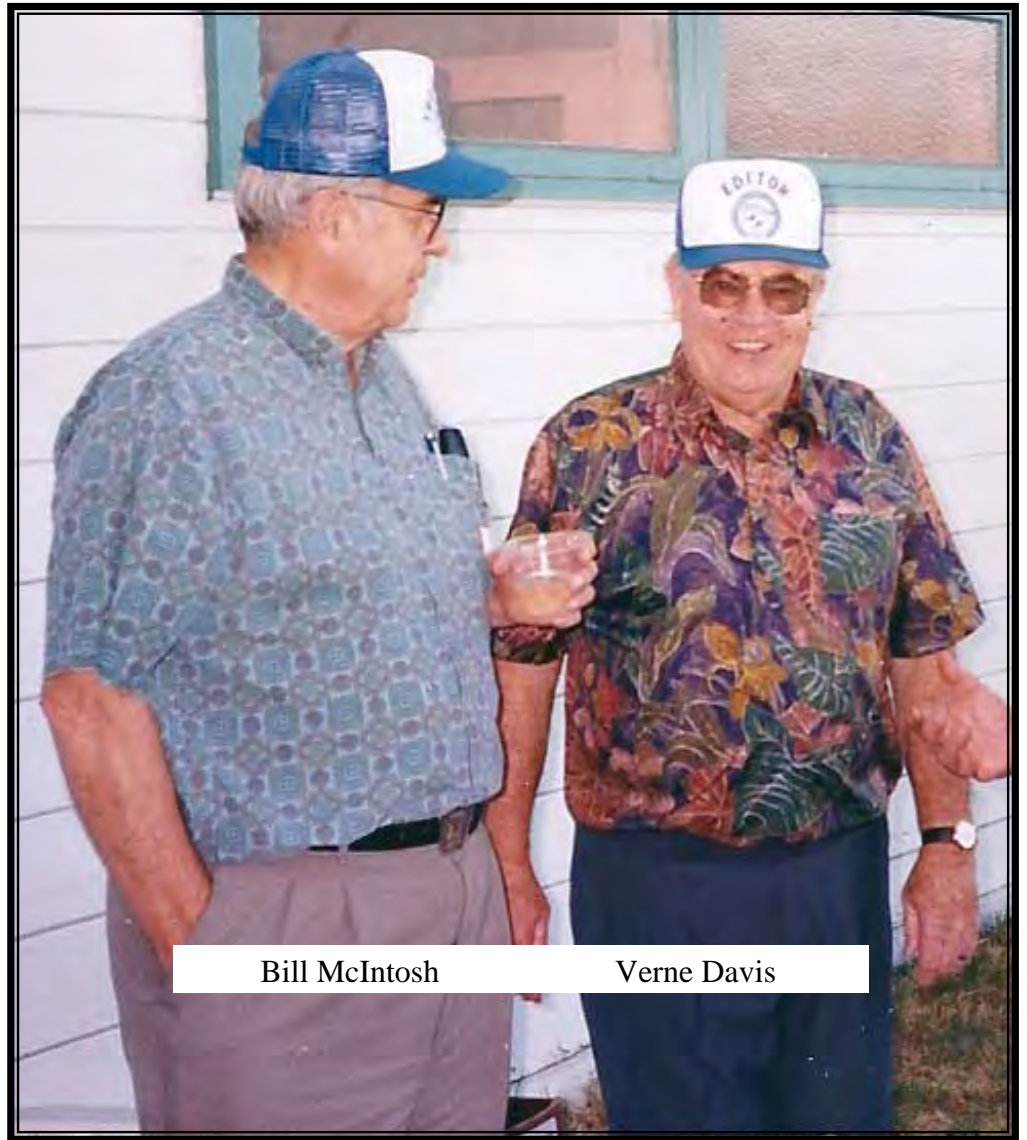




CEAC Newsletter

August 2010

CALIFORNIA
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Bill McIntosh

Verne Davis

FAREWELL!

In Memoriam

*It is with extreme sadness that I report the loss of four of our CEAC colleagues over a recent period of months, including three of our esteemed CLODS and Past Presidents. Each of these gentlemen was highly talented and not only provided their hearts and souls for the betterment of citizens in the counties that they worked, but they held family life at the top of their priorities while also giving countless hours, or years, of devoted time to the CEAC organization. Lassen, Merced, Imperial and Sacramento Counties are each better places as a result of the work performed respectively by **Bill McIntosh, Verne Davis, Dave Pierson and Dee McKenzie**. Through both their work endeavors and private lives they each touched and helped shape the lives and actions of many others. As we all move forward with our lives, let us find comfort in having known these role models and also of course in the humor that they brought forth to relieve those stressful situations that are encountered each and every day.*

In Memoriam

William David McIntosh

CEAC President 1964

NACE President

CEAC Treasurer Emeritus

“Old Crow”

March 24, 1924 – August 11, 2010

William David McIntosh died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on August 11, 2010. Known affectionately as Bill and Mac, he was born to William and Maud McIntosh in Portola, CA, March 24, 1924. “Still waters run deep,” describes Bill. As a father, husband, companion, family man, boss, and friend, he loved unconditionally. He was a good man, honest and loyal, with a dry sense of humor, great warmth, a kind heart and gentle spirit.

