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Hwy. 99 gets major upgrade





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For The Good & Welfare

By Russ Burns, business manager

Many reasons to celebrate this month

Brothers and sisters, we've certainly been through a lot recently. We've weathered a historic financial crisis affecting our home values, our work hours and our peace of mind. We've witnessed major presidential elections that have reshaped the political structure of our nation, including our health-care coverage. We've battled prevailing-wage attacks and an epidemic of states adopting right-to-work (for less) laws.

But the tides are turning.

Last month, the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board approved awarding signatory contractor Tutor-Perini more than \$985 million to begin building the first leg of the project from Madera to Fresno. This means that despite the relentless naysayers hell-bent on stopping what will improve the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people, the project is moving ahead. Much of that is thanks to those of you who rallied for this project and helped elect those in favor of it.

Our work hours continue to improve. On average, dispatches are coming in month after month better than a year ago today and *much better* than when we were in the throes of the major construction recession that began in 2008. Check out the cover story about a major Hwy. 99 upgrade (Stockton District) and the District Reports for evidence of this work.

Our funds are also on the right track thanks to the careful scrutiny and Plan changes implemented by your Board of Trustees. In fact, we are even seeing a surplus in our Pensioned Health and Welfare!

The U.S. Senate recently passed the Water Resources Development Act of 2013, which means billions of dollars will be invested in water projects that will create jobs for our membership.

In California, Labor Commissioner Julie Su will hold general contractors and subcontractors liable whenever they fail to pay prevailing wage, calling such activities "theft." She has held several companies responsible for more than \$750,000 in violations. This proves that some of our political leaders are finally getting it and placing value on a fair wage for the middle-class worker. Along those same lines, the House recently voted to maintain Davis-Bacon requirements by voting down a bill that would have prohibited federal funds from being used to enforce prevailing-wage rights.

After a years-long decline, the housing market is finally showing signs of improvement, with growth rates steadily improving each month, while gas prices

have remained unseasonably lower than usual for this time of year. (You should make the trip to your District Meeting. See page 26.)

Our survey hours are up around 13 percent right now, and just as the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) has made a steadfast commitment to organizing, so have we. Read more about these efforts on page 12. Residential and commercial development is also increasing, which is another sign of economic improvement and better work hours for our membership.

Last month, we celebrated our 50-year members at the Retiree Picnic. Their service to this union is invaluable. Read all about the event on pages 4 and 5.

The service of our veterans is also something worth commending, especially as we celebrate our nation's independence on the Fourth of July. Many veterans are returning from tours and proving to be incredible operators. See more on page 15.

As you can see, there is much to celebrate right now! So please enjoy the time with your families and friends.

On another note, I have received a number of calls about American Income Life, which provides a \$4,000 accidental death and dismemberment life-insurance policy *at no cost* to our members in good standing. You may have received a letter from me about this benefit, which clearly stated that this benefit is not provided by Local 3 but through this separate company. The letter also stated that *if you do not wish to be contacted by American Income Life, do not return the beneficiary card*. Remember, if you are a member in good standing, you automatically qualify for the benefit without the card. If you return the card, you will be contacted by an insurance representative about other products that American Income Life offers.

Though life insurance is not something pleasant to think about, accidents happen on and off the job, and we want to offer the membership some options for handling the devastating effects of the death of a loved one. Sadly, since beginning this program with American Income Life, we have had many families receive benefits through this policy. Choosing to use this insurance provider beyond the automatic benefit is something worth thinking about. However, if you have an issue at any time with one of their representatives, please call my office, and we will deal with it immediately.

From the Archives

In the beginning ...

This year's class of 50-year members, listed on pages 28 and 29, was a big one – almost double the size of last year's group of honorees. But if you look back at old editions of *Engineers News*, it's not really that surprising.

In the 1960s, when many of these Retirees started their careers, Local 3 was just beginning to really push its "new Apprenticeship Program" and highlight the operators who were taking advantage of it. A photo of the first apprenticeship class in Fresno ran in the October 1963 edition of *Engineers News*, the "historic signing of the Nevada Apprenticeship agreement" was captured in the October 1965 paper and a shot of the first gradesetting class in Sacramento ran in the February 1968 edition.

"Apprenticeship for Operating Engineers has been talked about for two decades or more, but the program was actually started for the 46 counties of Northern California on Sept. 10, 1961," the February 1963 *Engineers News* reported. "The decision to have an apprenticeship program [for Local 3 Technical Engineers] was incorporated into the collective bargaining agreement on Aug. 1, 1960, and the Northern California Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Committee (NCSJAC) for Chief of Party was constituted on Sept. 14, 1961."

Because California's Apprenticeship Graduation ceremony and the Retiree Picnic were held on the same day and at the same place this year, many of the Retirees in attendance June 1 reminisced about their years in these apprenticeship programs. In those days, classes were held at a handful of area colleges, because Local 3 did not yet have the high-quality training centers it has now.

As we honor our 50-year members this month, it's nice to look back at how it all started.



Early in his career, Fred Christie, who received his 50-year clock this year, receives an award from Admiral T. Earle Hipp during a ceremony held at Athens Athletic Club in Oakland in 1966.

Report & Review

By Carl Goff, president



No free ride

I've had a long career as an Operating Engineer. I joined the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) in 1976, working out of Texas, and eventually transferred into Local 3 (California). I joined the Local 3 staff in 1988 as a dispatcher for San Jose District 90 and have held many staff positions since then, including your treasurer in 2005, vice president in 2006 and president in 2013.

But whenever I attend a Retiree Picnic like the last one we had at Lake Clementia Park in Rancho Murieta, I am reminded how many others long before me have served this great union with incredible careers and so many more years of service. There is nothing more enjoyable than to be able to shake the hand of a 50-year honoree, especially when I worked under so many of them as just a young, "punk" kid!

One of these Retirees who influenced my career is the great Charlie Raisor, a 50-year member.

I met Raisor while working for J.W. Sabad in San Francisco in 1981, when I was just 22 years old. His stepfather, Frank Williams, was the foreman, but Raisor eventually took over at the jobsite, which was a sewer-treatment plant located off Third Street in Hunters Point. Believe it or not, Financial Secretary Pete Figueiredo was also on that job as an apprentice! I was operating a fergie, and I remember that Raisor tried to teach me to be a gradesetter, but that was something I never mastered. (I eventually operated cranes.)

