he gathered about what different counties are doing with respect to road districts to fund maintenance. Discussed NPDES changes and Rick will provide more information for discussion at their next meeting. Tom Mattson provided information on different criteria used by counties for retention basins. Committee discussed its purpose and find that it is a good forum for sharing information.

**e) Transportation**

Farhad Mansourian presented changes in the MUTCD. Denix provided an obligation update. He reported on the City County State Federal Coop Committee. Difficult in light of budget issues for Caltrans to carry all of the staff and admin work association with the committee. Agreed that the cities and counties will help. Also discussed reauthorization, local streets and roads funding. He discussed a new requirement for landscaping standards for adoption of a model ordinance for water conservation.

Joe Krahn talked about Federal Highway Bill.

**f) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee**

Continued discussion on the Vision. **Action Item - Julie is to write up a draft action plan for review.**

**10. Other Committee Reports**

**a) Fellowship** – no report – all agreed they did an excellent job

**b) Scholarship** – Had discussion again on the Public Works Director in the county of scholarship winner to present in person and to follow up. **Action Item - President to ask Scott to schedule a committee meeting (by phone) to discuss how to implement. Pete, Julie and Pat should participate in the call.**

**11. Life Membership - none**

**12. Unfinished Business**

- a) Policy of reimbursement for spouses to NACE and CEAC conferences (Rei/DeChellis) – **Action Item - Pat will continue to work with Doug Wilson.** Question was raised whether CEAC should subsidize travel for CEAC members to attend NACE in 2010 to encourage participation for when Phil becomes President. Was discussed and decided not to, but do want to promote that CEAC will sponsor and pay the registration for one attendee who has never been to NACE.
- b) NACE Conference 2014: should we host in California? (Johnson) discussed under item 5, NACE Report.
- c) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Policy Conference; need to schedule (DiChellis) **Action Item - Merrin will work with CSAC staff and officers to schedule.**
- d) CEAC Vision 2012 (Rei) – discussed under item 9f. Oversight and Special Tasks Committee

**13. New Business**

- a) Surveyor of the Year Award (Rei) – very positive response
- b) Washington D.C. Reauthorization trip (Baker) – looking at scheduling to overlap the NACo leg conference - for March 9, 10 ,
- c) Approval to host the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar from May 5-7, 2010 (Ogren) Approved as part of the budget discussion under Item 8, Treasurer's Report.

**14. Scheduled Conferences**

- a) NACo Legislative Conference - Washington, D.C., March 6-10, 2010
- b) CEAC Spring Conference - Sacramento, CA, March 17-19, 2010
- c) NACE Conference - Fort Worth, Texas, April 25-29, 2010
- d) CSAC Legislative Conference - Sacramento, CA, June 2-3, 2010
- e) NACo Annual Meeting, Washoe County (Reno), Nevada, July 16-20, 2010
- f) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, tbd, 2010
- g) CSAC Annual Meeting, Riverside County, November 16-19, 2010

**15. CEAC Board of Directors 2010 Meeting Schedule**

- a) Friday, November 20, 2009, CSAC 115<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Monterey, CA
- b) Friday, March 19, 2010, 11:00 - 1:00pm (CEAC Spring Conference)
- c) Thursday, June 3, 2010, time tbd (Legislative Conference)
- d) October tbd (Policy Conference)
- e) November 19, 2010, time tbd (Annual Meeting)

Meeting Adjourned around noon

  
Minutes Prepared by Julia R. Bueren, CEAC Secretary

1/28/10  
Date



By  
Dave Gravenkamp  
CEAC Historian

# Droppings

*from out of the past*

Forty -five Years of Progress?

The following is a report that appeared in CEAC's January 1965 Newsletter prepared by Editor Bob Glenn of I.T.T.E. highlighting the activities, accomplishments and recommendations of the 1964 CEAC President, Bill McIntosh of Lassen County:

Bill traveled over 15,000 miles fulfilling the duties of his office, which required a total time of 31 days, attending 15 meetings including at least one meeting in each region. He counts his trip to Washington, D.C. for the NACE meeting, together with V.P. Dave, as one of the bright spots in his regime and, in a measure, was a reward for time spent in behalf of CEAC. They attended a White House lawn party, met President Johnson and family, V.P. (elect) Humphrey, and six cabinet members.

