

# CEAC Newsletter

November 2009

## Presidential Message

This is the point in time where I get to say “Thank You” to all of our members, CSAC staff, CSAC administration and my Tuolumne County staff for making my 2009 year as President as successful as it has been. I have often heard that you cannot do this type of job alone and I thought I knew what that meant. Then you try to take on this type of assignment and you truly realize how awesome all of the people you work with really are! You are all fantastic and I am truly blessed to be able to work with such a talented group.

This has certainly been an interesting year. Luckily, I dodged the title of “the President who let Gas Taxes get away”. Another amazing example of getting out of trouble at the last possible moment! There is no way I know of to truly thank DeAnn Baker and Kiana Buss for their tireless efforts on our behalf in defeating this proposal in the legislature. Thanks to their efforts, and the relentless lobbying of many counties throughout the state, we enjoy a much more positive budget picture this year than any of us could have anticipated just a few short months ago. Thanks to all of you!!

I have truly enjoyed the year as President of this great organization. You get exposed to so many interesting people, challenging issues, and you truly get a chance to have a direct impact on how public works policy is implemented on a statewide basis. I am humbled by the enormity of the work we all do and the challenges we face. While at the same time I am amazed by what we can achieve together. The challenges to the Road Commissioner authority, the ever-present funding challenges, the tough economic climate, the climate change challenges and the list just goes on and on. The collective efforts of all of the membership give us the ability to take on these challenges and have a meaningful impact on how the issues ultimately are resolved. The whole is clearly more powerful than any one of us can be.

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

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*Counties*

## Presidential Message (cont.)

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Merrin Gerety and Patti Hughes for all of their help with conference planning and all of their vigilant efforts to keep all of our events running as smoothly as they do. They are both amazing! I would also like to personally thank Karen Keene, Cara Martinson, DeAnn Baker and Kiana Buss for all that they do on our behalf in the legislative arena. We are truly lucky to have such dedicated people working on our behalf.

As we look forward to 2010 I will continue to be inspired to assist Pat DeChellis in any way I can during his upcoming year as President. With the able assistance of Julie Bueren and all of the CEAC committee chairs and chapter representatives I am sure we will again rise to the challenges that we are faced with. Thank you again for the confidence you all showed in me and for all the help you have given me as we have tackled the issues during 2009. The credit is certainly not mine, but the entire group's for what we have accomplished.

Peter Rei  
2009 CEAC President



*Pete,*

*Congratulations on a fine job this  
year as CEAC President!*

*“You Done Good”*

# Member Spotlight

## New Member ~

### Jim Ware

Director of Transportation  
El Dorado County

*Congratulations on your appointment and welcome as a principal member of CEAC.*

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## Glenn County ~ County Employees Honored for Heroism.

Three Glenn County Public Works Department Employees were honored for heroism on Tuesday November 4 for saving an Orland woman's life.

Maintenance Supervisor, Dennis Ramirez, and Maintenance Workers, Brooks VonBargen and Wayne Ball, received commendations from the Board of Supervisors for the October 13, 2009 rescue of Dorothy Burris. The men were working near Burris' home during a stormy and windy day when a tree toppled into her mobile home, Board Chairman Mike Murray stated.

Ball and VonBargen reportedly saw the incident and discovered a power line was down that had caused a fire in the home. The workers went to the aid of Burris, who could not walk, and got her safely out of the burning structure.

Planning and Public Works Director, John Linhart, and Deputy Director, Randy Murphy, also lauded the crew's extraordinary efforts.

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### A Hero

*"At every single moment of one's life, one is going to be no less than what one has been."*

*~Oscar Wilde*

## Stanislaus County ~

### Geographical Information System Tool of the Future!

Submitted by Peou Khiek

GIS, is a division of Stanislaus County Public Works Department. Our mission is to provide advanced computer applications through visualization (spatial data) combined with relational databases.

#### What Are Geographic Information Systems?

GIS, is a powerful and very marketable tool that allows information to be displayed to a location, such as people to an address, crime to a demographic area, aerial's view to a location and then spatially combining critical thinking and problem solving by layering other information to give a better understanding. Classic examples include spatially displaying information for Board of Supervisor Districts, environmental analysis, school attendant district, Assessor information, analyzing social demographic & voting patterns, or analyzing pollutions within delineated watershed.