That was the thing about Raisor – he was serious about making us better operators. He was a good guy. He was rough on us, but we deserved it! There were a bunch of us knuckleheaded kids on that crew, and he had to keep everyone in line. He would give us one chance to try a piece of equipment, and if we messed it up, he yanked us off for about a week. We learned to make it count. There was no free ride.

Since that job, I have seen Raisor around for years (his son, Scott Raisor, is also a member), and you better believe that he had no idea, back when Figueiredo and I were kids, that we would one day be running this union! We wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for his guidance. That's how our Retirees are. Not only have they put in the time and made their way but they have also made younger operators better.

This last Retiree Picnic was pretty special, because we had California's Apprenticeship Graduation on the same day, so union veterans and brand-new journey-level operators had a chance to meet each other. So many times I heard the Retirees say at the picnic what a wonderful thing our Apprenticeship Program is because many of them didn't have a first-class training center when they learned to operate equipment. They had to learn on the job, and it was rarely easy.

To our 50-year honorees, thanks for making it easier for the rest of us, and congratulations to you. To our new journey-level operators, remember to thank your Retirees any chance you can, because it was their blood and sweat that gave you the ability to have a training center along with such great benefits. To Charlie Raisor, thanks for taking Figueiredo and me under your wing. We are where we are today because of you!



President Carl Goff congratulates 50-year honoree Charles "Charlie" Raisor, who was his foreman more than 30 years ago.



Fringe Benefits
By Charlie Warren, director

Thanks to all

Thanks to all our Retirees and their spouses who attended the Retiree Picnic on June 1 at Lake Clementia Park in Rancho Murieta. It was great to see all of you. Business Manager Russ Burns, the officers and staff wish to thank all of you and commend you on your many years of service, especially you 50-year (and 50-plus-year) members!

Moving it forward

Fifty-year honoree Vernon Haley joined Local 3 in 1963. About 33 years later, his son, Ron Haley, became a member, and today, his grandson, second-step Apprentice Bryan Tuscher, is working for Preston Pipelines. The Haleys are one of many multi-generational families within Local 3. We salute these members for moving it forward and congratulate Vernon once again for his years of service.



From left: Second-step Apprentice Bryan Tuscher, his uncle, 17-year member Ron Haley, and his grandfather, 50-year member Vernon Haley.

Memory serves Retiree well

Fifty-year member Wendell “Wink” Winkelkotter has a name (and a personality) that is hard to forget. And thankfully, the Honorary Member has a memory that doesn’t forget much either. He can recall the day that he joined Local 3 back in 1963. Fairfield Retiree Chapter Chair Jack Short, who was then a business agent, walked onto his railroad jobsite in Nevada and wanted to see his crew’s union cards.

“They drove up and shook us down,” Winkelkotter said.

Though he couldn’t produce one, it wasn’t from a lack of wanting to join.

“I was just on the run and didn’t have time to join the Apprenticeship Program,” he explained.

In the end, it eventually worked out for the Retiree, who also goes by “Wendy,” since his seven-person crew got signed that day. It also worked out for the union, which later signed 50-70 pipeliners on the same job!

We congratulate the 50-year member – and his former agent, Short – for their years of service.



Fifty-year Honorary Member Wendell “Wink” Winkelkotter.

Bringing the past and Retiree Picnic/Apprenticeship Graduation

They often mingle during District Meetings, Semi-Annuals and picnics, but rarely are they honored at the same event. In fact, it’s been more than 10 years since the 50-year honorees and the California graduating apprentices were honored on the same day – until this year. On June 1, the red-and-green, big-top tent brimmed with hundreds of Retirees and apprentices alike at Lake Clementia Park in Rancho Murieta. It was a special gathering of Local 3’s past and future, and everyone seemed to enjoy the chance to meet old and new friends from every generation and from all over Local 3’s jurisdiction.

Sixty-one-year member Bill Williams hadn’t met 60-year member Lester McKindley until they started talking during lunch, while 50-year honorees Wayne Early and Lyn Watson met up at the event after working together at Peterson.

Some members drove from other states, like Nevada Retiree Billy Lee, while 49-year member Ray Helmick came just a few miles from his home in Rancho Murieta.

For 50-year honoree Elmo Warren, one of the original Apprenticeship Program graduates, the event was a family reunion, as four generations of his family showed up wearing T-shirts in support of his achievement.

For graduate Construction Equipment Operator (CEO) Ricardo Martin, the event was the first one he’d attended in his new career.

“I am thankful to Operating Engineers for all the work and the opportunities ...” he said. “It was a great moment to share with all the Retirees on how proud they feel to be part of Operating Engineers and the motivation they give you ...”



From left: Sixty-one-year member Bill Williams and 60-year member Lester McKindley talk after just meeting over lunch at the Retiree Picnic.



Janice and 50-year honoree Paul Crawford wait patiently for the carved tri-tip.



Apprentice of the Year Chris Sieweke is congratulated by President Carl Goff and Business Manager Russ Burns.

From left: Fifty-year member Ken Mallar gets support – and some friendly ribbing – from 58-year member Albert George. The “partners in crime” once worked together. “Make sure you say he’s the boss, and I’m the worker,” George said and laughed.



future together

are good reasons to celebrate Local 3

Several Retirees appreciated the chance to see the apprentices become active members in the union they played a role in strengthening.

“I enjoyed it. They need new, young people,” said 46-year member Don Garcia.

Fifty-year honoree Richard Smart was another one of the first graduates of the Apprenticeship Program and urges the new ones to “be on time” and “work hard.”

Graduate and new CEO Angela Geller has the “hard work” part down: “When someone told me I couldn’t do something, I would work harder to prove them wrong,” the second-generation member said about mastering her skill-set.

For graduate Omar Winn, becoming a journey-level operator means he can support his kids, and who knows? Maybe they will also one day graduate from the program or return in his honor when he receives a 50-year watch or clock.

Whether members came to the event to be honored, to honor a loved one or to meet old friends and make new ones, people had a good time.