After graduating from Lassen Union High School in Susanville, CA, Bill joined the U.S. Navy stationed aboard the USS St. Paul, proudly serving during both WWII and Korea. At the end of WWII he married Dorothy “Dixie” Morgan from Scranton, PA. They settled in Susanville and raised two daughters. Bill began his career as a surveyor with the Lassen County Road Department in 1946. In 1955 he was appointed County Road Commissioner, and in 1960, was named the first Director of Public Works (DPW) for Lassen County. During his distinguished 41-year career, Mr. McIntosh’s work not only drew attention to the needs of small rural counties like Lassen; it demonstrated the unique vision that this high school educated, rural Public Works Director brought to the breadth of state and national public works. He headed development of the County Route Marker Program adopted nationally in 1967. Because of his leadership, Lassen County received the first number, “A-1”, for the Eagle Lake Road, a national award winner for its design and the only County road selected for the 1984 Olympic Torch relay. In 2000, A-1 was officially proclaimed the “William D. McIntosh Highway.”

Bill rose through the ranks of professional organizations to become president of the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) and the National Association of County Engineers (NACE). Among his many honors, CEAC created the perpetual “William D. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award” naming him its first recipient. NACE named him “Rural County Engineer of the Year”. Bill created the CLODS (California’s Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants), the NFL (NACE’s Former Leaders), and the ASOBGHAPES ensuring perpetual connectivity of public works leaders. In addition to the above achievements, Bill also garnered the coveted “Buffalo Bull Award” in 1978.

In 2002, Bill and Dixie moved to the Bay Area to be closer to family. After 58 years of marriage, his beloved Dixie passed away in 2004. Bill’s last residence was in Rossmoor, CA where he built more friendships, enjoyed movies, live music and theater, art class, and excursions to San Francisco and Oakland for cultural and sports events with his dear friend Betty. He remained an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers. Bill stayed in daily contact with his many friends around the country through e-mail, luncheons, and visits.

Bill McIntosh - (Cont.)

Predeceased by his wife, mother, father and older sister Dorothy “Belle” Ross, Bill is survived by daughters, Lenore (Ron Hunt) and Donna (Mike Melendez); grandchildren Michele, Robbie, David and Elyse; great grandsons Mason and Malik; and sister and nephew Maudie and Brad Walker. He will be greatly missed!

A memorial service will be held at 3 pm Friday, August 27, 2010, St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord. A joyous celebration of his life immediately follows at nearby Endeavor Hall, 6006 Center St. in Clayton, CA. Memorial contributions may be made to the CEAC Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Mike Sadjadi, CEAC Treasurer, 120 Round Court, Petaluma, CA 94952 or the charity of your choice.



Bill proudly sports his “A-1” designation at a CLODS BBQ c2005.

In Memoriam

Verne Leroy Davis

CEAC President 1984

CEAC Newsletter Editor 1985 - 2005

“Whooping Crane”

February 11, 1925 - April 30, 2010

Verne Leroy Davis was born February 11, 1925 in Halstead, Kansas, the first of ten children born to Glenn and Dorothy Davis. He and his mother and dad moved to Southern California in 1926 and relocated to Plainsburg, in Merced County, in 1932. Upon graduation from Le Grand High School in 1943, he volunteered and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII from 1943 to 1946 spending most of his military duty in Alaska.

On August 6, 1949, Verne married the love of his life, Dawn Ione Lincoln of Le Grand. She was his devoted wife of over 60 years. When was once asked to comment on his life, Verne said “There are so many wonderful memories, but the very first thing that comes to mind is when Dawn and I were married in Le Grand. It was a beautiful garden wedding in her folks backyard, and everyone was happy.”

Verne began work for Merced County in September 1947. He served the County well for over 38 years. He rose through the ranks and was Merced County’s fourth Road Commissioner and the very first Director of Public Works. He retired April 1, 1985 and was honored by a retirement party at the Merced County Fairgrounds.