**Geographic Information Systems** are comprised of computer applications that allow you to visualize large amounts of complex, spatial data by creating and combining layers of customized maps. If you can imagine, GIS allows you to wipe a landscape clean of its jumble of topography, rivers, environmental damage, wildlife, streets, buildings, telephone lines, and people, and then add this information back as separate layers in any combination so that you can see patterns and relationships that would have been difficult to notice otherwise.

GIS can mine data from spreadsheets or relational databases, and combine it with visual data such as CAD files, graphics, and images to create "intelligent maps" on which different types of analysis can be performed.

Recent accomplishments by the Stanislaus County GIS Team:

- Won "Best Innovation" award from 2009 Stanis

## Member Spotlight (cont.)

- laus County IT Summer Forum (see bottom left).
- Part of the Third Annual Report Efficient Delivery of Public Services (EDPS).
- Our GIS website has been visited by more than 40 countries from around the world.
- Our GIS website will be used by Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) for their California Counties Information Systems Directors Association (CCISDA) conference in September.

*Here's the link:*

[www.gis.stancounty.com](http://www.gis.stancounty.com)

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### Submitted by Laura Janovich

Amazing feats are accomplished when people pull together. **We, the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, have accomplished an amazing record of 217 consecutive accident free days.** Each and every one of us played an important role in achieving this record.

We remained accident free when temperatures were at their highest and morale was at its lowest. We paved where no man has gone before (or at least in ten years). We crunched numbers when things were soggy, and neither rain, nor fog could bog our buses down. Daily we are faced with challenges and exposures to danger and daily we defeat the odds and add to our existing record of consecutive days accident free.

We have received recognition from the Board of Supervisors (see certificate) and many departments within the County who want to know about our "Safety Incentive Program". We have saved thousands of dollars for the Department, and in these times of economic crisis, that translates to jobs.

This kind of feat is only accomplished because we, as a team, pulled together and accepted the daily challenges with a safe approach. A gift card is an incentive, but to go home to our families safely is priceless.

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## New Affiliate Members

**BSK ASSOCIATES**, Engineers and Laboratories, is an employee-owned, professional consulting firm that offers civil and geotechnical engineering, environmental engineering, forensic engineering, materials testing, and special inspection, hydrogeology, engineering-geology, analytical chemistry, and food microbiology. Founded in 1966, BSK Associates has grown to a staff of more than 200 and has received regional and national awards for outstanding projects, business operations., and family friendly practices. BSK currently operates offices in Sacramento, Pleasanton, Fresno, Visalia, and Bakersfield.

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**BRYAN A. STIRRAT AND ASSOCIATES** is a diversified engineering firm that was founded in 1984 by Bryan A. Stirrat, P.E. During its early years BAS emerged as a leader in landfill closure design. BAS quickly grew to become a recognized expert in landfill engineering. This included solid waste facility planning, permitting, design, and environmental control, construction management, and operation, maintenance and monitoring. BAS has applied the broad spectrum of disciplines required in municipal solid waste management to other areas, and has expanded its focus to a wide range of environmental services.

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*from out of the past*

By  
**Dave Gravenkamp**  
CEAC Historian

Shortly after his term as CEAC President, Bill McIntosh, then Lassen County Road Commissioner, on December 23, 1965 his close friend, Ed Hanna, San Benito County Road Commissioner, suggesting the possible need for a Past President's Club. Bill's letter is quoted in part as follows:

*Dear Ed, Whilst sitting here with my feet on my desk, thinking of old friends, wondering how the County Engineers Association can possibly function now that I'm no longer an officer, wondering where my next drink is coming from, etc., I had an idea. The very nature of the idea immediately brought you to mind, and I would like your thoughts on the subject, and if they're in general agreement with mine, I'd like to solicit your assistance.*

*It appears to me that we have an ample nucleus in the CEAC for a "Past Presidents Club" (although the appropriate name should be something less formal, such as "Has-beens" or something along that line. I thought we might work up some sort of ridiculous set of by-laws, arrange a special table at the Engineer's Luncheon at the annual convention ( and maybe even at the Engineer's Banquet at the ITTE gathering) and in general, just raise a little hell with the current administration.*

Ed's response was immediate.