After the Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony, Business Manager Russ Burns told the crowd, “Let’s give the future of Local 3 a round of applause.” And they did.

Later, when the 50-year Retirees were handed their honorary clock or pocket watch, Burns said: “These honorees built this great union,” and more clapping proved those in attendance agreed.

For more photos, visit us online at www.oe3.org.



Vice President Dan Reding congratulates fifty-year member Bill Galvin at the Retiree Picnic.

Retiree Billy Lee and his wife, Stephanie, drove from Las Vegas to attend the Retiree Picnic.



Fifty-year honoree Glen Harmon receives his clock from Business Manager Russ Burns during the Retiree Picnic.



From left: Fifty-year members Wayne Early and Lyn Watson both worked at Peterson and joined Local 3 in 1963.



From left: Marge Schram and her husband, Bob, a 40-year member, visit with 33-year member Steve McClafin and his wife, Kathleen.



Fifty-year honoree Bill LaCrosse and his wife, Judy.



Vice President Dan Reding, President Carl Goff and Business Manager Russ Burns talk with Angela Geller after she received her diploma.



Graduate Omar Winn and his kids, Omar Jr., Reign and Amari.



Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan thanks honoree Frank Wheeler for his 50 years of service.



Fifty-year member Elmo Warren and his wife, Priscilla, show off 6-month-old Nicholas' one-of-a-kind onesie that reads “Local 3 4th Generation.”



George and Darlin Willis head to their seats with plates full of food at the Retiree Picnic.



From left: Treasurer Steve Ingersoll and Financial Secretary Pete Figueiredo welcome graduate Greg Taggart to the union.

2013 Operating Engineers Local 3 Academic Scholarship winners

First place: \$4,000

Tom J. Stapleton Memorial Scholarship

Winners will also receive an additional \$2,000 per year stipend for the second, third and fourth years of college, provided they remain full-time students.



Grace Dickerson
Oakland, Calif.
District 20
Parent: Kathy Dees
Reg# 2603855



Daniel Jin
San Jose, Calif.
District 90
Parent: Jane Young
Reg# 2541669

Second place: \$3,000

Winners will also receive an additional \$1,500 per year stipend for the second, third and fourth years of college, provided they remain full-time students.



Giang Ha
San Jose, Calif.
District 90
Parent: Thanh Le
Reg# 2677175



Alana Tran
San Jose, Calif.
District 90
Parent: Hy Tran
Reg# 2541583

Third place: \$2,000

Winners will also receive an additional \$1,000 per year stipend for the second, third and fourth years of college, provided they remain full-time students.



Michaela Burr
Santa Cruz, Calif.
District 90
Parent: James Burr
Reg# 4025681



Jonathon Yu
Los Gatos, Calif.
District 90
Parent: Ann Feng
Reg# 2540987



ATPA
By Bob Miller, ATPA senior account executive

Trust Fund solutions

Every month, a representative from the Associated Third Party Administrators (ATPA) and one from the Fringe Benefits Office visit all the Local 3 district offices in Northern California to meet individually with members and their spouses. This means that twice a month there is a Trust Fund professional in your district to help with problems, answer questions, assist with claims, provide updates, work through Pension applications and provide solutions. This District Visit Program is another example of the “member-service” motto the officers and Trustees continually promote.

For instance, in June, a retired crane operator and his wife needed some advice on retirement and didn’t understand the options available or how they would affect their “bottom line” Pension numbers. They called the Stockton District Office and requested a one-hour time slot with the scheduled Trust

Fund representative. Since they lived close by, it was convenient and afforded them the opportunity to work out the issues one-on-one while discussing their individual situation in a confidential setting. Over coffee, they reviewed the Retiree’s Pension credits and the dollar amount those credits represented. They also had an in-depth conversation about the popular 50 percent husband-and-wife option, which they eventually chose. As they left, the Retiree’s wife said, “I was very pleasantly surprised to find that my husband’s Health and Welfare hour bank would provide coverage for nearly a year before any deductions started.” The Retiree said, “Without this district visit, I would have just ‘winged-it’ and hoped to come out OK with my Pension choices. This will make a big difference in my income going forward. Thanks!”

We look forward to meeting with you in the near future. See the schedules below.

ATPA district visit schedule			
JULY		AUGUST	
2	Rohnert Park	6	Rohnert Park
3	Eureka	7	Eureka
9	Burlingame	13	Burlingame
10	Oakland	14	Oakland
11	Fairfield	15	Fairfield
16	Redding	20	Redding
17	Yuba City	21	Yuba City
18	Sacramento	22	Sacramento
23	Stockton	27	Stockton
24	Fresno	28	Fresno
25	Morgan Hill	29	Morgan Hill

Fringe Benefits district visit schedule

Meetings are held at your district office once every month. Call your district office to schedule an appointment.

First Tuesday	Redding
First Wednesday	Yuba City
First Thursday	Sacramento
Second Tuesday	Stockton
Second Wednesday	Fresno
Second Thursday	Morgan Hill
Third Tuesday	Rohnert Park
Third Wednesday	Eureka
Fourth Tuesday	Burlingame
Fourth Wednesday	Oakland
Fourth Thursday	Fairfield



News & Notes
By Dan Reding, vice president

Retirees are responsible for what we have today

At the time of this writing, we just finished four weeks of District Meetings and the Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony/Retiree Picnic out by Lake Clementia at Rancho Murieta. It was one of the biggest turnouts that we have had in a while. I want to thank all the Retirees and apprentices who came out. I think I spent more time sitting with different Retirees and listening to stories of past jobs and how great it is to be retired than I ever have before.

Like we tell the apprentices all the time, a lot of the benefits we enjoy today and sometimes take for granted are due to what these Retirees fought for in the past. If you really want to know what it’s like to be a Local 3 hand, our Retirees will tell you that there are good years and bad years; there are jobs close to home and jobs you have to travel to, because that’s the only work going on. Our Retirees now enjoy benefits with Local 3 because they hung on and dealt with the ups and downs of the economy for the past 30 to 40 years. Sit down with some of these Retirees when you get a chance and listen to their stories. They are the reason we have what we have today.

