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HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

CSAC 114th Annual Meeting

December 1-4, 2008

San Diego

(Note: Conference days are Monday through Thursday)



A great opportunity to get together with your County Supervisors and other Public Works officials in discussions of opportunities and challenges facing our Counties today. Wonderful speakers, workshops, topical committee meetings and of course an extensive array of vendors in the exhibit hall.

For all fall conference attendees that will have guests in attendance, don't forget about an exciting **Guest Program that has been coordinated by CEAC's First Lady, Luann Johnson, including a Tuesday morning of Bunco and hat making and an opportunity to show off those hats during a High Tea at Crown City Antiques and Tea Parlor in Coronado on Wednesday. There will also be an opportunity to visit some exciting shopping areas. For any questions about this program feel free to contact Luann Johnson at (909) 948-5947 or Merrin Gerety, CSAC, at (916) 327-7500, Ext 507.**

2009 Joint Spring Meeting of CEAC and Public Works Officers Institute

March 25 -27, 2009

Monterey

Downtown Convention Center

2009 NACE Annual Meeting

April 19 -23, 2009

Peoria, Illinois

CEAC POLICY CONFERENCE

CEAC's 3rd Annual Policy Conference on Thursday October 30th and Friday October 31st proved to be quite a success with over 95 of our members in attendance. Six of our committees held meetings including: Flood Control and Water Resources; Surveyor; Solid Waste Management, Land Use; Oversight and Special Tasks; and Transportation. In addition, the Northern California and North Coast Regions were able to hold a Quarterly Regional Meeting. The Board of Directors also met on Friday to close the conference.

Thank you to our Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs for your work in putting together quality agendas, leading meaningful discussions, and developing the organization's work program for 2009 all for the benefit of our membership.

Special thanks to our President, George Johnson, and his executive committee for developing the conference program, to CSAC staff for all your valuable work, and to our corporate sponsors and our Fellowship Committee for your assistance with the Halloween themed Hospitality Reception on Thursday evening.



Left: Merrin Gerety presents an overview of CSAC/CEAC programs.

Below: Audience participation during lunch program discussion.



POLICY CONFERENCE (More Photos)



CEAC POLICY CONFERENCE

**Thank you to our
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Droppings

from out of the past

“CLODS BBQ MENUS”

By

Dave Gravenkamp, CEAC Historian

What's for Lunch? If you're a relative newcomer to our organization and have been attending the barbecue for say 20 years or less, you probably think that the menu has always been the same, that is, tri tip, chicken, baked potatoes, chili beans, salad, bread and an assortment of pre-dinner sausages and tasty unknown delights. Well you're wrong!

The first barbecue occurred in Squaw Valley thirty-nine (39) years ago and the menu featured steak and beans. Our annual meeting in the following year, 1970, was in San Diego, with the barbecue poolside at the Hotel del Coronado. Fish stew was the main course. Ted McConville, Road Commissioner from Orange County, had taken several CEAC folks fishing in Mexican waters the day before the barbecue and the group, including me, caught a “ton” of fish. I proudly announced to all at the barbecue that I had caught the fish for the stew, only to find out after the fact that our fish had been dumped. As a result of the actions of many at that event, I'm sure the CLODS will never be allowed to have its barbecue anywhere on the hotel property again or at least until all that worked there at the time have passed on.

The 1971 barbecue was on the beach in Monterey (actually, I think it may have been Seaside) with the main course for lunch being a wild pig roasted on a spit. There was no barbecue in 1972 for reasons I don't recall, however, we gathered for lunch at a restaurant atop a mountain above Palm Springs. The 1973 event took place under a bridge over the Sacramento River in Redding and featured “hobo” stew. The following year we were again on the beach, this time in Anaheim and had albacore for lunch.