*Dear Mac, Whilst sitting there with your feet on the desk and your finger in the pie, you managed to have a sound idea. You should think of old friends more often. I think we should immediately adopt your idea of the old soldiers club.*

*Acting on your brilliant brain(?)storm, I will arrange for a special table, complete with appropriate*

*vintage wines and a proper centerpiece for the ITTE Banquet on January 26th.*

Ed went on to suggest possible names for the group including: the Stud Turtles; the Pelicans; the Seagulls; and the Condors. Further he thought the organization's members should wear costume jewelry representing the name i.e. a turtle, a pelican, a buzzard, etc. He also offered as a motto "The Best is None Too Good."

Much more concerning this fledgling organization was apparently discussed by phone, as Ed's next letter to Bill (January 14, 1966) referred to Bill as "Acting Old Crow" and his own title as "Acting Bull Condor." Also, this included an initial reference to CLODS and suggested that the Seagull might be an appropriate symbol as "*All a seagull does from daylight to dark is eat, squawk and crap.*" Ed went on to say, "*Even though the condor may be lacking somewhat in similarity to the Past President's by reason of not squawking all the time, it more than makes up by its repulsive appearance, disgusting manners, vile eating habits and slovenly personal habits.*"

Subsequently, Ed offered the following to Bob Glenn, Editor, which appeared in the January 1967 Newsletter.

*Dear Bob,*

*Perhaps it is time to tell some of the history of the California Condor so that people may draw their own conclusions as to why the Condor was selected as the symbol of the CLODS.*

*This noble bird lives down in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties where it nests and rears the young. These birds breed during the first warm days of April and the mating act is accompanied by a strange ritualistic dance which I will attempt to describe, but it has to be seen to be believed.*

*First, I should state that this bird has a wing spread of from 11 to 13 feet when fully grown and is so large and cumbersome that it cannot take off except with a long run in the open flat ground or else by running down a hillside. As a consequence, the carrion on which it feeds, first be accessible to the bird*

## Droppings (cont.)

*in an area where it can take off. The Condor will starve before it will go into the bottom of a gully for a dead carcass. In the old days when no one bothered burying anything and left bodies lying around all over the place, food was no problem. Now, however, if a cow dies it is off to the tallow works before it stops kicking. Even old Road Commissioners are being buried. There is a shortage of food for the Condor, and what little there is probably died from poison. This noble bird is literally being starved out of existence.*

*Another reason for dying out is the disgusting breeding habits of the bird. No one can tell the male from the female—even the Condors themselves have trouble except at extremely close range. Furthermore, the bird has a horrible odor problem. He stinks, and particularly so during the first warm days of Spring, which happen to coincide with the mating season. It takes about 55 days to incubate the egg and another 5 months before the baby Condor can even leave the nest. During this time it is fed regurgitated food from its Mother (How would you like regurgitated ground squirrel, probably poisoned to boot?). For another 6 or 7 months the parents of the fledgling must seek out and direct the little monster to its food before it is capable of going off on its own.*

*Since Condors breed but once every two years and lay only one egg, you can see that the survival problem is terrific. Each year in April, a couple of dozen of these birds show up in San Benito County and after a couple of warm days start getting ideas. (Sound familiar?). Two of these birds will start staring at each other from opposite ends of a long ridge and then start to dance. They hop around and move back and forth - swinging and swaying and from time to time they move a little closer to each other. This goes on all day long - until they finally get close enough to start getting friendly.*

*Finally - late in the afternoon they're getting into range of each other. (I might add that this prolonged gyration on the ridge is not a true dance at all, as ornithologists think, but a result of the odor problem, the birds are merely trying to stay downwind from each other). At last they are close enough to begin getting down to business and cutting out all*

*the horse play. Now imagine - if you can - the chagrin of the Bull Condor when he goes in for the coup de grace and discovers to his horror - another Bull Condor. By now the mating season is over, and it is too late. He must wait another two years and hope for better luck next time. (Do you begin to get the idea why the Condor was selected for the symbol of the CLODS?). Yours truly, etc. ~ Ed Hanna*

Bill and Ed eventually collaborated on a Constitution and Bylaws for the new organization, the CLODS, which were apparently approved at the ITTE meeting in 1966. An amazing rendition of the Condor as symbol of the CLODS was drawn by John Mitchell of Lassen County, who became a CLOD some 30 years later in 1996. The initial officers of the CLODS were the Bull Condor, the Stud Pelican, and the Old Crow. Today, every CLOD has a bird name.