All reports say this should be a better work year than last. Hours are up from this same time period last year, and we are seeing a lot more private work starting. Let’s hope it continues. Economists say that the U.S. economy has gotten off to a stronger start this year than expected. I hope they are right and that things really take off.

Be safe.



Public Employee News

By Rick Davis, director

Small recovery is happening

As I start my second month as the Public Employee Division director, I realize I need a different perspective – a broader view of things – to do this job. Looking at issues and problems from all angles is a must. I have had to put my knee-jerk reaction and slash-and-burn philosophy in the closet and leave it there. I still have my old ways, but they have been somewhat subdued.

Regarding bigger things, it seems the situation is starting to turn around for public employees in the Bay Area. I have been to several budget meetings where, for the first time in about five years, the cities and counties are not crying doom and gloom. They are not saying they are rolling in cash, but their budgets are improving, and they do recognize that there appears to be a recovery. This overdue and welcome attitude is evident with the multi-year contract out of Alameda County. The Alameda County Management Employees Association (ACMEA) Unit is getting some pay-increases for the term of the contract with no further takeaways. The same is true for the city of Fremont employees and our Zone 7 Unit in Alameda County. Even in Rio Vista, after years of furloughs and no raises, there is a new contract with no furloughs and some nice pay-increases.

On the other hand, there are still some entities determined to keep beating down their employees. In El Dorado County, officials are not crying broke (in fact the county has started to recover), yet they still want takeaways from their employees after no pay-increases and takeaways for five years. Keep in mind, the sheriff makes \$249,000 a year in salary alone, and the auditor also makes an outrageous amount of money given the small size of this county. But this is fine, as long as the workers don't!

Communities in the Sierras are still struggling to find money for their coffers. The tax base is limited and even non-existent in some areas, and it is difficult to fund needed programs, much less pay-increases for employees. If and when some of these areas recover partially or at all is anyone's guess. The same is true for some of the smaller communities we represent in the Central Valley – no tax base, no funds and no recovery. All we can hope for is that the state will continue to recover and that the overall recovery will bleed into smaller cities and counties.

Our Public Employee Division handles many tasks, such as everyday grievances, Unfair Labor Practices (ULPs), negotiations and member representation. The Alameda County Employees Retirement Association (ACERA) court battle over pension reform continues, as does the Stockton bankruptcy case and the ever-present problems brought on by the San Jose mayor and City Council. Each day is a work in progress as we continue to represent our members to the best of our abilities and to what the law allows. We will stay the course.

Until next time, enjoy your family and friends, and be careful out there.

Community barbecue held in support of Local 3 members

By Michael Eggener, business representative

Operating Engineers Local 3 is a diverse organization with about 25 percent of our members working as public employees.

The Groveland Community Services District is one of our public-employee units. The district provides water to more than 3,000 homes in the Groveland and Big Oak Flat communities. Members maintain more than 70 miles of water mains, five water tanks and one emergency and two full-time water-treatment plants. The district's wastewater-treatment plant and 35 miles of sewer-collection pipes serve more than 1,400 homes.

The district also provides fire-protection services through the Groveland Fire Department and manages community parks.

Unfortunately, the district, which is governed by five elected or appointed board members, has been imploding from a staff and board exodus last year. Tension between the board members and the general manager was so extreme that the Tuolumne County sheriff was called during a meeting. Ultimately, the general manager and one board member resigned, and the finance director retired early.

To combat the effects of this internal strife, a group of local residents led by Carol Simpson and Dennis Smith decided to host the first employee-appreciation, all-you-can-eat barbecue in Mary Laveroni Park for Local 3 members. The food was great, and the community support was priceless.

If you visit Yosemite National Park this summer, stop in the Groveland/Big Oak Flat areas. Spend a little time shopping and show support for our brothers and sisters working there. Keep them in mind, because their contract negotiations have started.



Local 3 members with the Groveland Community Services District enjoy a barbecue held in their honor by local residents.

Success at long last

By Fred Klingel, business representative

A contract was finally reached for our members in the Turlock Irrigation District Employees Association. From start to finish, we endured a record 25 months of negotiations. Granted, we did start nine months before the expiration of the contract due to the district's change in the members' medical-insurance provider from a strict, self-funded program to a quasi, self-funded program.

This happened after some high-cost medical events went beyond the stop-loss numbers for the insurance company, and its representatives lost interest in insuring the district. With the new pooled provider, CSAC Excess Insurance Authority, stop loss is no longer an issue, and with some changes and tweaks, all is OK again, to some degree. The district agreed to the same premium for everyone at least until January 2014,



when there will be some rate increases. Unfortunately, with the volatility of the health-care arena and the unknowns of the Affordable Health Care Act, there were also some changes in co-pays and deductibles, regardless of any plan we went with. There will be some small increases to the out-of-network coverage too.

CSAC is a risk-sharing pool of California public agencies dedicated to controlling losses and providing risk-management solutions. Effective January

2014, members will be able to opt into purchasing a plan for orthodontics, as long as the dental plan offers it. Retirees will also be able to purchase the dental plan.

Since 2012 is already gone and 2013 is halfway over, our four-year plan is basically a two-year plan with 3 percent increases each year and a \$500 signing bonus. Although we can't get back the time lost, we must consider the overall situation – the current economy and the fact that the public still disapproves of public-employee compensation.

Other changes in the new agreement include shift-differential pay, which will increase by \$0.20 per hour for the second shift and \$0.30 per hour for the third shift, and educational assistance, which will increase from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year.

There were several minor changes in language throughout the agreement, but a major one dealt with the Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA), which became law on Jan. 1 and pertains to anyone hired after that “magical” date. All new hires will have their retirement at 2 percent at age 62 and highest three-year averaging. Current employees will remain with their current retirement plan, however, they will see changes in 2018. (There are too many to mention at this time.) There are also several legal challenges happening in the courts, yet there is not enough information available as of this writing to explain them all.

I must congratulate the association's entire negotiations team for a job well done. Members include Marina Cummerow, Mike Tehada and Chris Hardin, along with Carla Couto and Joann Lohman, who served for a period of time. You can be proud of what these members accomplished under the current economic conditions and the fact that they held out for many months.