Verne was a 53 year member of Merced #83 American Legion, a 50 year member of the Yosemite Masonic Lodge #99, life member of the Merced Historical Society, the first President of the Merced High School Booster Club and a Fresno Tehran Shriner. His hobbies, long ago, included golfing and water skiing (He said he wasn’t very good at either one), but he did play a great game of softball.

On April 17, 2010, just before his passing, he and other Merced County residents over 85 years in age were honored for their longtime contributions to the community.

A friendly, caring individual with a great sense of humor, and whose word was his bond. He will truly be missed by all.

Verne was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Dorothy Davis of Planada, two brothers, Don Davis of Saugus and Roy Davis of Merced and a sister Jackie Ralls of Chowchilla.

He is survived by his loving, devoted wife Dawn, son Verne (Sam) Davis II and his wife Debbie of Crows Landing; daughter, Cathy Davis Buljan and John Lupo of Sonora and two beloved granddaughters, Courtney Dawn Buljan of Sonora and Nichole Dyan Davis of San Francisco . He also leaves behind the following brothers and sisters, Joe Davis of Gardnerville, Nevada, Pats Doughty of Merced, Gayle Rowe of Turlock, Sharon Turner of Plumas Lakes, Dorothy Penner and Lyle Davis of Merced; numerous nieces and nephews; aunt, Norma Heft of Idaho and uncles, Less Davis of Venice and Dean McCoy of Sacramento.

VerneYou Done Good!



"It hurt, but I guess I deserved it!"

Thanks for the Memories

David Eugene Pierson

CEAC President 1965

DAVID EUGENE PIERSON

Mar. 31, 1925 - Apr. 17, 2010



David Pierson, 85, of El Centro passed away due to natural causes Saturday, April 17 in his daughter Linda's home in El Centro.

He was born March 31, 1925 in Riverside, CA. He met Ginny on a blind date in Ft. Worth, Texas and the two were married April 22, 1945, six weeks after they met. David was an Army Lieutenant in WWII and was a part of occupying forces in Japan. Following his service in the Army, he attended and graduated from Cal Berkeley. David came to the Imperial Valley in 1953 from the Los Angeles area after he accepted a position with the county. He held various positions, making his way up to Director of Public Works before retiring as the County Road Commissioner.

David was on a number of local, state and national organizations including St. Peter and Paul Episcopal Church board, Rotary Club president, and president of both state and national Civil Engineers Association. After his retirement, David became a member of the national board of AAA Auto Club and did private consulting for the geothermal industry.

David later had a portion of Highway 86 named after him for his extensive lobbying for people in the Imperial County.

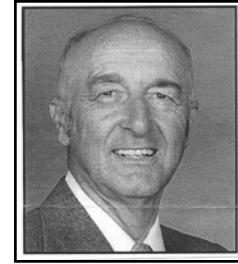
David is survived by his children, Herbert Pierson and his wife, Judy, Michael Pierson, Judith Williams Pierson, Cindy Pierson Alexander, Ginger Stuessel, and Linda Pierson; grandchildren, Kelly, Katie, David and Kimi; Ginny and Ricky; Caley, Blake and Hannah; Allyson and Trevor; Katie, Malissa and Charlie; and 10 great-grand- children.

In Memoriam

Dee McKenzie

Sacramento County

October 23, 1920 - May 3, 2010



Born in Gerber, CA, on October 23, 1920 to Robert Bertram and Georgianna McKenzie, Dee was a resident of Sacramento County since 1923. Dee passed away peacefully at age 89 at his home in Citrus Heights on May 3, 2010. He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Ruth Mary, and their sons Robert of Sacramento, Gary (Martine) of Santa Barbara, Aaron (Suzie) of Fair Oaks, and David (Diana) of Newman, CA; daughters-in-law Martine, Suzie, and Diana; granddaughters Cristina and Sofia; and grandson Daniel. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Earl G. McKenzie of Sacramento.

Dee attended Washington Elementary, Sutter Jr. High, and graduated from Sacramento High School in June, 1937. He later received an A.A. degree from Sacramento Jr. College in 1945, and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Stanford University in 1949 where he earned Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and Tau Beta Pi awards. He flew B-24's in the 8th Air Force in England during World War II where he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and five Air Medals as a Captain pilot on a lead crew in the 491st Bomb Group. He also served in the Northeast Air Command in Newfoundland, Canada, during the Korean War.

Prior to WWII, he worked for the Western Railroad, the CA State Controller's Office, and the Army Air Corps at McClellan Field. Following the war he served as a civil engineer for the City of Sacramento, the State Division of Highways (now Caltrans,) and Sacramento County, from which he retired as Director of Public Works in 1986. As Director of Public Works he was the County Engineer, County Surveyor, County Road Commissioner, and Chief Engineer and Administrator for the county's sewer maintenance districts, water districts, storm drainage districts, and the Sacramento Regional Water Quality District.