Among other accomplishments listed for the past year, was the development and issuance of CEAC membership certificates, including those for life members; action taken to rejoin the Legislative Council of Professional Engineers; and cooperative work with NACE in the development of a Maintenance Manual.

In closing, President Bill offered the following:

"I would like to leave this office with a few recommendations for the future:

- (1) Continue active support and participation in the NACE program.
- (2) Encourage Regional Associations to continue their good work and improve their effectiveness wherever possible.
- (3) Bring about closer relations between CEAC and its members through the region on each CEAC committee. In turn each committeeman and Regional Director should keep his group in touch with the activities of CEAC by reporting the results of committee or directors meetings at their regional meetings. There should be no reason why the entire membership should not be fully and currently informed of the business of the County Engineers Association.
- (4) Continue and protect our close association with the Supervisors Association.
- (5) PLEASE HELP BOB GLENN GATHER INFORMATION FOR OUR NEWSLETTER!

"In closing I extend to my fellow officers, directors, committee chairmen, committee members and friends my warmest gratitude for helping make this past year a propitious one."

## Dropings (cont.)

As I have now been retired from County public works processes for over seven years and may be somewhat out of touch with the day to day business of my own County (Siskiyou) as well as CEAC, I am still quite interested in helping to see that our CEAC organization continues to be a strong force in Statewide public works issues and endeavors.

When I ran across the copy of the 1965 CEAC Newsletter in my files (shown on the previous page) and read the portion that pertained to President Bill McIntosh's report and recommendations upon concluding his term, I thought it would be interesting to reflect on the goals he presented and whether any of these goals are relevant today, forty-five years later.

The first of these goals, to actively support and participate in the NACE program seems to be alive and well particularly due to the influences and work of Phil Demery, soon to be installed as the next NACE President, and George Johnson, our NACE Representative. Each have taken the time to become involved in NACE committees, to get to know public works peers and issues in other states, and to provide professional representation at the national level for California.

The next two of Bill's recommendations deal with the work of regional associations and the dissemination of information through the regional associations and the various CEAC committees to the membership. It is my belief that work of many of the regional associations has suffered in recent years. Although there are a few regions that have regular meetings, many only meet sporadically and some not at all. The regional associations are an important link in fostering ideas and information to be passed on to the CEAC Board and to the various committees as well as an important vehicle to transfer information back to the local CEAC membership. The Board and the committees need to know what is important in your regions to appropriately develop a work program, legislation and policy.

The fourth recommendation to continue and protect CEAC's association with the Supervisors Association has changed dramatically over the years. Some of the reason for this is probably structural. In the

distant past, the Road Commissioner was the "go to" guy for the County Supervisors when it came to getting things done on the roads or in the public works arena. Not so today. As County Organizations became larger, the CAO positions and their chain of command often became the go to persons and the direct link to public works was often lessened.

Now, are these forty-five year old recommendations of Bill McIntosh still relevant today? All we have to do is look at the four goals that have been developed for CEAC Vision 2012 and this question is answered.

The four Vision 2012 goals are as follows:

1. CEAC will be recognized as a leader in advancing public policies as they relate to public works for the communities we serve and for the benefit of all Californians.
2. CEAC member will be informed of the programs and projects undertaken by CEAC, and actively involved in these programs and projects for their benefit and the benefit of CEAC.
3. CEAC will become an entity that the public, the elected officials and other government agencies know of and know want we stand for.
4. CEAC will influence and partner with regional/state/federal agencies.

Past President, Peter Rei, asked each of the Regional Directors to get involved by taking these goals and discussing them within their respective regions to help create a work plan that will enable the goals to be accomplished. Current President Pat DeChellis has made it a goal to attend at least one meeting of each of the regional associations during 2010. Both of these efforts are to reinforce and recreate the good work that can be achieved with the aide of the regional associations.

Although our roles in public works have expanded over the years and new legal, fiscal and environmental obligations have complicated our jobs, we still must strive to create strong working relationships at the local, regional, state and federal levels to strengthen our CEAC organization, just as was suggested forty-five years ago.