Update on the North State

By Art W. Frolli, business representative

Operating Engineers currently represents four bargaining units in the city of Corning: Management, police, dispatchers and miscellaneous employees. City of Corning officials recently brought all employees back to a full-time status. Prior to this restoration of hours, all of our Corning members had been furloughed two days a month for the past three years. This may not sound like a lot, but it is equal to a 10 percent reduction in salary. We have also successfully negotiated a salary increase of 2 percent for all four bargaining units.

Operating Engineers also recently reached an agreement with the city of Dunsmuir that both the employees and the City Council have ratified. The contract will run for four years, with our members receiving an additional 2 percent of their base salary paid to their 457(k) retirement account, a \$25 increase to their boot allowance and a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). They will also be able to continue to participate in the Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan A.

The Tehama County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been settled under the following conditions: In the three-year contract, employees agree to pick up 3 percent of their share of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) pension cost each year for a total of 9 percent and will receive a salary increase of 1 percent in the second year of the contract and 2 percent in the third year.

The following bargaining units are either involved in negotiations or will be soon: City of Arcata Miscellaneous Employees; Crescent City Police Officers; Mount Shasta Police Officers and Communications Dispatchers; and the Siskiyou County Trade-craft Employees.

I am encouraged to see that some of the municipalities are beginning to agree to longer terms. In addition to the city of Dunsmuir, the McCloud Community Services District, the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District and the City of Weed Public Works Department have all entered multi-year contract terms. Let's hope the economy improves and we continue to make strides in the terms and working conditions of our members.

AGREEMENT RATIFIED!

Thanks to the hard work of the Alameda County Management Employees Association (ACMEA) negotiating committee, an agreement with Alameda County was recently reached and ratified by the membership. Wages and benefits were improved. Hooray!



The ACMEA negotiating team includes, from left: Ramona Wilkins, Business Rep. Susan Rosenthal and Mike Dutra.



Credit Union

By Jim Sullivan, Credit Union secretary/financial officer & recording - corresponding secretary

Celebrate our nation

July 4 has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1938, but the tradition of celebrating Independence Day dates back to the 18th century. From 1776 until now, July 4 has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to barbecues with family and friends.

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On the job with Berkel

UCSF construction keeps members on the move

Berkel & Company is the “foundation” of foundation drilling! With innovative processes, such as Auger Pressure Grouted (APG) piling and displacement piling, its methods dominate the industry throughout the country.

For Operating Engineers, Berkel & Company has been a steady employer with a strong presence in Northern California.

Engineers News recently caught up with a Berkel team in District 01 working on a parking structure and office-building complex for the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Medical Center. Members worked in close proximity of one another, drilling and placing rebar cages for the structure.



Forklift Operator Clint Montgomery offloads cages for Berkel in San Francisco.



Inspector Lori McLaughlin tests the grout for Consolidated Engineering.



Surveyor Rich Reza, with F3, sets points for piles.



Crane Operator John Graffigna.



Skip Loader Operator Christian Rose helps with pile-placement.



Berkel Drill Operator Donald Card drills piles for a UCSF Medical Center office building.



Talking with the Treasurer

By Steve Ingersoll, treasurer

Convention slogan hits home

I recently had the privilege of going to District and Retiree Meetings throughout Local 3’s jurisdiction. I saw a lot of old friends and made some new ones. I also met with many apprentices at their meetings and explained how important they are to the future of this great organization.

Another event I attended was the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) General Convention, and the theme was “Honor the Past, Shape the Future.” The convention was not just educational but also very inspirational for me to be able to meet other labor leaders from all over the United States and to know that the fight we have here in Local 3’s jurisdiction is the same one unions are facing throughout the country.

After coming home from the convention, I had the opportunity to have lunch with three Retirees and former Nevada district reps. who have been very instrumental in my career as an Operating Engineer: Ray Morgan, Chuck Billings, who encouraged me to run for the Grievance Committee and helped me throughout my career, and my father-in-law, Pete Cox.

The slogan “Honor the Past, Shape the Future” really hit home, because these three Retirees helped me and paved the road for so many of us. I never thought 25 years ago when I first got into this great organization that I would ever wind up as your treasurer. It is an honor and a privilege. I look forward to the challenge and will not forget to honor the past and shape the future.



From left: Retirees Ray Morgan, Chuck Billings and Pete Cox visit with Treasurer Steve Ingersoll. All four were district reps. of Nevada.



Organizing

By Bruce Noel, director

Strong work picture offers lots of organizing opportunities

By the time you read this, the work season should be off to a good start. Winter was pretty mild this year, giving contractors an early construction season. Survey hours through March were up around 13 percent, which usually means more work. Residential development has come back for the first time in a long while, and along with light commercial development, pipeline testing and improvements, this will create jobs and opportunities to organize.

Most of this work will be performed under the National Pipeline Agreement (NPA) or the Northern California Master Agreement, both of which require a pre-job. Under the NPA, the employer is required to notify the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) of an award notice for a project, at which time the IUOE will contact the local whose jurisdiction covers that area. Then the business manager will assign a representative to meet with the employer before work starts. At the pre-job, the union and the employer go over the location, scope of work,

employment needs, special conditions of the job and any required certifications, such as Hazmat, a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and Operator Qualification (OQ) to name a few.

At a pre-job conference under the Northern California Master Agreement, the employer or the union can request a pre-job, and on all projects over \$3 million, the employer is required to notify the union. How does this apply to organizing? Well, it gives the union the ability to request a subcontractor list at these pre-jobs. These subcontractors may not be signatory and are required to be under subcontracting language in the agreements, so this gives the union the opportunity to begin a dialogue with this employer and discuss the benefits of being union. Your Local 3 organizers come from a variety of backgrounds, like surveying, construction, quarries and underground, which gives us the ability to best represent the union to the employer and help meet any needs. For example, we explain the access to a

skilled workforce, including apprentices and certified operators, and/or saving on their payroll roll-up taxes, among other things. Hopefully the meeting goes well and we reach an agreement that creates more work opportunities. These meetings often give us the ability to refer a signatory contractor to perform the work, keeping members employed.

