



CEAC Newsletter

March 2009

Presidential Message

Greetings to all CEAC members and affiliates! I hope you are all well and enjoying a productive start to 2009. Considering the national economic situation that may be a tough goal to meet, but I wish you well nonetheless.

As I take stock of the recent state budget machinations in Sacramento, the last minute rescue of the Rural Schools bill (federal timber receipt funding), the \$8 billion bailout of the Federal Highway Trust fund, the inability of the state to sell bonds that affect funding for Proposition 1B projects, the recent signing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by President Obama and our own local County budget challenges, I am truly overwhelmed. Never in my professional career has there been this much collective uncertainty in how we provide basic funding for maintaining and improving the transportation infrastructure we are all responsible for. One day we are seriously discussing layoffs due to state financial woes and the next day we are planning how to spend millions of new federal transportation dollars within 120 day timelines. Amazing!

As a naïve new CEAC President, I innocently thought I might be able to come up with a proposed agenda of issues that I could make the focus of my one year time in office. It is becoming clearer by the minute that we will all be fortunate to simply hang on to what we have historically had in the way of funding and that resisting attempts to reduce those funding amounts will be the highest priority for this year.

As all have said before me, I am constantly amazed by the efforts

All Submittals Subject to the 3 “Rs” - Review, Revision, Rejection

Presidential Message (cont.)

of CSAC staff to sort out the truth from the fiction in this process and advocate for our needs in Sacramento. Let me add my voice to that chorus with a recent example of an experience I had while in Sacramento one February Wednesday evening.

I was in Sacramento to attend a California Transportation Commission meeting and had nothing particular to do one night following the meeting. Luckily, DeAnn and Karen invited me to join them for dinner downtown during a break in the budget negotiations. Following dinner, I took them up on the opportunity to accompany them to the Capitol to watch what was going on about 10:00 p.m. that evening.

As we made through security and down the Capitol corridors, all I saw were the faces of weary lobbyists, all intently reviewing email on their Blackberries and trying to make sense of the ongoing budgetary process. Everyone seemed to be grasping for even a little tiny bit of good news that might signal the end of the long budgetary standoff. However, nobody seemed to know any more than we did about when, and if, a budget might materialize.

In the end, I spent about an hour that night waiting for something to happen before we all left assuming that nothing was likely to occur. We all awoke the next morning to hear that the budget had indeed passed about 3:00a.m. that morning as the third Republican Senator agreed to vote for the budget package. Personally, that hour I spent was enough for me. My hat is off to DeAnn, Karen and the rest of the CSAC staff. I could never do what you all do. But I am immensely grateful for the time and the patience it takes to advocate for issues that benefit the 58 counties of California!

Looking forward, I would like to personally invite all of you to the 2009 Public Works Officers Institute Conference, March 24-27 in Monterey. The program looks very informative, the fellowship will be great as always and it is hard to go wrong in Monterey no matter what happens. Of particular interest to me at the conference will be our session on CEAC Vision 2012. This effort will piggyback on the efforts of CEAC Vision 2008 to chart a course for where the organization sees itself growing to over

the next few years. I look forward to the discussions and appreciate the input of all of you as we chart our future course for the organization.

As the year unfolds, I hope to update you all on how things are progressing with your CEAC Executive Committee. I am thrilled to work with such capable people to provide the leadership for this wonderful organization. It is indeed a privilege and an honor to be able to serve as your president. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any ideas or suggestions you may have to improve the way CEAC works for the benefit of us all.

I hope to see you all in Monterey.

Sincerely,
Peter Rei
CEAC President
Public Works Director



Our "Glorious Leader"

CEAC - Engineer of the Year - 2008

Tom Flinn, San Joaquin County



“Congratulations”

Member Spotlight

Tom Flinn

Director of Public Works
San Joaquin County

The following information about Tom and associated questions appeared in a January 2009 edition of "The Record" a Stockton newspaper, and in an earlier edition of the U.S. Business Review.

Ton Flinn's road to San Joaquin County's Public Works Department started in Japan. He volunteered to join the Navy after getting his degree in civil engineering, and that's where he began upgrading dry docks and warehouses and replacing old infrastructure that had been in use in the Pacific since World War II.