DROPPINGS (continued)

The barbeque in 1975 was in San Jose with steak, beans and salad making up the lunch menu. It was back to San Diego in 1976 with lunch of an Italian flare. We were in Sacramento in 1977 with the barbeque held at a park in Elk Grove, south of Sacramento. The menu featured steak and zucchini, with the zucchini being buried and as I recall never making it to the serving line. In 1978, we were in San Bernardino County and dined on steak and chili. The CSAC/CEAC annual meeting in 1979 was in San Mateo County and the barbeque was in Half Moon Bay with Pope Como as guest. (Note: this sounds like a story in itself). Steak and chili were again the featured menu items. The 1980 event was in Orange County again and the barbeque was held in a horse barn near Anaheim. Lunch featured a south of the border menu.

State Senator Randolph Collier, author of the Collier Burns act which established the County Maintained Road System, joined us for lunch in 1981 in Fresno where we again dined on steak and beans. We were on the beach again in Los Angeles County in 1982 with Mexican steak the featured menu item. This was the year when grilled goat heads made their first appearance at the barbeque. Back in Redding again in 1983 we dined on venison stew. San Diego was the barbeque location in 1984 with steak and beans again the staple. Gene Knapp of Solano County, CEAC President 1979, provided the surprise "entertainment." The Oakland Zoo was the site of the 1985 event with steak and beans the prime meal.

Two barbeques were held in 1986. The first was in conjunction with the NACE spring conference in San Diego. Seems as though the beans saw a little added spice when a jock strap was pulled out during serving. The second barbeque that year was held at the famous Hollywood Bowl with the toilet making its first appearance as the serving dish for the chili.

From all records, it appears that the first time roast chicken made its way onto the menu was in Anaheim in 1990. In 1991 the barbeque settled in at an old haunt, the Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey. This may have been the first time baked potatoes were included. This barbeque also featured 1969 CEAC President Vic Saurer's "Living Wake" as the entertainment of the day. Tri tip, chicken, beans, and baked potatoes comprised the barbeque menu in 1992 in Palm Springs and that's been the fare ever since.

I am proud to say that with the exception of the 2006 event, when my house (nearing completion of construction) burned down days before, I've attended all of the barbeques. My memory isn't all that great and I've relied almost entirely on the photo albums of the events, which for the first 33 years of the barbeque were produced by Bill McIntosh, aka the Old Crow, and more recently by Max Bridges, aka Carrier Pigeon. We usually try to display these photos in the Hospitality Suite at conferences so all of our newer members can get a glimpse of the past.

Budge Campbell, aka the Horny Owl, who has done an exceptionally marvelous job in performing the duties of Chief Cook and barbeque organizer for many years, has announced his retirement from these duties and will not be able to attend this year's event. Max is organizing this year's event. Come out and see what surprises the new Chef has prepared.

Budge..... Many thanks from the CLODS and the CEAC membership for your great barbeques. YOU DONE GOOD! AND GOOD! AND GOOD!....

CITY-COUNTY STREET LIGHT ASSOCIATION (CAL-SLA)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In my last article in this publication, and in the cover letter accompanying the invoices, I discussed the history and purpose of the California City-County Street Light Association (CAL-SLA). I am determined to make the mission of CAL-SLA known to the agencies we represent. Apparently I have not reached everyone. I continue to receive numerous calls and emails with questions about CAL-SLA and its activities. Below I have compiled the most frequently asked questions. Hopefully this will give you a better understand of CAL-SLA.

Q: How long ago was CAL-SLA formed and for what purpose?

A: CAL-SLA was organized in 1981 for the dual purpose of representing local governments before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for the purpose of achieving equitable street light rates and acting as a clearinghouse for information on other street light matters. Currently we address traffic signal rates in addition to the street light rates.

Q: Which cities and counties are members of CAL-SLA?

A: One important fact is that all cities and counties in California that take street light service from the three major investor-owned electric utilities—Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)—regulated by the CPUC are members of CAL-SLA. CAL-SLA represents each city or county when CAL-SLA intervenes and participates in rate cases on behalf of the cities and counties.