Successful organizing requires a commitment from all parties involved. At this year’s International Convention, the IUOE made it very clear that representatives are fully committed to organizing, as are the officers and staff of Local 3. But there’s a part all of us can play, so get involved. Contact your local district office and ask how you can help. You just may be surprised; the company you help organize may be your next employer!

With that said, we’d like to welcome aboard newly signed companies Axis Crane, August Construction and Guerra Construction.

Ghilotti Construction Company will ease Hwy. 101 traffic



Travel to the Rohnert Park District in Mendocino, Sonoma or Lake counties and chances are you will run into Ghilotti Construction Company.

"They're everywhere," said Rohnert Park Business Rep. Randy Bryson.

The family-owned company that started in 1914 grew from having small paving jobs to building bridges and highways.

Engineers News recently caught up with a Ghilotti Construction Company crew working on a new northbound on-ramp to the busy Hwy. 101.

Skip Loader Operator Robert Spain, who lives in Ukiah, noted that the backed-up traffic he sees while working is the same traffic he must deal with on his way home!

His skills, along with those of Foreman/Gradesetter Todd Furger and Blade Operator Frank McIntyre, will improve traffic along this heavily traveled stretch of highway near the Rohnert Park Hall.

This is just one example of work performed by one of the major signatory players in the area.



Blade Operator Frank McIntyre and Skip Loader Operator Robert Spain work on a northbound on-ramp job for Ghilotti Construction Company. Above: Foreman/Gradesetter Todd Furger sprays markings for his crew.



Rancho Murieta Training Center
for apprentice to journey-level operators
By Tammy Castillo, director of apprenticeship

Drilling: Not what it seems

If you’ve never operated one before, a drill-rig can look quite imposing from afar. Second-step Apprentice Lannis Young was a little intimidated about taking the popular three-day drill-rig class held at the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTTC) once every two years. But the class held in late March wasn’t what he expected.

“As we got on the equipment and I got kind of used to it, I realized there was no need to be as intimidated as I was,” said the former truck driver. “I loved every minute of it and wish it [the class] was longer. This is something I would want to do.”

Journey-level Operator Lillian Ferrer, on the other hand, had no reservations about taking the course as soon as she heard about it.

“I jumped on it right away,” she said. “It was something I was interested in doing, and I wanted the versatility, something else under your belt.”

For Ferrer, who has worked largely in the Bay Area, the class was “common sense.”



Apprentice Lannis Young.

The 26 class participants comprised of apprentice and journey-level operators were split into two groups that received classroom instruction and hands-on training. Signatory companies Malcolm Drilling, Condon Johnson, Case Pacific and Pacific Coast Drilling Company (PCDC) provided the instruction and the equipment.

Teams of three to four students divided their time between four different drills, each specializing in a different kind of soil or purpose.

Many participants had heard that the drilling industry might pick up soon, and I am glad to say that they heard right. A lot of drill-rig operators are retiring, meaning companies should start soliciting drill operators very soon.

What does this mean to you? The next time you hear the Ranch is offering a drill class, leave your reservations at the door!



Journey-level Operator Lillian Ferrer gets some seat time during the Ranch’s three-day drill course.

Mechanics Corner
By Dave Bibby, Heavy Duty Repair (HDR) instructor

A simple machine – levers continued

My last article discussed simple machines, specifically levers, with a class No.1 lever providing Mechanical Advantage (MA) with the fulcrum or pivot point between the applied force and the load. The example given of a machine utilizing this principle was a forklift.

The next type of lever is the class No. 2 configuration, where the fulcrum is at one end, the input-effort force is at the opposite end and the load is located between them. The MA of this type of lever is dependent on the placement of the load. The closer the fulcrum is to the load, the higher the MA. The load moves in the same direction as the input-effort force. The vertical movement of the input effort will be greater than the vertical movement of the load.

The formula to calculate the MA is the same regardless of the class of lever: $MA = D1/D2$.

Therefore, if the D1 distance is 30 feet and the D2 distance is 15 feet, the MA is 30/15 or 2:1. With this example, an input effort of 10 pounds would be able to lift 20 pounds.

Examples of class No. 2 levers include the wheelbarrow and the scraper. For scrapers, the pivot point is the rear tire of the bowl, with input effort applied at the lift cylinders.

The final type of lever is the class No. 3 configuration, where the input effort is between the fulcrum and the load. Once again, the load moves in the same direction as the input-effort force, but the vertical movement of the input effort will be less than the vertical movement of the load.

A class No. 3 lever with a D1 distance of 20 feet and a D2 distance of 40 feet has a 20/40 or 1:2 MA. This means an input effort of 20 pounds would only be able to lift 10 pounds. For this reason, class No. 3 levers are used less often because their MA is less than one, requiring more input force than the load being moved.

Examples of class No. 3 levers are the tweezers and the crane. For the crane, the fulcrum is the boom pin and the input effort is the hydraulic cylinders. This arrangement provides greater height capabilities with less input-effort movement.

Class No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 levers are in the home and on the jobsite. Start looking around, and you will be surprised where you find them.



First-step Apprentice Arthur Ruiz serves at the Shadow Ranges in Iraq in 2009 with the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.



From military to construction: Veterans have paid their dues

This Fourth of July, we salute you

Story by Mandy McMillen, managing editor

Arthur Ruiz joined the Marines in 1999 because he wanted to be challenged in life and knew college wasn't for him. Thirteen years later, he joined the Operating Engineers Apprenticeship Program for the very same reasons.

Ruiz's military resume speaks for itself. He served in several units, including the 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines in Johnson City, Tenn., and at the Jungle Warfare Training Center in Okinawa, Japan. He trained the Marines he went overseas with, and he went overseas often, including three tours in Iraq and two tours in the Western Pacific.

But after being deployed so many times, he wanted a change.

"I was ready to be engaged [in a community] and settle down, get some roots," he said.

He knew that after military life, a desk job wouldn't cut it. So in October 2012, he joined the Apprenticeship Program through Helmets to Hardhats, which gives qualifying veterans direct access into the program, explained Director of Apprenticeship Tammy Castillo. As more veterans return from war, the Apprenticeship Program is finding great careers for them. In 2011, the Apprenticeship Program indentured five veterans. This year there have been nine so far.