Later in the states, he worked as an engineer for cities near his San Francisco birthplace, as well as for Marin County for 5 years and for Bay Area Rapid Transit. In 1987 he landed in San Joaquin County, a growing community with plenty of work to be done to accommodate that growth.

"I felt more of a professional's ability to get some things done over here," he said.

In 2001, Flinn became the Director of the Public Works Department, and last year he was named Engineer of the Year by the County Engineers Association of California. Recently, Flinn sat down with reporters from the two publications to talk about his career, his department, and how the activities in Public Works can affect the day to day life of county residents.

Question: How did your background lead to where you are now?

Answer: "The Navy was a food experience, a really good experience, because the Navy had the philosophy of finding good, sharp, young engineers and teaching them to be managers. Going the other way and taking managers and teaching them to become engineers is pretty tough. I learned a lot of management philosophy from the Navy, which I still apply. Basic concepts as to the importance of your people, taking good care of them is crucial."

Question: Why Public Works?

Answer: "It's a form of civil engineering where you really work for your community. You're able to see the things that you can do to benefit your community. You get a sense of personal satisfaction."

Question: What are the ways your department impacts the lives of the people in the County?

Answer: "In county Public Works we have a dual role. There are certain unincorporated areas that we have a responsibility for providing services. We also have the responsibility of addressing certain issues that are of a countywide nature. Particularly, right now, in our water resources area. We look at flood control from a countywide perspective even though there are cities and special districts that govern various portions of the County area. We look at countywide solutions to make the pieces fit together."

Question: What is the greatest issue facing Public Works Departments today?

Answer: "The services provided by Pubic Works Departments nationwide are often taken for granted. The public expects to turn on the faucet and have water be there, and they expect no potholes in their roads and no traffic delays, etc. What many people don't realize is that all these things that we provide are not free. We are always trying to educate the public to get them to understand the importance of infrastructure funding. I think our father's and grandfather's generations had the discipline to properly invest in infrastructure, but, in more recent years , as a nation, we have not made the investments in infrastructure that we need to make."

Question: What direction are you headed in San Joaquin County?

Answer: "The organization plans to stay ahead of the needs of the community, while educating the public on important issues as much as possible. We always try to recognize where issues are going so that we can be sure we serve the public in the best possible way."

Member Spotlight (cont.)

Birgitta Corsello

Director of Resource Management
Solano County

Birgitta will be honored as Woman of the Year on March 18th at the annual Women's History Month Luncheon jointly sponsored by the Women's History Committee and the Solano County Library Foundation. The theme of this year's event is "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet."

Congratulations Birgitta!

Scott Sumner

Director of Public Works
Siskiyou County

Congratulations to Scott on his recent appointment to the position of Director of Public Works.

Vana Olson

Director of Public Works
San Bernardino County

Vana has announced her retirement after 29 years of service to San Bernardino County and its residents and will be honored at a retirement luncheon in San Bernardino on Wednesday March 25th.

Congratulations and Best Wishes on a Wonderful and Happy Retirement!

Dave Gravenkamp

CEAC Historian
"The Road Runner"

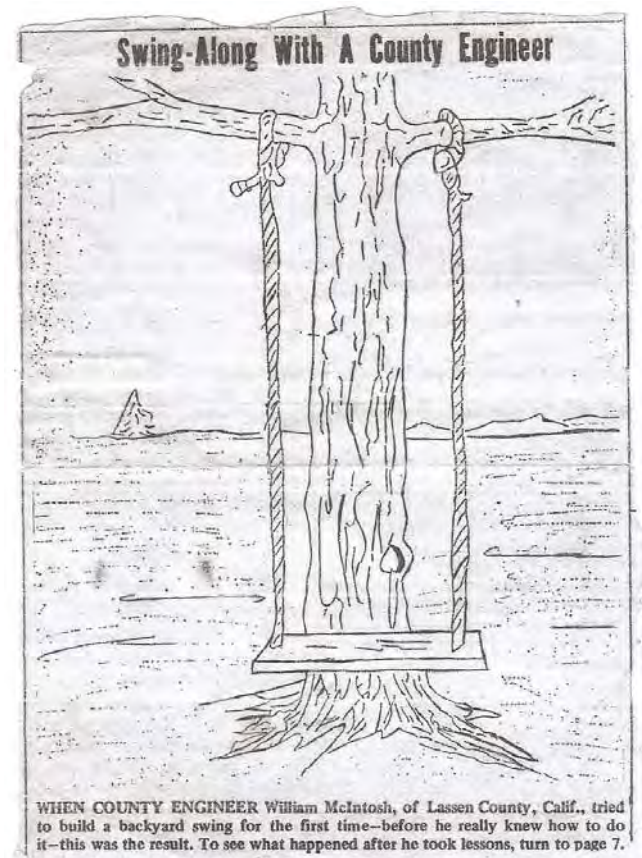
Dave has been a little under the weather lately and was unable to supply his always interesting and informative "***Droppings***" article for this issue of the Newsletter.