Q: Is there an application to complete or contract to sign with CAL-SLA?

A: No. CAL-SLA is an ad hoc organization so there is no specific contract with any city or county for membership and there is no application to complete. All cities and counties taking street light service from PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E are members of CAL-SLA.

STREET LIGHT ASSOCIATION (Continued)

Q: Why should our city become a paying member of CAL-SLA? Won't we pay the same electric rates for street lights that the CPUC authorizes for all cities and counties?

A: While it is true that all cities and counties will pay the same electric rates that are authorized by the CPUC, whether or not they are paying members of CAL-SLA, without additional support from all the cities and counties CAL-SLA's intervention at the CPUC and bargaining position with the three electric utilities will be diminished. If that happens there is a strong possibility that rates will be set by the CPUC that equal the rates requested by the electric utilities at the expense of the local governments. CAL-SLA needs to pay for an attorney and energy consultant to represent cities and counties before the CPUC.

Q: Is CAL-SLA really that effective in getting lower rates?

A: Yes, the CPUC treats street lighting as a separate customer class. CAL-SLA is the only organization that speaks solely for street light customers—cities and counties in California. In the past 25 years CAL-SLA has intervened and actively worked on every major rate case concerning the three utilities: PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E. CAL-SLA has saved California cities and counties more than \$100 million in lower electric rates for street lighting.

Q: How much are membership dues?

A: CAL-SLA dues are based on population. The membership dues could be based on the number of streetlights and traffic signals in each agency. However, this is not practical as many agencies do not know how many street lights are in their jurisdictions and the annual dues would have to be adjusted each year. Population based annual dues is a common practice used by various organizations.

Q: When and where is the next CAL-SLA conference?

A: We are planning a spring conference for the first part of May 2009 in Monterey. You will receive an announcement once the conference site is secured and the agenda is set. Please contact me if you would like to make a presentation or if there is a particular topic you would like to see addressed at the next conference.

If you need additional information about CAL-SLA you may go to our website www.CLA-SLA.org, email me at calsla@yahoo.com, or call me at 415-250-3551. You may also contact the CAL-SLA attorney, David J. Byers, Esq. (650-377-4890, dbyers@landuselaw.com) or CAL-SLA energy consultant, Reed V. Schmidt (510-653-3399 x 111, rschmidt@bartlewells.com).

IN MEMORIAM

IRV LOUIS MOHAR 1918 –2008

Irv Mohar, Road Commissioner for Los Angeles County, CEAC President in 1977 and respected CLOD passed away on April 20, 2008 in Sylmar, California at the age of 90.

Born in St Louis, MO. Irv and his family moved to Los Angeles when he was two years old. He attended Horace Mann Junior High and Los Angeles High School. He later earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of California and his engineering degree from the University of Southern California.

Irv joined the Los Angeles County Road Department after his military service from 1941-1946. He was a First Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and a World War II combat engineer Unit Commander in the Asian-Pacific Theatre.

From the time Irv became a Road Department employee in 1948, he held various leadership positions, including becoming the first Division Engineer for the Programs Development Division. He served for over 30 years.

During his tenure as Road Commissioner, he left several legacies, including establishing the contract cities program and his ability to develop workable methods to keep the Board of Supervisors informed about departmental projects and programs. Irv also operated on the principle that the public could best be served if the Department ran like a successful business.

In addition to being CEAC President, Irv established another career first when he was named the first ever recipient of the famed Buffalo Bull Award in 1972 for planting plastic trees in the median of Jefferson Blvd in Los Angeles.

After leaving the Road Department, Irv served as a private consultant for various public works projects. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Janet, crossword puzzles and good food.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY NEWS

Don Porath

The Sanitation District Board in Santa Cruz County recently approved renaming their remodeled Sanitation Facility and District Headquarters in Live Oak after former Director of Public Works and District Engineer, Don Porath, who passed away in 2007.