Ruiz has transitioned well into the life of an apprentice and has kept an open mind. He appreciates the guidance and structure (something he's used to from the military) and enjoys operating cranes.

"You have to be on your toes," he said. "It's not the service anymore. There's not someone always over you. You have to take more initiative."

Not surprisingly, Local 3 is full of military veterans from every decade. Their backgrounds are as diverse as their war stories, but they all share the same pride for their service, their country and their union.

Journey-level Surveyor Adam Gibson is one of them. He served in the Army from 2001 to 2004 as an Airborne Ranger Medic and joined the surveying Apprenticeship

Program in 2005. Surveying is a profession he was born to do, though he didn't always know it because he didn't know what surveying was.

After leaving the military, he landed a desk job at a surveying company and wound up taking – and passing – a surveyors' skills test.

"The discipline from the Army helped me in the program," he said, such as "showing up, not quitting, eagerness to go on ... ambition."

Today, Gibson couldn't be happier about his career.

"I love it. I was born to survey," he said.

Retiree Richard Conrad Sr., a Marine during the Vietnam War, shares the same enthusiasm about his career. He liked unions and the money they offered their members, so he joined Local 3 in 1978 after working as a Laborer and watching "how they [operators] did it." He worked mainly as a pipeliner, operating the excavator and backhoe, and traveled where the work was, until he was forced to retire due to medical reasons in 2012. (He hopes to return to the field soon.)

Perhaps it was his military experience, which included tours in Cuba (Guantanamo Bay) and Vietnam, that made him unafraid of the heights his work sometimes required.

"I liked the nature of the work and travel," he said. "I liked hanging over the mountain really steep, when they tie the excavator off with a spreader bar."

Navy veteran Richard Wagner served in the Submarine Division from 1956 to 1959 on the USS Guavina (SS 362). He joined Local 3 in 1969 "out of necessity" and for "better money."

As proud as he is of his service and union, he is equally proud of his grandson, who is in his third year of the Naval Academy and may one day join Local 3 as well!

This month, as we gather to celebrate our country's precious freedom, may we also celebrate those who have fought for it, which includes many outstanding Local 3 members.



Retiree Richard Conrad Sr. was a Marine during the Vietnam War.



During the rock-climbing phase of Ranger School, Surveyor Adam Gibson masters Mount Yonah in northeast Georgia. He was an Airborne Ranger Medic from 2001 to 2004.



Navy veteran/Retiree Richard Wagner served in the Submarine Division on the USS Guavina (SS 362) from 1956 to 1959.

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Hwy. 99 gets major upgrade

Story and photos by Jamie Johnston, associate editor

You could say Hwy. 99 is the red-headed stepchild when it comes to California's roadways. (It's hard to compete when I-5 is one of the fastest, I-80 is the longest and Hwy. 1 has some of the best views.) But that won't be the case for much longer, because like Cinderella, this stepchild is getting a complete transformation!

Local 3 operators are working on at least five projects from Stockton to Manteca alone. Crews are taking out the old, overgrown oleander in the center divide, adding a lane in both directions and updating the 16 aging bridges and overpasses that need a little TLC. When completed, Hwy. 99 will be able to accommodate more vehicles, allow traffic to flow smoother and, most importantly, look better!

Myers and Sons, with subcontractor Granite Construction, has the northernmost project in District 30, from the Crosstown Freeway to Arch Road in Stockton. Bay Cities takes it from there, with three back-to-back projects along about 7-½ miles from Arch Road to Austin Road in Manteca. Vanguard is providing the concrete, and Pacific Boring is laying pipe under the highway. St. Francis is also on the job.

Hwy. 99's upgrade is good news for our members, but it's *great* news for area residents, and Scraper Operator James Keeton happens to be both.

"It's five minutes from home," said the 15-year member, "and it's a three-year project!"

Besides a short work commute, locals, like Backhoe Operator Mike Cowan and Miller Machine Operator Jose Aguilar, will also benefit when the job is completed. They know how backed-up traffic can get on the last two-lane section of Hwy. 99 in the area



Miller Machine Operator Jose Aguilar creates the center divide on Hwy. 99 for Vanguard Construction.



"Fuel Man" Robert Mack patches a tire on a backhoe.



From left: Scraper Operator Jason Jackson helps Blade Operator Tony Arnaiz, also on cover, fill the chokers and compact the dirt.



From left: Tunnel Boring Machine operators Matt Duran and Pacific Boring team, as they push pipe for Pacific Boring.



and what extra lanes in both directions will do to help alleviate the problem.

“It’s a good job,” said “Fuel Man” Robert Mack, who lives in Tracy.

As crews start to build the on-ramps and roads, or “roughin’ and riding,” as Bay Cities Foreman Chadd Baxter calls it, 11-year member Jose Garcia had the important task of installing K-Rail. Placed along the busy highway, it helps protect his fellow brothers and sisters from the nearly 100,000 vehicles that reportedly pass the jobsite on a daily basis.

“It protects the guys working in the receiving pit,” Garcia explained.

So far, work has been going well for all involved. “It’s a good year,” said Bay Cities Foreman James Hobbie. “There’s not too much rain, so it’s great. Maybe that’ll hurt us [later] this summer, but we always make it some way or another.”

As temperatures rise, local Scraper Operator Jason Jackson has the perfect solution for relaxing after work.

“It [the job] is 10 minutes from my house,” said the 13-year member. “It works out great on those hot, summer days. I have a pool. The guys can come over, cool off and drink a few beers.”

Whatever the weather, fifth-step apprentice and sixth-generation Operating Engineer Josh Flanagan is just happy to be working.

“I love it,” he said of his work, which currently includes operating a compactor. “I wouldn’t do anything else.”

Hwy. 99’s new look will be unveiled in 2015 or 2016, so stay tuned!



Backhoe Operator Mike Cowan rips out an old vineyard to make room for a road.



From left: Bay Cities Gradesetter Ryan Soria discusses the project with Foreman Chadd Baxter.



Compactor Operator Josh Flanagan is a fifth-step apprentice and sixth-generation Operating Engineer.