Dave, All your friends at CEAC wish you well!

Future Events Calendar

March 25-27	Spring Conference CEAC/ PWOI Marriott Hotel, Monterey
April 19-23	NACE Annual Meeting Peoria, Illinois
July 24-29	NACO Annual Conference Nashville, Tennessee
October 8-9	CEAC Fall Policy Conference Citizen Hotel, Sacramento
November 17-19	CEAC Fall Conference Marriott & Portola Plaza Hotels Monterey

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar Now!



This appeared in the NACO news about 40 years ago. See the final result on page 16.

New Affiliate Members



FlexEnergy provides clean energy from waste gases that others cannot use.

FlexEnergy has developed the FlexPowerstation, a small modular, robust power plant that converts low Btu fuels into electricity with very low emissions. Unlike other power plants, the FlexPowerstation is designed to cleanly and efficiently consume a range of low Btu waste gas, such as those from landfills, oil refining or coal mining operations that currently flare or vent such green house gas into the atmosphere.

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CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

114th Annual Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2008 · 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grand Hyatt Hotel · Gregory Room · 2nd Level, Seaport Tower
San Diego, California

1. Call to Order

Peter Rei called the County Engineer Association of California (CEAC), Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:10 at the Fall Conference in San Diego, CA with the following in attendance:

<u>Officer's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>County</u>
Peter Rei	President	Tuolumne
Patrick DeChellis	President Elect	Los Angeles
Julie Bueren	Secretary	Contra Costa
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
George Jonson	Past President/NACE Rep	Riverside

<u>Regional Directors</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>County</u>
Julie Bueren	Central Coast	Contra Costa
Birgitta Corsello	North Bay	Solano
Brent Siemer	Northern California	Lake
Peter Rei	Sacramento Mother Lode	Tuolumne
Tom Flinn	San Joaquin	San Joaquin
Paul Greenway*	South Central	Monterey
Ignacio Ochoa*	Southern California	Orange

<u>Committee Chairs</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>County</u>
Pattie McNamee*	Fellowship	Contra Costa
Jeff Pratt*	Flood Control and Water Resources	Ventura
Wes Zicker	Land Use	Placer
Tom Flinn	Oversight	San Joaquin
Scott McGolpin*	Scholarship	Santa Barbara
Birgitta Corsello	Solid Waste	Solano
Mike Emmons*	Survey	Santa Barbara
Pat Minturn	Transportation	Shasta

****All Regional Directors and Committee Chairs are listed with a notation as to those not.**

<u>CSAC/CEAC Staff</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Agency</u>
DeAnn Baker	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Karen Keene	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CEAC

<u>Other Attendees</u>		
Tony Giancola	Executive Director	NACE
Max Bridges	CLOD	San Benito (Retired)