Although their principle purpose is to endeavor to keep the County Engineers from feeling too important and being too serious, the CLODS have been known to help out on occasion with sound suggestions based upon past experience. A few activities for which the CLODS can claim at least partial credit include:

- CLODS BBQ
- Buffalo Bull Award
- CEAC Memorial Scholarship
- Nominating Committee for CEAC
- Induction of CEAC Officers

If you happen to agree that the CLODS play an important role in our organization, you might consider buying a drink for any deserving CLOD at the Hospitality Suite during the upcoming conference.



Condor by  
John Mitchell  
1966

## Policy Conference Photos



The Fellowship Committee , Steve Mellon, Pattie McNamee and Mort August Arranged a Great 'Octoberfest' Gathering for the Membership



President Pete Relaxes With a Sip of Cider After a Hard Day of Conference Work Note His Sierra Nevada County ? Shirt



## CEAC Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2009 - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

CSAC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

1100 K Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sacramento, California

or

CSAC Conference Call line 916.445.5476

1. **Call to Order** (Rei) Peter called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm

### Meeting Roster:

<b>Officer's Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>County</b>
Peter Rei	President	Tuolumne
Patrick DeChellis	President Elect	Los Angeles
Julie Bueren	Secretary	Contra Costa
Mehdi Madjid Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilsor	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller*	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
George Johnson	Past President/WACE Rep	Riverside
Dil McIntosh*	Treasurer Emeritus	Lassen County (Retired)
Dave Gravenkamp*	Historian	Siskiyou County (Retired)
<b>Regional Directors</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>County</b>
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
<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>County</b>
Tom Mattson	Transportation	Humboldt
Pattie McNamee*	Fellowship	Contra Costa
Mitch Avalon*	Flood Control/Water Resources	Contra Costa
Wes Zicker*, Co-chair	Land Use	Placer
Daniel Woldesenhet*	Oversight	Alameda
Scott McGolpin*	Scholarship	Santa Barbara
Susan Klassen*	Solid Waste	Sonoma
Mike Emmons*	Survey	Santa Barbara
<b>CSAC/CEAC Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency/County</b>
DeAnn Baker*	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Cara Martinson*	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Marrin Gerezy	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC

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

2. **Approval of Minutes, January 30, 2009** (DeChellis) – Determined that minutes for the January 30, 2009 meeting were not necessary, as there was not a quorum for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes, May 27, 2009** (Bueren) – There was a question on the CSAC Report item regarding AB 1429 and the decision made regarding CJFAC and the decision to delete them from the affiliate's list – this was reconsidered and not followed through with. However, CEAC has established e-mail protocol for distribution of information regarding legislative issues to avoid similar problems in the future.

Mehdi also raised the issue of the DC trip, which was canceled for budget reasons. He reminded us that we have credits with the airlines to use within one year and we should consider that in scheduling a future trip.

3. **Correspondence** (Rai) - None
4. **CLODS Report** (CLCDS) – CLODS met to plan CLCDS' BBQ and entertainment. The CLODS request 20 minutes on the program for the President's dinner at the Spring Conference.
5. **NACE Report** (Johnson) – Laughlin Conference – Western Region 1<sup>st</sup> week in November.  
Discussion on whether to bid to host NACE Conference still ongoing.
6. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff) – No Report
7. **Regional Directors Reports**
  - a) **Tom Mattson (Northern California)** - Meeting at Bedroll to discuss CEAC Vision. Meeting at Policy Conference discussed issues raised at the City-County-State-Federal Cooperative Committee regarding environmental clearance of safety projects. They also discussed issues with small airports and diversion of funds and will bring issue to RCTC.
  - b) **Jim Porter, Birgitta Corsello (Central Coast and North Bay)** – held a joint meeting in Contra Costa on June 18. The purpose was to discuss CEAC Vision, but the budget issues dominated. Very good interchange of issues and how each County was coping. Kiana Buss and Merrin Gerety attended. Jim Porter (Central Coast) reported they met before the Transportation Committee Meeting held August 28 in Contra Costa to get input on the Vision. Birgitta Corsello (North Bay) reported their next meeting is in November.
  - c) **Mike Penrose (Sacramento Mother Lode)** reported they meet every other month. They discussed the Vision at their September meeting.
  - d) **Paul Greenway (South Central Coast)** reported they met at Laguna Seca on September 15. Pete Rei attended. There is a new Director and Assistant in San Benito. John Presleigh new in Santa Cruz. Glen Priddy retired from San Luis Obispo. They discussed ARRA funds, delivery issues, and the Vision.