During his career with the County he played a leading role in the development and construction of many large projects including the Metropolitan Sewage Treatment Plant, the County's Main jail, the original Watt Ave., Sunrise Ave., and Hazel Ave. bridges across the American River, four and six laning of most of the County arterial road systems, and the development and/or extension of new roads including Alta Arden, Madison Ave., and Greenback Lane. He participated in the development of the five lane street (with a turn lane in the middle) and, despite much opposition and difficulty, helped bring this concept to reality in Sacramento County, the state of California, and eventually nationwide. In the refuse collection and disposal business, he brought curbside pick-up, 90 gallon cans, and mechanical pick-up trucks to the County, and he hired the County's first female refuse collector.

He was an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Public Works Association, and the County Engineers Association of California. He also served on California's Scenic Highway Committee having been appointed by then Governor Edmond G. Pat Brown. He served 12 years on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Credit Union, and for over 20 years on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento County Retired Employees Association. He also served several terms on the Board of Trails West, Inc., and he was a long time member of the Oregon California Trails Association.

His honors and awards included the 1963 Engineer of the Year by the Engineering Council of the Sacramento Valley, the Distinguished Service Award from the Sacramento Building Industry Association, and the Silver Bear Award from the Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America. As a father, Dee was always active with his sons in youth activities, coaching, refereeing, adult leadership in the Boy Scouts, Little League, Youth Soccer, YMCA Indian Guides, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. He and his boys enjoyed frequent camping, backpacking, and mountain climbing adventures together. He taught his sons a love of nature and a deep and abiding sense of personal integrity.

Dee was proud of his sons. He was a devoted husband, and a dedicated public servant. He touched many with his honesty, integrity, and sincerity. He lived to make a positive impact on his world and he achieved that objective in everything he did in life. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



CEAC Board of Directors Meeting

CEAC Spring Conference 2010

Friday, March 19, 2010 · 11:00am – 1:00pm

Bondi Room

Sheraton Grand Hotel

Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order (DeChellis) Meeting was called to order at 10:58 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
Matt Machado	San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
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		
Max Bridges	CLOD	CLODS
Randy Murphy	Deputy Director	Glenn County
Phil Demery	Public Works Director	Sonoma County

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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, February 11, 2010** (Woldesenbet) - the minutes were approved. Motion by Julie Bueren, seconded by George Johnson.
3. **Correspondence** (DeChellis) – Four Letters for new affiliate membership was received –1. Safeway Sign Co.; 2. Mark Thomas & Associates; 3. CMP of Sacramento; and 4. Republic Services of Fairfield.
4. **CLODS Report** (CLODS) – Max Bridges reported that there will be a BBQ and entertainment provided at the conference in Riverside.
5. **NACE Report** (Johnson) – At the 2010 Conference in Fort Worth, Texas, Phil Demery will be installed as president of NACE. Several people are registered for the Conference.
6. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff)
 - **DeAnn Baker** – Reported that the Washington, D.C., trip (by Julie, Peter, George, Phil, DeAnn, Kiana and Karen) was very successful.
 - DeAnn indicated that there are some discussions about a fix that might lead to a vote and signature by the Governor regarding the Tax. DeAnn will share information as they become available.
 - DeAnn also indicated that CSAC has jumped onto social media—blogs, Facebook, Twitter, etc., and will explore opportunities for CEAC to tap into these resources.
 - **Merrin Gerety** – (none)
 - **Karen Keene** – (See item 13a)
 - Karen also indicated that DWR is moving forward with the statewide needs assessment.
7. **Regional Directors Reports**
 - **Tom Mattson (Northern California)** – Had Breakfast meeting at the conference and went on successful legislative visit.
 - **Paul Greenway (South Central Coast)** - Met at the Regional Breakfast, mostly discussed the status of HUTA.
 - **Jim Porter (Central Coast)** Met on February 17, 2010 in Alameda County. Discussed equipment-sharing strategies and state budget issues. DeChellis attended the meeting.
 - **Mike Penrose (Sacramento Mother Lode)** – Wes Zicker indicated that the region had a presentation on the Traffic Operation Center in Sacramento.
 - **Ignacio Ochoa (Southern California)** – Pat reported that the region had a very large gathering at the regional breakfast session, and discussed issues such as streamlining. Next meeting planned for May/June.
 - **Matt Machado (San Joaquin Valley)** – Had excellent meeting with nearly 30 to 40 attendees. Plan to meet in Kern in April followed by a meeting in Stanislaus in May.
 - **Birgitta Corsello (North Bay)** - Phil Demery stated that they are working on appointing a regional director.