Back in 1974, Don oversaw the design and construction of the original sanitation facility, which pumps sewage from the County's urban area (the communities of Live Oak, Soquel, Capitola and Aptos) to the City of Santa Cruz's wastewater treatment plant and outfall.

All of Don's children joined with County staff for the dedication ceremony on August 21, 2008 of the '**D.A. Porath Sanitation Facility**'. Another former Director, John Fantham, was also on hand to assist in the dedication and the placement of a plaque on site. Don's children all speculated that their dad would have truly appreciated having the Sanitation Facility named after him.

Tom Bolich

Tom has announced his retirement from Santa Cruz County effective December 27, 2008. He began his career with the County in 1970 and has been the Director of Public Works/County Surveyor since 2000 and will be retiring after 38 years.

Tom has been an effective leader for the County's multifaceted Public Works Department that provides services for building and maintaining roads, bridges and flood control facilities, recycling and solid waste, storm water management, emergency services and disaster response, wastewater operations, engineering support for the County's Redevelopment Agency, administration and technical support for some three dozen County Service Areas and fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the County Surveyor's Office.

Tom's service orientated philosophy is embodied in his own words as follows: "I can assure you that all of our staff have a strong desire to make Santa Cruz County a safer place to live and work. Employing a diverse workforce that reflects the makeup of our community, we have made it our goal to maintain your roadways, bridges, and flood control and wastewater facilities in an efficient manner to ensure that the County's infrastructure is maintained to the best of our ability."

***CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT
FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT CEAC***

Why did the chicken cross the road? Part 1:

I did not cross the road with that chicken. What is your definition of chicken?

~Bill Clinton

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NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS

Congratulations to Jeff Pratt on being appointed as the Public Works Director for Ventura County. Jeff has done a fine job as Chair of CEAC's Flood Control and Water Resources for the last few years.

Congratulations also to Mazdan Emrani on being appointed as the Public Works Director for Monterey County. Mazdan comes to the County from a consulting background in GIS and Asset Management.

**Minutes for March 28, 2008
CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
Contra Costa County, Department of Public Works, Martinez, CA
By
Patrick DeChellis, CEAC Secretary**

1. Call To Order Opening Remarks/Introductions

President George Johnson called the County Engineer Association of California (CEAC). Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.. at the Contra Costa County. Department of Public Works Office in Martinez, CA with the following in attendance:

Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>County/Agency</u>
George Johnson	President/NACE Rep	Riverside
Peter Rei	President Elect	Tuolumne
Patrick DeChellis	Secretary	Los Angeles
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Mike Crump	Past President	Butte

Regional Directors

<u>Region</u>	<u>County/Agency</u>
Julie Bueren Central Coast	Contra Costa
Maurice Shiu San Joaquin Representing Tom Flinn	San Joaquin

Other Attendees

DeAnn Baker Legislative Analyst California Association of
Counties (CSAC)/CEAC

Additional copies of the Agenda were provided to those in attendance – See Attachment 1.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the March 7, 2008, CEAC Board of Directors Meeting held at the Hilton La Jolla – Torrey Pines. San Diego County.

On a motion by Mike Crump, seconded by Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi, the Board approved the minutes.

3. Information Items

a. Correspondence

Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi indicated that the County of Lake and the County of San Francisco have new Directors of Public Works, Brent Siemer and Ed Reiskin.

BOARD MINUTES (Continued)

respectively. Mr. Sadjadi will be sending them a welcome package from CEAC.