**8. Treasurers Report** (Sadjaci) – Reviewed report and accepted.

**9. Committee Reports**

**a) Flood Control and Water Resources**

- Legislation for 404 streamlining being explored. Hope to have specifics for discussion at November meeting. Need more counties to support. Question as to whether this is a statewide issue or only involving a few counties.

**b) Solid Waste**

- Good meeting. Waste Board staff came to discuss the issues with change in governance with the end of the Waste Board and the Resources Agency taking this responsibility.
- Also discussed issues of financial assurances for closures. Question of whether CEAC could post RFP's on website. Discussion resolved to allow for samples to be posted for information – but not specific RFP's for purpose of solicitation.

**c) Surveyor**

- Discussed surveyor of the year award, which was resolved at Oversight Committee to have the Survey Committee develop the award criteria and implement it at the Committee level.
- Committee is interested in providing input on a Federal Bill and their input is encouraged by CEAC. They discussed the effort for a statewide standard on GIS.
- They intend to invite a representative from the Board of Registration to a meeting.
- Discussed priorities for advocacy on Monument Preservation funding.
- Interest in the Yamata Bill AB 827.

**d) Land Use**

- SB 375 update from DeAnn and Kiana.
- Reviewed legislative priorities – no change.
- Discussed the Fish and Game meetings.
- Interest to learn more about road districts.

**e) Transportation**

- Good discussion on AB 1409 with CIFAC representative. Subcommittee will work with CIFAC work on common ground for the bill such as a definition of maintenance as well as other issues. George suggests the subcommittee look at a process for justifying own forces without actual bidding.
- Pat made a good presentation on needs assessment – Main issue now is sustainability, how to keep it up in the future – one issue is normalization of the data. BOD agreed that CEAC should recognize John Kelly of LA County for his efforts in managing the study. **Pat will get information to Julie who will work with Merrin to get something together.**
- Fund balance for LS&R effort – still 21 counties who have not paid into the program. Need to send reminders/invoices out.
- Kiana presented updated list of legislative priorities with a deletion of Prop 1B and stimulus items and revised budget actions and added a 4<sup>th</sup> priority to

address issues raised with AB 1409. The revised legislative priorities were approved by the Board of Directors (Motion by Tom Mattson with a second by Pat DeChellis).

**f) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee** – discussion on the Vision

**10. Other Committee Reports**

- a) **Fellowship** – no report – all agreed they did an excellent job.
- b) **Scholarship** – Copy of the 2009 CEAC Memorial Fund Scholarship evaluation/rating sheet was provided. Had discussion again on the Public Works Director in the county of scholarship winner to present in person and to follow up. Scholarship Committee should provide direction to Public Works Directors. **Pete to follow up with Scott.**

**11. Life Membership** - none

**12. Unfinished Business**

- a) Policy of reimbursement for spouses to NACE and CEAC conferences (Rei/DeChellis) – Pat now questions whether bylaws need to be amended or can we go with as written as it says “as authorized”. Doug pointed out that bylaw issues should be referred to Oversight. **Pat will work with Doug to prepare something for Oversight to revise the bylaws to be discussed at their November meeting.**
- b) NACE Conference 2014: should we host in California? (Johnson) – George, Pete and Doug are exploratory committee and with support from Patti and Merrin are looking at possibilities for locations and budget.
- c) CUCCAC nomination (Gerety) – Info item – letter of appointment of Phillip Nelson as the CEAC rep is included in agenda packet

**13. New Business**

- a) 2011 Spring Conference (Gerety)- schedule for conference approved.
- b) CEAC Vision 2012 (Rei) – covered by Oversight.
- c) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Policy Conference, need to schedule (DeChellis) - Pat will work with Merrin.

**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 11:5<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 at 5:05**



Minutes Prepared by Julia R. Buerer, CEAC Secretary



Date

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## In Memoriam

Duane W. "Duey" Butler died peacefully at home on October 20, 2009 at the age of 74. Duane worked for more than 20 years for Sonoma County, mostly in the Department of Public Works. As the Assistant Director of Public Works, he was responsible for the development and construction of the main Sonoma County landfill. Duane later became a partner in Eljamainly Butler Associates Engineering and performed project work in 13 countries around the world. Duane was a baseball standout in both high school and at U.C. Berkeley and a great supporter of sports programs in Sonoma County. Duane will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

# 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

Fort Worth Texas

April 25 through 29, 2010.