2. **Approval of Minutes of October 31, 2008** (DeChellis)
With a couple of minor corrections to typographical errors, the minutes of the October 31, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. **Correspondence** (Rei) - No Correspondence
4. **CLODS Report** (CLODS)
 - Mehdi Sadjadi reported on the success of the CLODs with 82 people in attendance. There was the suggestion that the server of sausages have napkins to hand out with the sausage. Tony Giancola, Executive Director of NACE said he enjoyed the BBQ and the Program, but there was not enough dancing.
 - The CLODS will work with Peter Rei on the program for the Spring Conference
5. **NACE Report** (Johnson)
 - Was great to have the NACE President, Sue Millar and the Executive Director, Tony Giancola both here for the conference.
 - Phil Demery has been named Secretary/Treasurer of NACE.
 - The NACE meeting will be in Peoria Illinois. The program will emphasize "green". Peoria is the headquarters of Caterpillar. CEAC is continuing to provide one scholarship for a member to attend and Wes Zicker of Placer County will be going to NACE this year.
6. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff – DeAnn, Karen, Merrin)
DeAnn Baker went over the CSAC/CEAC Contract Update (**Attachment 1**)

DeAnn reported that CSAC has a new President **Gary Wyatt**, Imperial County. First Vice President and Rural Rep is **Tony Oliveira**, Kings County, Second Vice President and Urban Rep is John Tavaglione, Riverside County. Valerie Brown from Sonoma County will be the NACO President in July 2009

Discussion about making CEAC more visible and a county campaign was mentioned. Tony reported that NACE is borrowing from what was done in New York with marketing of Public Works/County Engineering and it may be something to model in California for CEAC.

Karen Keene reported that CSAC officers are reviewing the proposed State and Federal priorities that came out of the policy advisory committees

Merrin Gerrity gave a report on CEAC

- Merrin provide samples for the webpage format and passed them around seeking input.
- She mentioned that roster requests would be coming in the next week.
- The question was raised on how to track life members to make sure they are still interested in receiving information from CEAC. Suggestion of sending something out to them to check in.

7. Regional Directors Reports (Informational Item Only)

- **San Joaquin** - Tom Flinn reported that San Joaquin continues to be active with regular meetings. He suggested one way to get more involvement is to include neighboring counties from other regions to participate in meetings as they often share common issues
- **Southern California** - Pat DeChellis report that Ignacio Ochoa from Orange County is the Regional Director for Southern California and will be working to schedule a meeting.
- **Sacramento Mother Lode** - Peter Rei reported that the Sacramento Mother Lode has become more active with two meetings last year and a meeting is coming up.
- **North Bay** - Birgitta Corsello reported that North Bay will start meeting formally in January 2009 and they plan to meet every other month.
- **Northern California** – Brent Siemer from Lake County is replacing Tom Mattson as the Regional Director
- **Central Coast** - Julie Bueren reported that Jim Porter from San Mateo County is the now the Regional Director for Central Coast and will be working to schedule a meeting. North Bay and Central Coast will also look at scheduling some joint meetings as they include the 9 counties in both Caltrans District 4 and MTC

8. Treasurers Report (Sadjadi)

- The Treasurer's Report (**Attachment 2**) was reviewed approved.
- The CEAC Budget 2009 Proposed (**Attachment 3**) was modified to include \$30,000 for a trip to DC for the Federal Reauthorization. With that addition, the Budget was approved with a Motion by Pat DeChellis and a Second by George Johnson.
- The income and expenditures for the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment was provided (**Attachment 4**)

9. Committee Reports and the CEAC 2009-10 Policy and Legislative Priorities – Attachment Four

DeAnn and Karen quickly reviewed the policy and legislative priorities that came out of the policy committee meetings. (copy attached)

Specific Committee Reports:

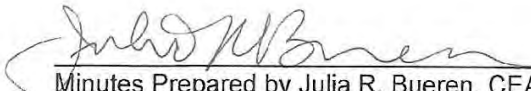
- a) **Flood Control and Water Resources** – there was an update on the Flood Control Needs Assessment. DWR is taking the lead on the study and a contractor will be on board by April 2009. Antedated completion July 2012.
- b) **Solid Waste** – Birgitta Corsello reported that instead of focusing on policy and legislative priorities which were addressed at the Fall Policy Conference, the Committee used the meeting to focus on issues and invited guests from the industry to participate. The feedback was very positive.
- c) **Surveyor** – Committee Report is **Attachment 5**. Survey Committee is concerned with how the County Surveyor position is hired/appointed when the Public Works Director is not a Licensed Land Surveyor nor is licensed as a Civil Engineer to perform surveying work.
- d) **Land Use** – Wes Zicker reported that the Land Use Committee used the time to share information and discuss common issues since they had addressed policy and legislative issues at the Fall Policy Conference. The feedback was very positive.