- b. CLODS Report
 - President was once again reminded to send request to the CLODS to host the BBQ at the Fall Conference.
- c. National Association of County Engineer (NACE) Report
 - Discussed attendance at the upcoming NACE Annual Conference in Portland, OR April 20-24, 2008
 - President-elect to bring the Snappy Tom Banner for the Wednesday morning reception that CEAC will be hosting at the NACE Conference
 - Reminder for those attending to wear their CEAC polo shirts at the Snappy Tom Reception.
 - Arizona asked to join with California for a Regional Conference in October 2008 in Laughlin, NV.
 - The CEAC Annual Policy Conference will be held the end of October or early November this year.
- d. Regional Directors Reports
 - Birgitta Corsello, Solano County, is now the Director of the North Bay Region.
 - Sacramento Motherlode Region will be holding a regional meeting on May 7, 2008, in Sacramento.
 - Jon Wrynski, Colusa County, is the Program Director for the Bed Roll Conference, July 16-18, 2008, at Lake Alamansor, Plumas. The conference is open to all CEAC members and affiliates.
- e. CSAC Report – None
- f. Treasurers' Report
 - Report for the period January 1, 2008 to March 25, 2008 – received and filed – See Attachment 2

4. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment
 - The Oversight Committee consisting of representatives from CEAC, CSAC, the League of Cities, the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, the Rural County Task Force, and the Project Manager will be meeting in Sacramento on June 4, 2008, to review the data collection efforts by Nichols Consulting Engineers and determine whether sufficient data has been collected to proceed with data analysis.
 - The Board commented that we need to involve Caltrans in this Needs Assessment. DeAnn will follow-up on how we need to include Caltrans.
 - Joint letter with the League of Cities to solicit contributions from the cities and counties who have yet to contribute financially to this Assessment.

BOARD MINUTES (Continued)

- Treasurer provided update on the contributions to date – See Attachment 2.
- b. CEAC Federal Authorization Trip to D.C.
 - Much discussion about how to get involved with the next authorization – No conclusion
 - We may have a better idea in the Fall on how best to get involved.
- 5. Policy Committee Reports
 - a. Flood Control and Water Resources
 - Requested letter from the Committee and CSAC opposing numeric limits in the NPDES Permit renewals.
 - f. Transportation
 - SHIP Meeting on May 1, 2008.
- 6. Other Committee Reports
- 7.
 - b. Scholarship
 - New scholarship guidelines on the CEAC website.
- 8. Life Memberships
 - Life Membership for John Canas, County Surveyor was unanimously approved by the Board.
- 9. New Business – None
- 10. Upcoming Conferences
 - Dates noted.
 - As discussed above in the NACE Report
- 11. CEAC Board of Directors 2008 Meeting Schedule
 - Conference calls scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m., if needed.

Adjournment

The Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Why did the chicken cross the road ? Part 2:

We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road, or not. The chicken is either against us, or for us. There is no middle ground here.

~George W. Bush

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL BUFFALO BULL AWARD

NOW BEING ACCEPTED



(A By-Product of Grass Roots Government)

Awarded Annually by the CLODS for the Most Inexplicable
And Incomprehensible Contribution to
County Engineering in California

Once each year, each county receives a notice requesting nominations for this very special award. **This is that notice.** Your nominations, along with any explanatory material or justification for the nomination, should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, who serves only as the expeditor of the selection process. The Editor will immediately make five (5) copies of the submittal and will send the original and the copies to an unknown P.O. Box in Tres Pinos, California.

A special CLODS committee, the Tres Pinos Committee, whose members and numbers are unknown, will receive the nominations and determine the successful candidate. By the way, Tres Pinos is located in San Benito County, east of the City of Hollister, and is the site of the late CLODS' Bull Condor's (Ed Hanna) favorite watering hole, "Borovich's Irish Hacienda," and the home of the 8th Miracle of the World, "The Thermodynamic System of Waste Disposal," better known as "The Overhead Sewage Treatment System."

PLEASE SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2009

The deserving "winner" and two runner-ups will be recognized and honored at the Spring Conference President's Banquet in Monterey on March 26, 2009.

Note: All submittals are kept completely confidential.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

September 2008 Quiz Question

What do the following words have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

There were numerous responses to the September Quiz with great ideas, many of which indicated in their response that they wanted to stop Brian Lee from winning three in a row. The successful responder was Win Westfall who said "Just take the first letter off each word, add it to the end of the word, and then spell it backwards and you have the original word. Like magic." Brian Lee did provide the same general answer, but had a clerical error in his response. Brian, check your spelling.