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8. **Treasurers Report** (Sadjadi) – Julie moved to adopt the budget and accept the report. Mattson seconded and the item was approved. Mehdi was not present.

9. **Committee Reports**

- a) **Flood Control and Water Resources—(see item 13a)**
- b) **Solid Waste** – Had great attendance and had a successful presentation on conversion technologies by Santa Barbara County. Also Had a presentation on AB 274—Landfill Closure.
- c) **Surveyor** – Had great attendance, and discussed changes of the Map Act on subdividing properties.
- d) **Land Use--** Had great attendance, and discussed NPDES changes on new construction
- e) **Transportation--** Had great attendance with active participation, and suggestions on streamlining was developed and collected for use by Pat.
- f) **Oversight and Special Tasks Committee --** Had great attendance.
 - The Committee will be working on Vision 2012; consider addition of some type of Green Committee that looks at sustainability initiatives.
 - The Committee recommended adoption of the Policy Committee Operating Guidelines (as edited by DeAnn). The BOD accepted the recommendation and approved the item as recommended (moved by Daniel, second by Julie).
 - The Committee recommended the approval of Associate Membership of the US Forest Service. The BOD accepted and approved the recommendation (moved by Julie, second Greenwood).
 - Julie agreed to work with Jim Porter on the issue of Spousal Reimbursement, and bring back a recommendation to the Committee.

10. **Other Committee Reports**

- a) **Fellowship** - Pattie indicated that the hospitality suite was successful, and they are looking for volunteers to take leftover items to Riverside.
With Pattie's upcoming retirement, Julie agreed to explore possible solutions to keeping Pattie as the chair of the Fellowship Committee, or seek replacement.
- b) **Scholarship** (none)

11. **Life Membership** – Julie nominated Pattie McNamee for lifetime membership, George Johnson seconded the motion, and the BOD approved the nomination.

12. **Unfinished Business**

- a) Policy on reimbursement for Spouses. Julie agreed to work with Jim Porter on the issue of Spousal Reimbursement, and bring back a recommendation to the Oversight Committee.
- b) NACE Conference 2014. George and Merrin indicated that they are working with Bonnie West with NACE and will be reviewing responses to RFPs from cities that can host the conference.
- c) See item 9-f.
- d) For the fall 2010 Conference, CEAC will be housed at the Riverside Marriott.

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- e) Vision 2012- Oversight Committee to work on it (see item 9-f)
- f) CEAC Mission Statement and Motto on the letterhead. Action item: Merrin to send out the statements via email to BOD's for approval.
- g) It was suggested that the Policy Conference be moved and expanded to August 25/26/27. Action Item: Pat DeChellis is to work with Merrin and provide direction to CEAC.

13. New Business

- a) Flood Control Needs Assessment contract amendment was approved and signed by Pat DeChellis. Item was moved by Johnson, seconded by Mattson.

16. Scheduled Conferences

- a) NACE Conference - Fort Worth, Texas, April 25-29, 2010
- b) CSAC Legislative Conference - Sacramento, CA, June 2-3, 2010
- c) NACo Annual Meeting, Washoe County (Reno), Nevada, July 16-20, 2010
- d) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, September 30 – October 1, 2010
- e) CSAC Annual Meeting, Riverside County, November 16-19, 2010

17. CEAC Board of Directors 2010 Meeting Schedule

- a) May 8, 2010, Contra Costa County
- b) Thursday, June 3, 2010, time tbd (Legislative Conference)
- c) October 1, 2010, time tbd (Policy Conference)
- d) November 19, 2010, time tbd (Annual Meeting)

Meeting Adjourned at 12:13pm

Daniel Woldesenbet

Minutes Prepared by Daniel Woldesenbet, CEAC Secretary

3/19/2010

Date



Droppings

from out of the past

By
Dave Gravenkamp
CEAC Historian

Early CEAC Newsletters

Our first CEAC Newsletter was published in July 1961 with Bob Glenn, I.T.T.E. as the Editor. Bob also served as CEAC Treasurer. I thought it might be interesting to read some names that appeared in these early editions of the newsletter that may still be familiar to many of you 50 years later. Following are excerpts from some of the early Issues:

Issue No. 1:

Mother Lode Regional Meeting- Road Commissioner Mie Finch and his trusty Assistant, Tom Mlcoch, along with the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, were hosts at Marysville on May 18&19 at a joint meeting of the Road Commissioners and the County Supervisors of the region.

Verne Davis- Following the resignation of Harold Neu, Verne was appointed Road Commissioner for Merced County. While by no means a stranger to many in the Association, we all anticipate with pleasure his active participation in Association affairs.

Future Issues of Newsletter - Decisions on numbers and topics should be made by the Board of Directors. So far, Ye Editor has received no orders or instructions. Possibly the publication should be titled the "If & When Letter".