- e) **Transportation** – A lot of focus on the State Budget and potential impacts to County funding, emphasizing the need to protect gas tax and prop 42 funds. Also a lot of discussion about economic stimulus.
 - f) **Oversight and Special Tasks Committee** – Tom Flinn reported that Oversight is reviewing a white paper for Vision 2010. They are meeting mid February at CSAC offices in Sacramento and plan to have the Vision 2010 ready to present at the Spring Conference in Monterey.
10. **Other Committee Reports**
- **Fellowship** – There was no report, but it was noted what a great job the committee did with hospitality
 - **Scholarship** – Two scholarships for Civil Engineering Students and one for a Surveying Student were issued. Mehdi Sadjadi made the point that we should outreach to these students and suggested the home county Director reach out to the students – possibly consider offering internships or summer job...
11. **Life Membership** – no items
12. **Unfinished Business** – Pat DeChellis reported that on Tuesday, December 9 Caltrans is interviewing for head of local assistance. Caltrans asked member from the City County State Cooperative Committee to participate in the interview process. Pat is sitting on the panel as are Mike Woodman from the Rural County Task Force and Ross McKeown from MTC. Terry Abbott will also be on the panel.
13. **New Business**
- a) CLODS BBQ – timing is a consideration. Was unfortunate that this year the BBQ conflicted with the Governor's talk at the conference
 - b) Possible Conference Schedule Changes – For Fall Conference 2009, looking at possibly combining the golf tournament with the CSAC tournament which is generally a day earlier. Would allow for the first day to be used for Committee meetings to allow for CEAC members to participate in more of the CSAC sessions. There was general consensus that this should be looked at. Julie raised the question of whether this would add a day to the CEAC conference and expressed concern about making our conference longer. It was agreed that we will look at the overall schedule.
14. **Scheduled Conferences**
- a) NACo Legislative Conference - Washington, D.C., March 7-11, 2009
 - b) CEAC PWOI Spring Conference - Monterey, CA, March 25-27, 2009
 - c) NACE Conference - Peoria, Illinois, April 19-23, 2009
 - d) CSAC Legislative Conference - Sacramento, CA, May 27-28, 2009
 - e) NACo Annual Conference - Nashville, TN, July 24-29, 2009
 - f) CEAC Policy Conference - Sacramento, CA, October, 2009 (date tbd)
 - g) CSAC 115th Annual Meeting - Monterey, CA, November 17-20, 2009

15. CEAC Board of Directors 2009 Meeting Schedule (proposed)

- a) March 27, 2009: 10:00am – 12:00pm, Monterey
- b) May 27, 2009: 3:30 – 4:30pm, Conference Call
- c) July 16, 2009: 10:30 – 11:30am, Bedroll Conference/Conference Call
- d) October 2009: tbd, Fall Policy Conference

16. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm


Minutes Prepared by Julie R. Bueren, CEAC Secretary

12/29/08
Date

Attachments

- 1. CSAC/CEAC Contract Update (Item 6)
- 2. Treasurer's Report (Item 8)
- 3. 2009 Budget Proposed with change noted (Item 8)
- 4. Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Income and Expenditures (Item 8)
- 5. Survey Committee Report (Item 9c)



Julie Bueren, P.E.

Director of Public Works

Contra Costa, County

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"It is my pleasure to serve as the Director of Public Works for Contra Costa County. I am privileged to work with such qualified and dedicated employees that deliver quality municipal services, projects and programs with a focus on our communities. We take pride in being a part of the community."

"One of our main goals is to be more accessible to our customers. We are committed to building and maintaining strong, positive interactive relationships across Public Works and with our customers."

Guest Program

The **Fall Conference** Guest Program started with a Tuesday buffet breakfast at Lael's Restaurant in the Hyatt Hotel where guests were able to catch up on the latest in the activities of long term friends and to welcome new friends to CEAC. Later that same morning, the guests tried their crafting skills in creating beautiful hats to wear to Wednesday's Tea.