# Dropings (cont.)

January 1965 CEAC Newsletter - Cover Page:

**NEWSLETTER**

COUNTY ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

January 1965

No. 13

Note to Heads of County Road Departments: Please distribute extra copies to your County participating members.

**OFFICERS**  
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Past President  
W. D. McIntosh  
Lassen County



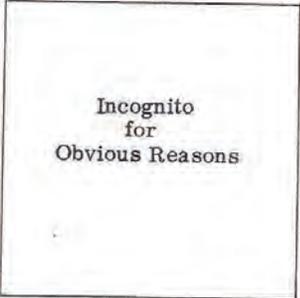
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Bob Glenn  
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## Fall Conference Photos



Delores Sadjadi receives the “Buddy Award” for 2009 from last year’s recipient, Luann Johnson.



President Peter Rei presents the inaugural “Surveyor of the Year” award to Michael Emmons, Santa Barbara County.



Thank you to CEAC Staff



Newest CLOD



Luann & George Johnson, Phil Demery, Chris & Sherri Bauserman, Marlene Demery

# CLODS BBQ 2009



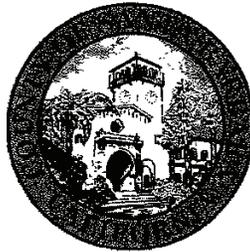
## THE CLODS

(L. to R.) Max Bridges (Past President 98), Ken Miller (01), George Johnson (08)  
TimHackworth (05), Maurice Shiu (06), Henry Hirata (94), Clay Castleberry (76),  
Mike Crump (07), Richard Welton (90), Bill "Old Crow" McIntosh (64),  
Mehdi Sadjadi (99), Jerry Shaul (04), Phil "Faux" Demery (03).



## Member Spotlight

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**SCOTT D. MCGOLPIN**  
Director

November 23, 2009

County Engineers Association of California  
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Re: Surveyor of the Year

Dear CEAC Members:

It was truly an honor for me to receive the inaugural award of Surveyor of the Year presented by the County Engineers Association of California at the fall conference in Monterey. It is inspiring to know that CEAC recognizes the importance of the County Surveyor as it relates to local government and public service and this award reinforces CEAC's leadership as a professional and progressive organization.

As a California County Surveyor, it is important to me that we are recognized for the vital role we play in every day life of our citizens. Each and every one of us makes it our primary goal to improve the quality of life for those that come after us by ensuring that the orderly development mandated by our decision-makers during the subdivision process is carried out effectively and efficiently. We also actively support our profession of land surveying by participating in public and private organizations and by being members of various committees both locally and at the state level. Membership in the CEAC Survey Policy Committee is one such example in which our collective voice as County Surveyors is heard. As chair of the committee, I truly appreciate CEAC's support and for the effort of the committee members and CSAC staff throughout the year in accomplishing our goals.

With that said, I would again like to thank the County Engineers Association of California for this prestigious award and I look forward to my affiliation with CEAC for many years to come.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael B. Emmons".

Michael B. Emmons  
County Surveyor

## New Member

Brian Peters  
Community Development Director  
Alpine County

## Member Spotlight

Mike and Pam Walford completed a second “round the world” cruise in 2008. Mike is a retired Public Works Director from Contra Costa County, CEAC President 1998, and honorable CLOD. The following article on their adventure appeared in the September/October edition of *Traveler Magazine*.

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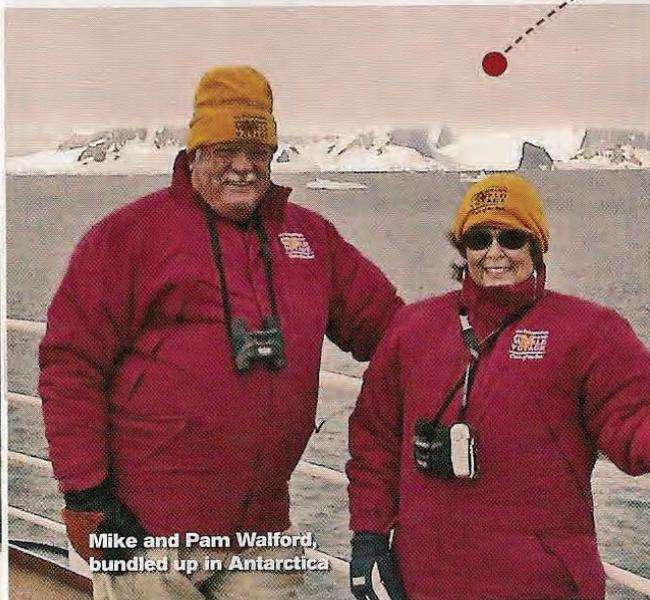
# The Wonders of the World