Contents of Newsletter—Items of state-wide interest shall always be gratefully received at the editor's office. This is your (Association) Letter. (Does this sound familiar?).

Issue No. 2, December 1961-

To the Rescue - Ye Editor is in receipt of a letter written by our faithful Ed Hanna, December 23, from which in part is quoted: "...Now if Santa Claus will bring me a four-in-hand tie....The tie I have has so much gravy spilled on it that the cleaner refuses to work on it any more". Since it is known that Santa Claus failed Ed, here is an opportunity for each of us to show our appreciation to a friend in need. Consequently, it is sincerely requested that each of you attending the Conference meeting in Los Angeles bring all of your old ties to the dinner January 24 at the Hollywood-Roosevelt. (Ask your wife to pick them out). For those not going to the Conference, your charitable contribution to this worthy cause may be sent to Bob Glenn, c/o of the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel, who will see that they are presented to Ed in the proper spirit and in recognition of his faithful and continued service to the Association. Let's have a generous response herein. Suppose you had only one dirty necktie?

Issue No. 3, April 1962:

Semi-Annual Business Meeting of the Association held at UCLA on Jan. 25, 1962—One of the highlights of the program was the presentation of some 500 beautiful (?) neckties to our faithful member from Tres Pinos. Ye Editor is most appreciative of the not-unexpected response to his appeal in the Newsletter for aid to a brother in need. As a result, our own Ed Hanna has his Christmas gift problem solved for the indefinite future.

To be continued next time: By the way if you send an authenticated original copy of Issue No. 1, 2 or 3 to me in Yreka, a gift may be forthcoming.

Member Spotlight

Ruth Caldwell honored with award

One of my perks in writing this column is meeting some remarkable people, and certainly high on that list is 91-year-old Ruth Caldwell. Ruth is sharp and active; living in her own home with her husband, Norm; blessed with pretty good health; and still driving herself to volunteer regularly at the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter and to lead a swim exercise class every week at Vista del Monte.

But when you talk to Ruth, you don't get the feeling that any of this is extraordinary for her. After all, she's been faithfully and quietly doing just these sorts of volunteer activities since World War II.

You might even say the Japanese started this volunteer service by Ruth when they attacked Pearl Harbor. She was married on December 6, 1941. Almost immediately, Norm enlisted and became an Air Force officer. (Ruth still quips that they never did have a honeymoon.) The upshot for Ruth was that she became a Red Cross volunteer because, she explains, "during the War it was mandatory for officers' wives to do volunteer work for the Red Cross — mainly rolling up bandages for hospitals."

But even back then, involvement with the Red Cross was nothing new for Ruth. As a school girl, she took Red Cross swimming lessons. In 1932, at the age of 12, she earned certification in the American Red Cross "Life Saving Corps" — and she still has the badge to prove it! What's more, that early exposure to swimming and life saving set Ruth on a life-long path of teaching water safety.

Settling in Santa Barbara a few years after the war, Ruth's husband began working as a civil engineer for the city's Public Works Department, while she worked at Trenwith's Department Store (where Paseo Nuevo is now). But she also volunteered once again for the Red Cross, which in the 1950s was in an old mansion at Chapala and Victoria streets.

Her volunteer focus in those days was swimming and water safety instruction at "the plunge," as she calls it (that is, Los Banos del Mar pool on West Cabrillo Blvd.).

Then over the years, she expanded her volunteer service, teaching swimming at the YMCA, at Santa Barbara City College, to the Girl Scouts and at both Santa Barbara and Dos Pueblos high schools. She even helped develop the swim program at Westmont College, when the school was just establishing itself at its current campus.

She taught swimming, life guard training and water exercise at Westmont for much longer than she realized. "They gave me a service award one time," she says, "and when they added it all up, they said I'd been serving the Westmont swimming program for 30 years."

That wasn't her only service award. In 1985, Ruth received the Red Cross' prestigious Clara Barton Award for meritorious volunteer leadership. According to the award criteria, the recipient "must have enabled the Red Cross to contribute valuable service to the community in cooperation with staff and other volunteers."

In view of this exceptional devotion, including 65 years of service to the Red Cross, Ruth was honored in May with a Lifetime Achievement Award. It was bestowed by the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens at the group's annual Older Americans Month celebration luncheon.