On Wednesday, the guests made their way to Coronado where they enjoyed a wonderful tea/lunch at Crown City Antiques and Tea Parlor followed by some serious shopping in downtown Coronado. This was their chance to show off their beautiful hats that you see some of them wearing in the photo below.

Joining in on the activities was Alice Giancola, spouse of NACE Executive Director, Tony Giancola. Alice and Tony traveled from Washington, D.C. to attend the conference. Alice is at the far left in the photo below.

An exciting program has again been planned for the guests attending the joint **Spring Conference** with the Public Works Officers Institute in Monterey. As of early March, 22 guests had already registered.

The guests will gather for a continental breakfast on Wednesday morning in the CEAC Hospitality Suite. Later in the morning, a wild game of Bunco is on tap. Lunch on your own and free time for shopping are available for the afternoon.

On Thursday morning, guests will meet in the hotel lobby for a drive down the beautiful coast highway to Big Sur where lunch has been scheduled for Nepenthe, a restaurant with breath taking views of the Pacific and wonderful food. After lunch the group will travel to Carmel for leisure time and shopping.

Thursday evening includes a choice of dinner at the Montrieo Bistro, a short walk from the hotel, or dinner at the President's Banquet.



At the Tea

Fall Conference



President Johnson presents John Canas, long-time and now retired County Surveyor for Orange County, with a CEAC Lifetime Membership for his many contributions to CEAC and the surveying profession.



Our new CEAC President,
a man of many hats.



Mike Walford, CLOD and retired Director of Public Works for Contra Costa County, receives the CHICS' 2008 "Golden Egg Award" from newly elected CEAC Secretary and current DPW for Contra Costa County, Julie Bueren, for his steadfast promotion of cultural diversity in the workplace.



Fall Conference



Our newest CLOD, 'Pigeon' George



CEAC's First Lady, Luann Johnson, happily receives the 2008 "Buddy Award" from Wes Zicker of Placer County, the spouse of last years recipient, Paula Zicker.

*George and Luann,
Thank you for the work and effort that you
have each put forth over the last three
years to make CEAC a successful and im-
proved organization!*

~Your CEAC Friends

CLODS BBQ



THE CLODS

L. to R. Ken Miller (01), Maurice Shiu (06), Mike Crump (07), Tim Hackworth (05), Mike Walford (91), Win Westfall (HM), Mehdi Sadjadi (99), Max Bridges (98), Don LaBelle (00), Phil Demery (03), Doug Wilson (97), Harry Orfanos (95).



Chicken on the grill.



Sausages and More

CLODS BBQ



The mixologists
Steve and Mort



DeAnn, Tony Giancola (NACE Executive Director), Karen



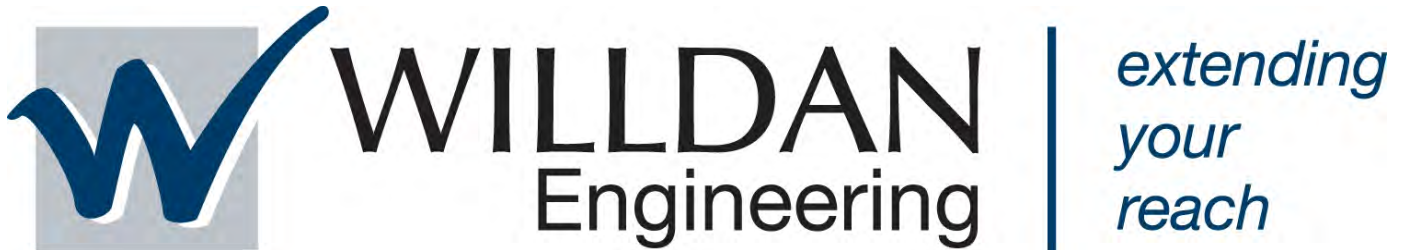
NACE President
Sue Miller and Spouse
Freeborn County, Minnesota



The CHICS plus one.

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The County Engineers Association of California would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the following 2008 Fall Conference Sponsors. Thank You!



This and That

A **priest** was being honored at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and to give a little speech at the dinner.

However, he was delayed, so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited. "I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a most terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had also stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife, and had taken illegal drugs.

But as the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a very fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the priest had finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk.