AAA Members Mike and Pam Walford made magnificent memories cruising the globe

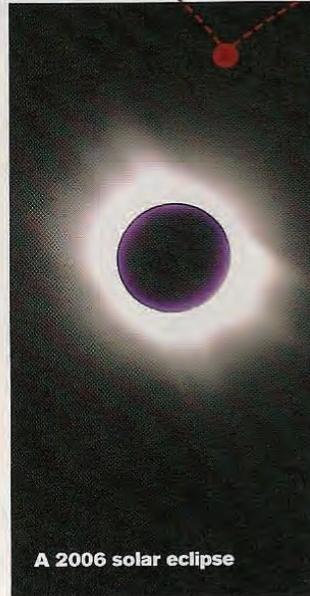
PHOTOS BY MIKE AND PAM WALFORD

AAA MEMBER STORIES TOLD TO MIKE SHARSKY

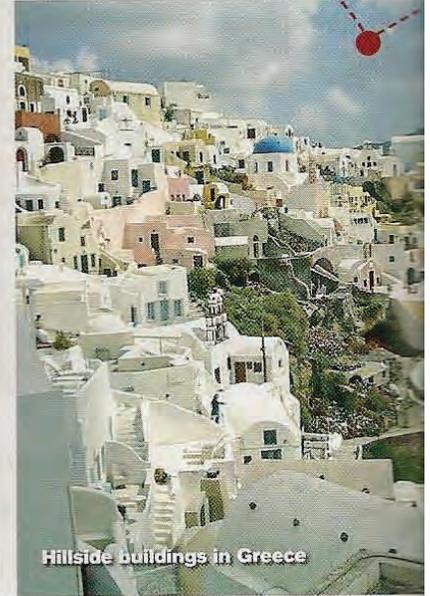
MAP ILLUSTRATION BY NIGEL OWENS



Mike and Pam Walford, bundled up in Antarctica



A 2006 solar eclipse



Hillside buildings in Greece

**F**or Mike Walford and his wife, Pam, AAA Members from Concord, Calif., the magnificence of a Holland America Line Grand World Voyages cruise was irresistible, so much so that they had to do it twice.

Memorable moments from their first cruise, aboard the *ms Prinsendam*, included the time Capt. Halle Thon Gunderson lined up the ship with the track of the 2006 total eclipse of the sun, offering guests one of the longest possible totality experiences—a bit more than four minutes—available anywhere on Earth. Another unplanned extra: Scientists on South Georgia, near Antarctica, volunteered the use of their Zodiac ship-to-

shore boats so guests aboard the *ms Prinsendam* could experience the cold and ethereal beauty of the island and its many penguins. And the ship made two night passes near the Stromboli volcano, north of Sicily, so guests on both sides could marvel at the glowing red spectacle.