New Member

Kevin Hamblin
Director of Community Development
Del Norte County
981 H Street, Suite 110
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Congratulations Kevin

Also, Position Changes in Del Norte, County:

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DATE: 16 August 2010

RE: NACE Report, August 2010

As your CEAC representative to NACE, I have the privilege of serving on the NACE Board of Directors and as such, I am required to attend both NACE Board meetings each year. The first Board meeting occurs in conjunction with the annual NACE meeting, which takes place in March/April each year. This year's annual meeting was held in Fort Worth, Texas, where we saw our own Phil Demery installed as the NACE President. The second NACE Board Meeting happens during the annual NACo meeting, held this year in Reno, Nevada on July 17, 2010.

Given our federal transportation legislation, SAFETEA-LU, expired at the end of September 2009 and is being kept alive through continuing resolutions, combined with the urgent need to improve the federal transportation delivery process, NACE President Demery has made it a priority to improve the efficiency of the federal aid program and accelerate the delivery of federal aid projects by local governments. In order to provide FHWA with specific recommendations, President Demery created the NACE Federal Aid Task Group to develop a NACE reauthorization position and propose legislative language. Pat DeChellis was appointed Task Group Chairman, of a select group of county engineers from across the nation. Attached for your review is a copy of the Proposed NACE Legislative Language for Next Transportation Authorization, which was unanimously approved by the NACE Board of Directors.

Also attached is a copy of the NACE 2010-11 Strategic Plan Priorities, which was adopted by the NACE Board. I encourage each of you to read the NACE priorities as they reflect many of the same priorities we have established for CEAC. In addition to the above mentioned transportation reauthorization and federal aid project delivery improvement priority, NACE is emphasizing the need to expand activities with FHWA, improve and expand communications with and between NACE members, increase the number of NACE members active in NACo activities, maintain and grow NACE membership and get more out of NACE partnerships with other organizations. It is very interesting to note the challenges and priorities facing us within CEAC, closely match the national issues outlined by NACE.

NACE News (Cont.)

Realizing the importance of getting more involved with NACE and also the need to show our leadership at the national level, the CEAC Board of Directors voted unanimously to submit a letter of intent to host the 2014 NACE conference in San Jose, California. CEAC will celebrate our 100 year anniversary in 2014 and we invited NACE to celebrate with us by coming to California. CEAC's letter of intent to host the 2014 NACE conference was received by the NACE Board of Directors, along with letters of intent submitted by the Louisiana Parish Engineers and Supervisors Association for Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents for Daytona Beach, Florida. You can see we have some stiff competition from Florida and Louisiana, so we need your involvement to demonstrate CEAC's strong desire to host NACE 2014. The next step in the decision making process is for each state organization to make a presentation before the NACE Board at the NACE annual meeting to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from April 17th to 21st 2011. Based on the presentations, the NACE Board will vote to determine which state will host NACE 2014. I definitely want to win this award on behalf of CEAC, so please share any ideas you have with me, or get involved with developing our first class CEAC presentation. I also encourage you to attend the NACE 2011 conference in Minneapolis to show CEAC's strong support to host NACE 2014.

I want to advise the CEAC membership that the NACE State Directors from the Western Region have elected a new NACE Western Regional Vice President, Ryan Lopossa, from Cowlitz County, Washington, to replace Dale Wegner on his retirement from Coconino County, Arizona. At the announcement of Dale Wegner's retirement, Ryan and I were asked to run for the NACE Western Region VP position. I was honored to be approached by the NACE leadership and to submit my nomination for consideration, but Ryan was elected and I know he will serve our interests well. Please join me in supporting Ryan as he carries out his duties as NACE Western Region Vice President.

Finally, I want to strongly encourage each CEAC Regional Director to nominate a candidate for CEAC/NACE Engineer of the Year and Project/Program Manager of the Year Awards. The CEAC Award winner will be forwarded to NACE for consideration of national recognition. I know we have many worthy CEAC members who deserve to be recognized for outstanding contributions to County Engineering and public service, so please take the time to submit your nominations.

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Enclosures



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July 13, 2010

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Dear Tony,

Two Thousand Fourteen is a very special year for the County Engineers Association of California. It marks our 100th year as an organized association! To celebrate, we would like to invite the other state associations to California by hosting the 2014 National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Annual Meeting.

Together with the County of Santa Clara, the San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the entire CEAC membership, we welcome the opportunity to host the 2014 NACE Annual Meeting in San Jose, California, March 16 - 20, 2014. Highlights of our proposal are noted below:

San Jose Marriott...all under one roof. With over 500 guest rooms and 28 luxurious suites, the San Jose Marriott can accommodate all NACE participants under one roof. Meeting rooms on the main level are *directly connected* to the San Jose McEnery Convention Center.

San Jose McEnery Convention Center...423 feet from the San Jose Marriott, 70,000 square feet of meeting space and 143,000 square feet of exhibit space. Plenty of room to house the 10'x10' booths, construction equipment, seating and catering space.