"I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived," said the politician, "In fact, I had the honor of being the first person to go to him for confession."

Moral of the story: Never, never, never be late!

No man is truly married until he understands every word his wife isn't saying.

A **husband** wasn't home at his usual hour, and his wife was fuming. Finally, about 3 a.m., she heard a noise at the front door, and there was her husband, drunk and unsuccessfully trying to navigate the stairs.

"Do you realize what time it is?" she asked.

"Don't get excited," he mumbled, "I'm late because I bought something for the house."

Immediately her attitude changed and she met him halfway up the stairs. "What did you buy for the house?"

"A round of drinks."

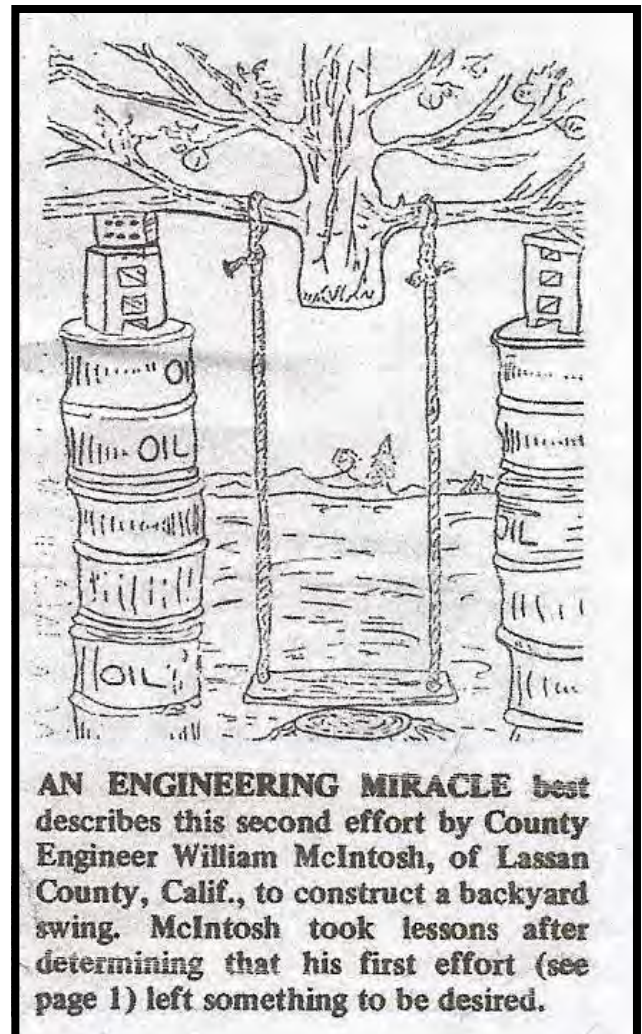
In my many years, I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. ~John Adams

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. ~Mark Twain

A **government** big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. ~Thomas Jefferson

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other. ~Ronald Regan

I don't make jokes, I just watch the government and report the facts. ~Will Rogers



The End



CLOUDS Bill McIntosh, Max Bridges, and Win Westfall journeyed to Sonora recently and were joined by President Peter Rei in visiting fellow CLOD and 20-year Newsletter Editor Verne Davis and his wife Dawn. They enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of reminiscing about the good times and lifelong friendships developed through CEAC.

OOPS! One More Event

I failed to include the annual **Bedroll Conference** in the calendar of events on page 5.

This years' conference is scheduled for July 15 through 17 and will be held as it has for many years at PG&Es Camp Conery at Lake Almanor in Plumas, County.

Registration forms will be out in the near future. If you have any questions, you should contact the conference chairman, Wes Zicker, Placer County at (530) 745-7527 or by e-mail to wzicker@placer.ca.gov.

ATTENTION ALL READERS

The Newsletter has been a fixture of our organization for many years with a purpose of bringing to CEAC members, affiliates and friends a summary of activities, issues and events with a blend of humor and sometimes even a little sarcasm. Whether you have been a reader for many years or you are new to CEAC, your activities, opinions, ideas, concerns, etc. and those of your County or business are of great interest to other CEAC members and retirees.

Your contributions to the Newsletter are always welcome.

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