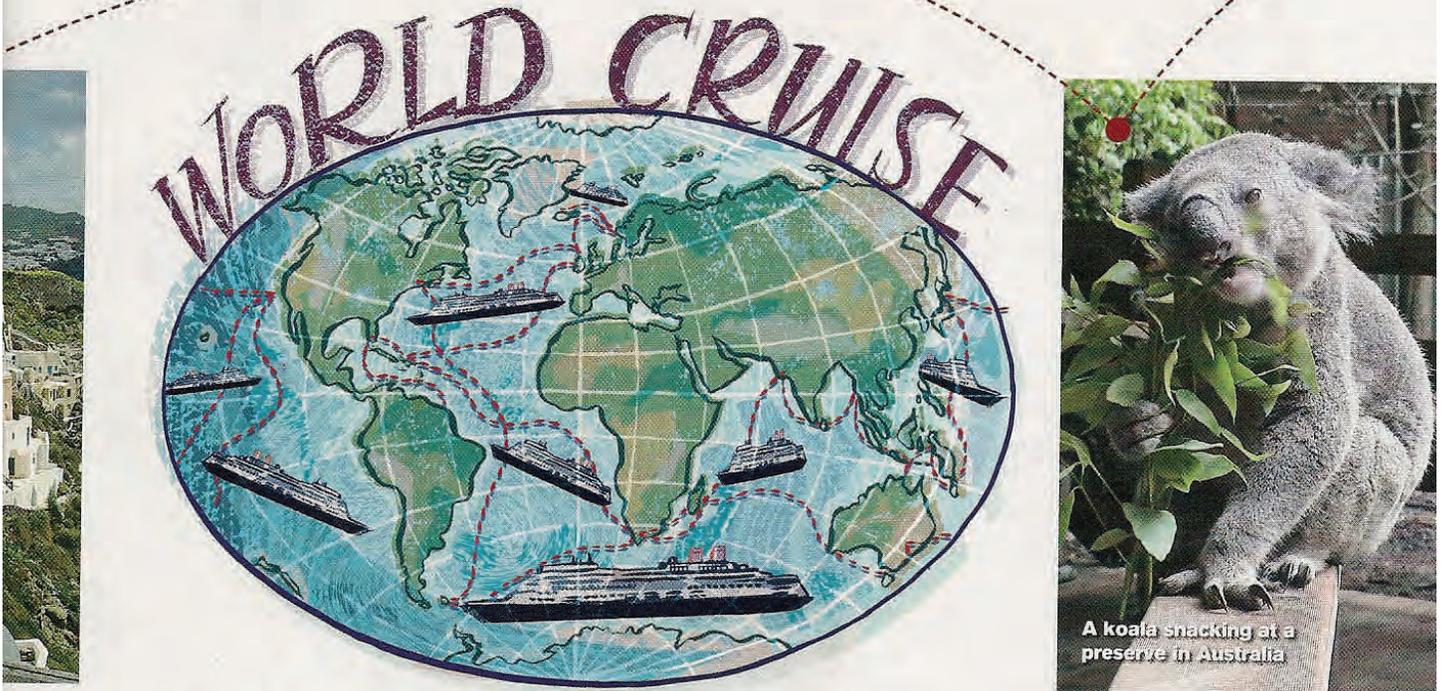
Enchanted, the Walfords cruised again, this time a true circumnavigation, in 2008 aboard the *ms Amsterdam*. And while the two world trips took the Walfords a combined 219 days, sailing more than 65,000 nautical miles to 74 ports of call, they're still landlubbers compared with the many guests devoted to Holland America Line. “On a world cruise you get to know so many people,

The cruise of a lifetime. A magical honeymoon. Your quest for the best crème brûlée. Whatever your travel tales, we want to tell them in a future issue. Write to us at [traveler@csaa.com](mailto:traveler@csaa.com).

## Member Spotlight (cont.)

“On a world cruise you get to know so many people, and so many of them do this cruise every year.”

—Mike Walford



and so many of them do this cruise every year,” says Mike Walford. “There was this couple who asked us if this was our first World Cruise. It turned out she had been on 12—and her husband had been on 26 in a row!”

### Cruise Companions

Among friends made, the Walfords count none more special than Jack and Gloria Meerman, who were the onboard AAA Travel representatives for both of the Walfords’ World Cruises. Members who book their World Cruise through AAA Travel will find such representatives to be welcome companions.

“Our group consists of people from all over the United States, Canada and Europe who have many diverse interests and backgrounds,” says Gloria Meerman, who has worked in the travel industry for

more than 40 years. Onboard representatives like the Meermans host several World Cruise get-togethers for those who book through AAA Travel to further forge the bonds of a long sea voyage. “We have desk hours every day we are at sea but encourage everyone to feel free to contact us at any time.”

The Walfords’ AAA Vacation Specialist, Dinar Pavri in Concord, encourages AAA Members to book any vacation through AAA Travel.

“A professional can separate the myths from what is real,” says Pavri. “You have an element of trust. If you become comfortable that this person is going to do right by you, that’s the value. On the Internet, who knows what’s straight?”