San Jose Mineta International Airport...located just three miles from the San Jose Marriott and McEnery Convention Center. Thirteen airlines, over 170 flights daily with 30 non-stop destinations.

Location, location, location...over 100 restaurants within a 3 block radius of the hotel, The Tech Museum of Innovation, Children Discovery Museum, Santana Row shopping, Burke Williams Day Spa and Winchester Mystery House. Need a little more adventure? Try a tour to the Monterey Peninsula, San Francisco, Santa Cruz or the beautiful Napa Valley wine county, all located within a short drive from San Jose.

CEAC hosted a successful NACE Annual Meeting in San Diego in 2002, and would be honored to be your host again in 2014. The entire CEAC membership is committed to making the 2014 conference a desired destination for NACE members, and certainly one that they won't forget for a long, long time!

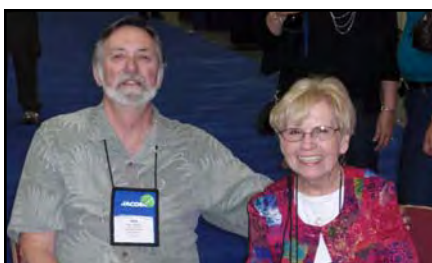
Respectfully submitted,

Patrick V. DeChellis
President, County Engineers Association of California
Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

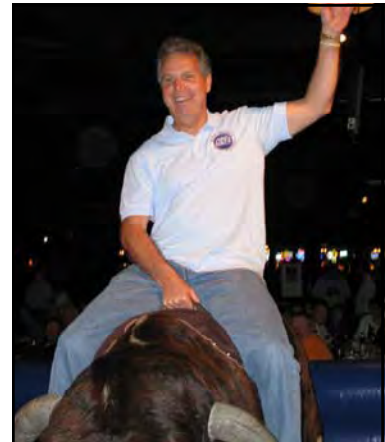
NACE News - Annual Conference Photos



*Over 40 of our CEAC Members and Spouses, CSAC Staff and Affiliates were on hand in Ft Worth, Texas to honor our own Phil Demery of Sonoma County as he took over the Presidency of NACE for 2010. **Congratulations Phil!** Many of the attendees were early risers for the above group photo in the Presidential Suite prior to CEAC hosting its traditional “Snap E Tom” reception to get the NACE delegates off on the right foot on Wednesday morning.*



NACE News - Annual Conference Photos (Cont.)



George Johnson, Marlene & Phil Demery riding the bull, Nasty at Billy Bobs. Unfortunately, CEAC President Pat DeChellis was bucked off so quickly that no photos were possible, even with the fastest camera.





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May 14, 2010

Mehdi Sadjadi
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Dear Mehdi Sadjadi:

We would like to extend a warm thank you from the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department for your opening night reception sponsorship of the 25th Annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar. Your \$1,500 contribution helped to make our event a success, and was acknowledged on display signs in the reception area at our event and also included on a sponsor sheet in the information packet given to all the attendees and speakers. We had a very insightful and enjoyable seminar experiencing a feeling of satisfaction when we had such positive feedback from all the attendees.

On behalf of the Public Works Department of the County of San Luis Obispo, we thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilyn A. Crawford".

MARILYN A. CRAWFORD
Administrative Assistant
Department of Public Works

c: Patrick DeChellis, CEAC President
✓ Ken Miller, Newsletter Editor

*Thank you San Luis Obispo for Being a Great Host for the
Silver Anniversary of this Seminar*

Bedroll Conference

Tom Hunter, Honorable CLOD and Past President 2002 reported another successful Bedroll Conference held July 14 - 16, 2010 at Lake Almanor in Plumas County.

There were 49 attendees (the site can only allow 50) including our current CEAC President, Pat DeChellis who was able to make the long journey from Los Angeles and an appearance by the "Chics".

Tom reported that Don Ridenhour of Napa County was this year's Conference Coordinator and did a great job of putting together an interesting program and arranging for great food.

A highlight was a slurry seal demonstration by Petrochem on one of the local Plumas County roads.

Twenty of the attendees were able to participate in a golf out with awards going to Merrin Gerety, Jim Towns, Liz Diamond, John Quincy, Andy Clayton, and a winning team of Ron Skaggs, John Quincy, and Judy Quincy.



Don Riddenhour
Conference Chair
Wonderful Job



"Jest a Minute"



Ken,

Enclosed are a few old cartoons I found that I kinda' get a kick of. I thought I'd send them to you in case you might find one or two to put in your Newsletter.

I also have a thought for the title of your joke page: "Jest a Minute" - you could use a caricature of of Jester as part of your heading. Just a thought.

Regards,

Bill

Bill (The Old Crow)

6/22/2010