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

## CSAC ANNUAL MEETING

November 16 through 19, 2010

Riverside County

## First International Conference on Pavement Preservation

*April 12-16, 2010, Newport Beach California*

An array of pavement preservation issues will be featured at the conference, including benefits of pavement preservation, treatments for flexible and rigid pavements, strategy selection, integration of pavement preservation into pavement management systems, promotion of pavement preservation to the public and elected officials, and funding.

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(Christopher.newman@fhwa.dot.gov). For more  
information, visit [www.pavementpreservation.org/icpp](http://www.pavementpreservation.org/icpp).

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## International Conference on Sustainable Concrete Pavement: Practices, Challenges, and Directions

*September 15-17, 2010, Sacramento, California*

The conference will present innovative processes for achieving sustainable concrete pavements throughout the pavement's life cycle. Topics will include existing technologies, emerging research, approaches to measuring energy and environmental impact user considerations, and international practices and experiences. Case studies from around the world will also be presented. The conference is being organized by FHWA and the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center as part of technology transfer efforts of FHWA's Advanced Concrete Pavement Technology Products Program.

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e-mail: (sam.tyson@fhwa.dot.gov). Information is  
also available online at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/concrete/2010acptpconf.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pavement/concrete/2010acptpconf.cfm).

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## This and That .....

**A WISE OLD CLERGYMAN**, well beyond his years, was asked the universal question, “When does life begin?”

The issue had been the subject of debate among his younger colleagues at lunch that day.

Bemused, he answered with strong conviction, “Life begins,” he declared, “when the dog dies and the children all leave home.”



*By the time a man realizes that his father was right, he has a son who thinks he's wrong.*

**A MAN** was on his deathbed. With a pitiful gasp, he managed to whisper to his wife, “I have one last request, my dear.”

“Of course,” his wife replied, clutching his hand.

“Six months after I die, I would like you to marry Bob.”

“But I thought you hated Bob?”

“I do.”

*“Some people approach every problem with an open mouth.”*

*~ Adlai Stevenson*

**A RECENT RETIREE** was given a set of golf clubs by his former co-workers. He had never golfed. Thinking he'd give it a chance, he asked the local pro for lessons and explained that he knew nothing whatsoever about the game.

The pro showed him the proper stance and swing, and then said, “Just hit the ball toward the flag on the first green.”

The novice teed up and smacked the ball straight down the fairway and onto the green, where it stopped inches from the hole.

“Now what?” he asked the speechless pro.

“Uh.....you're supposed to hit the ball into the cup,” the pro finally uttered.

“Oh great. Now you tell me!”

**IN HIS EARLY 50s**, Tom retired and started a second career. But he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day, he was 5, 10 and even 15 minutes late. Tom was a good worker, though, so his boss was in a quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, he called Tom into his office for a talk.

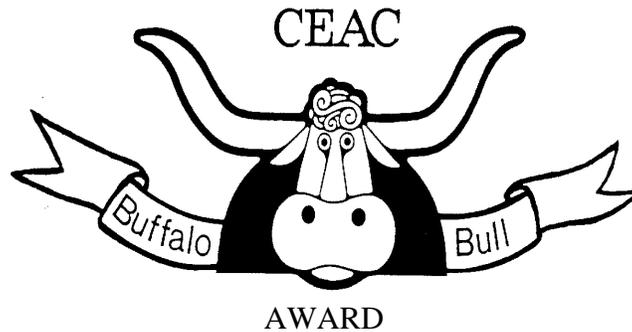
“Tom, you do a bang up job. It's odd, though, your coming in late. I know you retired from the Air Force. What did they say when you came in late?”

“They said, ‘Good Morning, General.’ “



## Buffalo Bull Award Nominations

This is a **second and final call** for nominations for one of CEAC's most prestigious awards, that dates to 1972. The award is scheduled to be presented to the most deserving honoree during the President's Dinner at the Spring 2010 Meeting in Sacramento. Get your thoughts together and provide a nomination before you forget the despicable engineering misdeeds that would warrant a nomination. [Self nominations will be accepted.](#)  
*All submitted nominations will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.*



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*Awarded annually by the CLODS for the Most  
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in California.*

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