*Contributing Editor Mike Sharsky helps tell the travel stories of AAA Members each issue.*

## Member Spotlight (Clay "Circuit Rider" Castleberry, Past President 1976)

### A SMALL COLLECTION OF AVIATION NOVELTY SLIDE RULES

Clay Castleberry, Oroville, California

This is not an article about the "Small", cylinder slide rule featured in Volumes 1.-1 and 1-2 of the Oughtred Society Journal. It is about a small group of specialty rules, which were mildly popular with collectors with an interest in aviation, probably during the 1950's and 1960's.

Figure 1 illustrates the variety of rules available in this group. The top row shows three different money clips. The middle money clip rule also incorporates a combination knife blade and fingernail file. In the middle row on the left, are a key chain, a tie tack and a cigarette lighter on the right. The reverse side of the lighter which is shown in Figure 2, features a perpetual calendar, with dates from 1950 to 1977, indicating circa 1950. In the bottom row of Figure 1 are the cuff links that go with the tie tack. All have black faces.

The fixed outer and rotatable inner scales are adaptations of the standard linear C & D slide rule scales to solve the basic time-distance-speed problems of aviation. They are based on the computer originally designed by Lt. Philip Dalton in 1931. Dalton's original design evolved into the famous EB-6 flight computer of World War 2. The scales of course can be used for non-aviation applications as well. The outer scale of one of the money clips and the keychain also include the proper location of pi. With the exception of the latter two which were made in the U.S., the others were made in Japan.

The scale diameters range from 0.75" to 1.0", giving a longest scale length of 3.14" indicating a low degree of accuracy. One would be led to believe that these were given as favors, rather than for the more serious use of flight related calculations. They were probably not big sellers as none have a maker's name except for the lighter signed, "Chadwick." They soon disappeared from the slide rule scene. No doubt there are other examples to be found of these small circular slide rules. One, recently brought to my attention, is a tape measure with aviation scales similar to those in my collection with the tape scaled in statute miles.

While these rules are not special, they do make an interesting display by themselves, albeit a small one.



Fig. 1 - Aviation Novelty Slide Rules.

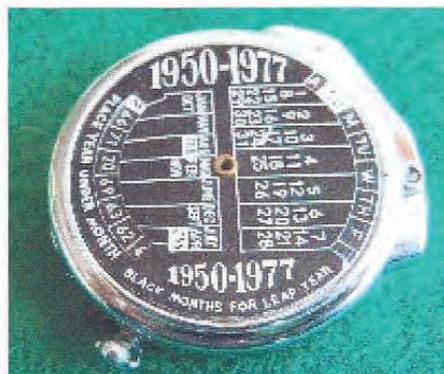


Fig. 2 - Reverse Side of Lighter.



Fig 3 - Money Clip w/ Knife & Fingernail File.

Figure 3, shows the money clip with the combination knife blade and fingernail file. The owner may well have been a private pilot who today certainly wouldn't be carrying one on a commercial flight.

# Calendar

## SPRING 2010 CEAC Conference

March 17 through 19, 2010

Sacramento

For the first time in many years the conference will be a CEAC only conference due to a commitment by the League of California Cities' Public Works Officers to meet jointly at a separate conference with other City officials.

## NACE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

April 25 through 29, 2010.

Fort Worth Texas

Lets have a great amount of participation from our CEAC membership to welcome Phil Demery, Sonoma County, as the next NACE President.

## NACO ANNUAL MEETING

July 16 through 20, 2010

Washoe County

Reno, Nevada

## BEDROLL CONFERENCE

July 14 through 16, 2010

Camp Connery

Lake Almanor, CA

## CEAC FALL POLICY CONFERENCE

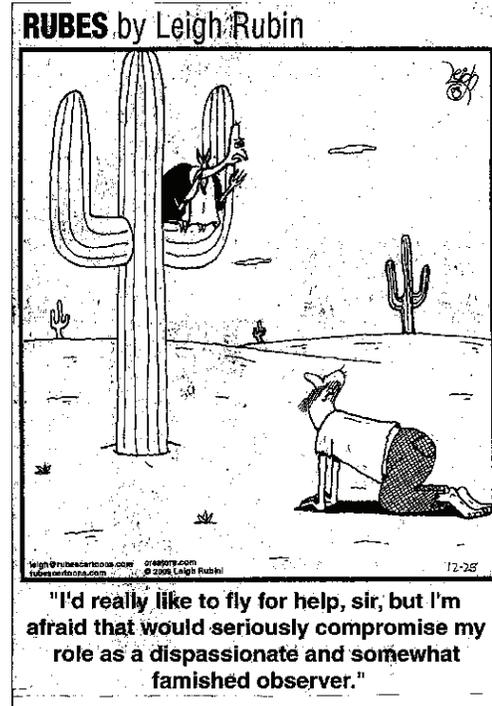
September 30 through October 1, 2010

Sacramento

## CSAC ANNUAL MEETING

November 16 through 19, 2010

Riverside County



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## This and That .....