November 2008 Quiz Question

This month's quiz has four parts.

1. What was the first National Park established in California?
2. The Salton Sea was created in 1907 by what action?
3. The "National System of Interstate and Defense Highways" was created in what year?
4. When was California connected to the rest of the nation by rail?

Send your responses to the Newsletter Editor by February 15, 2009.

ATTENTION:

**General Members, CLODS, Affiliate Members, Committee Chairs
Regional Directors, Board Members, Spouses, and anyone else.**

YOUR NEWS, INFO, AND PHOTOS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Weird Things U'd Never Know

Butterflies taste with their feet.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why
In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy
than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point
pens every years.

On average people fear spiders more than they do
death.

Ninety percent of New York City cabbies are recently
arrived immigrants.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal
ads for dating are already married.

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or
older.

It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not
downstairs.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

It's physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an
inch every year because when it was built, engineers
failed to take into account the weight of all the
books that would occupy the building.

A snail can sleep for three years.

No word in the English language rhymes with
"Month."

Average life span of a major league baseball: 7
pitches.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but
our nose and ears never stop growing. SCARY!!

The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

All polar bears are left-handed.

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from
their bodies, including their eyebrows and
eyelashes.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made
using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

"Go", is the shortest complete sentence in the
English language.

If Barbie were life-size, her measurements would be
39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches
tall.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.
Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every
day.

Almost everyone who reads this will try to lick their
elbow.

You tried to lick your elbow, didn't you?

The Laws of Laws

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands
become coated with grease, your nose will begin to
itch.

Law of Probability: The probability of being
watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of
your act.

Law of the Telephone: If you dial a wrong number,
you never get a busy signal.

Variation Law: If you change traffic lanes, the one
you were in will start to move faster than the one
you are in now (works every time).

Law of Result: When you try to prove to someone
that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Carpets: The chances of an open face jelly
sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are
directly correlated to the newness and cost of the
carpet.

Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if
you don't know what you're talking about.

Wilson's Law: As soon as you find a product that
you really like, they will stop making it.

Why did the chicken cross the road? Part 3:

Did the chicken really cross the road, or did the road
move beneath the chicken? ~Albert Einstein

“JEST” - A - MINUTE

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked “Is someone in your house?” and he said, “no.”

They then said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

George said, “Okay,” hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

“Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them.” Then he hung up.

Within five minutes six police cars, a SWAT Team, a helicopter, a paramedic and an ambulance showed up at his house and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, “I thought you said that you'd shot them!”

George said, “I thought you said there was nobody available!”

(TRUE STORY)

Don't mess with old people.

Two men got out of their cars after they collideded at an intersection. One took a bottle from his pocket and said to the other, “Here, maybe you'd like a nip to calm your nerves.”

“Thanks,” the second man said, and took a long drink from the container, “Here, you have one, too.” he added, handing back the whiskey. “Well, I'd rather not,” the first man said, “At least not until after the police have been here.”



The old P.W. Director was often asked, “What do you old folks do now that you're retired?”

“Well....I'm fortunate to have a few friends who have chemical engineering backgrounds, and one of the things we enjoy most is turning beer, wine, bourbon, and martinis into urine, and.... we're pretty damn good at it, too!”

A busload of politicians were driving down a country road when all of a sudden, the bus ran off the road and crashed into a tree in an old farmer's field.

The old farmer, after seeing what had happened, went over to investigate.

He then proceeded to dig a hole to bury the politicians.

A few days late the local sheriff came out, saw the crashed bus, and asked the old farmer where all the politicians had gone.

The old farmer said he had buried them.

The sheriff asked the old farmer, “Were they all dead?”

The old farmer replied, “Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how them ### politicians lie.”

Why did the chicken cross the road? Part 4:
I missed one? ~Colonel Sanders