**A COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** was scheduled to speak to an important business convention, so he asked one of his brightest employees to write him a punchy 20 minute speech.

When the CAO returned, he was furious. "What's the idea of writing me an hour-long speech? Half the audience walked out before I finished."

The employee was baffled, "I wrote you a 20 minute speech," he replied. "I also gave you the two extra copies the you asked for."

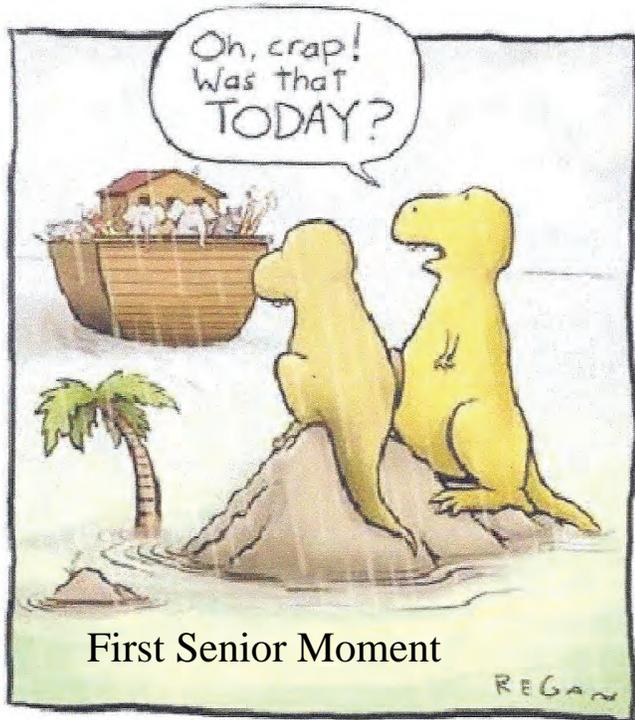
**IN THE DAYS** of the Berlin Wall, there was a little old man who crossed the checkpoint ever week, pushing his bicycle and carrying a heavy sack.

The border guard, suspecting him of smuggling, always searched the sack thoroughly, but never found anything worthwhile.

One day, after the wall came down, the guard ran into the little old man.

"Look, I just know you were smuggling something all those years, but I could never prove it," the guard said, "Tell me what it was."

The little old man chuckled, "Bicycles."



### **THE FIRST LAW OF GOLF:**

No matter how bad your last shot was, you should have inner peace knowing that a s\*\*\*\*\*ier one is yet to come. (This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.)

**CURTIS & LEROY** saw an ad in the Starkville Daily News in Starkville, MS, and bought a mule from a farmer for \$100.

The farmer agreed to deliver the mule the next day.

The next morning the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, fellows, I have some bad news, the mule died last night."

Curtis & Leroy replied, "Well, then just give us our money ack."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

They said, "OK then, just bring us the dead mule, were going to raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead mule!" Leroy said, "We shore can! Heck, we don't hafta tell nobody he's dead!"

A couple of weeks later, the farmer ran into Curtis & Leroy at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store and asked.

"What'd you fellers ever do with that dead mule?" They said, "We raffled him off like we said we wuz gonna do."

Leroy said, "Shucks, we sold 500 tickets fer two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$898."

The farmer said, "My Lord, didn't anyone complain?"

Curtis said, "Well, the feller who won got upset. So we gave him his two dollars back."

Curtis & Leroy now work for the government. They're overseeing the Bailout Program.

**A MOTHER** was preparing pancakes for her two young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. "Their mother saw the opportunity for a lesson. "If Jesus was sitting here," she told them, "he would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

The oldest boy turned to his brother and said, "You can be Jesus."