Boring Machine (TBM) crane and Brad Gardner work as a pipe under Hwy. 99 for Pacific



Excavator Operator Jose Garcia moves K-Rail into place along Hwy. 99.



Gradesetter Jonathon Evans makes slope ratios for Bay Cities.



Scraper operators James Keeton and Matt Hernandez and Dozer Operator James Hobbie work together on one of the three jobs Bay Cities has along Hwy. 99 in District 30.

FIELD PERSPECTIVE:

What the members are saying

What stands out the most in your career as a Local 3 operator?



"Just supporting the guys as a foreman or superintendent; offering support between management and our men."

– Eric Stallworth, 29-year member



"Working on the Utah pipeline. It was my first one as an oiler."

– Gerard Tynan, eight-year member



"Traveling and seeing lots of the country and meeting lots of union hands. You develop families by all the jobs you worked on."

– Jessie Taylor, 12-year member



"My first pipeline [job] up in Wyoming. It was a chance to do so much traveling and see other places."

– Rick Comer, 14-year member

Need a lift?

Elevator operator provides more than just a ride

If you have ever worked on a high-rise job in the Bay Area, chances are you've met Elevator Operator Paul Carrington. The 27-year member has been doing it for 16 years now and has become somewhat of a permanent fixture inside the hoist. He currently works at the San Francisco Public Safety Building (PSB) project at Block 8 in Mission Bay.

While elevator-operating is not considered the most glamorous work

among the trades, it is both necessary and rewarding, claims Carrington.

"I love what I do," said the Cabrillo Hoist operator.

As a graduate of the Apprenticeship Program, he originally wanted to be a crane operator but now carries them and others safely to their desired floors.

Beyond transporting crewmembers, Carrington must also keep a close watch on the elevator, as he is both its operator and mechanic.

"I listen to the gears and know what the machine needs," he said.

He also knows what operators need, namely an ear to listen.

"You could call me a consultant," he said. "Everybody gets in and talks about everything to me – their family, day, commute."

People also vent.

"I just listen or tell them to hang in there," he said. "Things can always be worse, and we are blessed to be working."

You could say, Carrington offers a "lift" in more ways than one!



Twenty-seven-year member/Elevator Operator Paul Carrington.

Staff Spotlight: Pane Meatoga Jr.

Hawaii District Rep. Pane Meatoga Jr., a 24-year member, started working in the maintenance side of construction straight out of high school. He later worked in the quarries as a dozer operator and got actively involved in the union's political volunteering program, then called Citizen Action Team (CAT), in 2000.

"I was asked to help get the program off the ground because of my volunteer political-action and community-service activities," he said. "It was then that I learned the importance of getting involved with my union and made the commitment to do so."

During his involvement with the CAT program, he met 25-year member Michael Brandt, who has been the District 17 Executive Board member for the last 10 years and witnessed many changes in the district.

"Pane is there for the membership and all about doing what's right," Brandt said. "He's also been doing a good job on the political machine in Hawaii, as we've been electing some good people."

Meatoga's commitment to advancing the union through politics has always been obvious. In September 2004, he was offered the compliance-officer position with the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) and oversaw public-works jobs on Oahu and Kauai. Exactly two years later, he went back into the field but held on to the commitment to stay involved with the union as a volunteer.

In June 2007, he became the Hawaii Affirmative Action Trust Fund administrator



From left: Mayor Kirk Caldwell visits with District Rep. Pane Meatoga Jr.

and oversaw the apprenticeship/journey-level-training programs, which included all the safety and certification classes at the Kahuku Training Facility.

In February 2011, he was offered the Hawaii district representative position, and he currently provides oversight on all union business in Hawaii under the guidance of Vice President Dan Reding as well as the four Trust Funds.

"Working in two of those funds has given me a better insight to the potential of maximizing the resources in our district to improve our industry for our members and contractors," Meatoga said.

He continues today just as he did many years ago, advancing the union's cause by working to elect labor-friendly politicians and pass labor-friendly laws. For this and many reasons, his work has been easy to spotlight.

‘Amusing’ job at Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

Work is red hot and rolling in District 90!

Graniterock/Pavex was awarded an \$8.2 million job beginning in Scotts Valley on Hwy. 17 installing a concrete-barrier system for next year. This job will be mostly night work, so be aware that there will be extra traffic at night for the next year. The company is also working in Santa Cruz.

As far as private work goes, **Platinum Pipelines** is installing a storm-water chamber for general contractor **DR Horton** in Gilroy. This Triton-designed system collects storm water, allowing it to percolate into a natural aquifer until saturation, then diverts the excess water through exit pipes, but not until the

collection area reaches a height of 6 feet. **DR Horton** is pleased with the professional help it received from **Platinum Pipelines** as well as **DeSilva Gates**, which was used for original site work. **DR Horton** officials said they appreciate **DeSilva Gates**, because the company is always ahead of schedule. **Interstate Concrete Pumping** is also on the job.

Member **Ben Eaton** has been working for **West Coast Cranes** on the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk’s new ride, the **Undertow**. **Eaton** should finish the job soon, but you may have to wait until next April before you can experience the **Undertow**!



Operator Jared Dumlao.



Operator Dionicio Salazar.



Ben Eaton operates a 70-ton Linkbelt.



Loader Operator Tomas Ruela.



Excavator Operator Oscar Samaniego.



Foreman Dave White.

More tower cranes coming to San Francisco

In San Mateo County, many jobs are keeping operators busy. **Breneman Inc.** is working on a \$600,000 street-improvement project on Foster City Boulevard replacing wheelchair ramps and center medians with operators **Troy Pittman** and **Miguel Rivas**. At the Port of Redwood City, **Manson Construction Company** is keeping operators **Richard Flora**, **Bradley Geraci**, **Ezequiel Pena** and **Luis Torres** working on an \$18 million pier-reconstruction project. Work includes a new concrete wharf that will accommodate two large ships 600 to 700 feet long, along with a new Longshoremen’s building, new area lighting and a 920-foot seawall. **Pavex** will be on the job soon, putting in new roadway and paving a parking lot.

The streets of Burlingame are busy with **Robert A. Bothman Inc.** working on a street-improvement project. This job will keep operators busy for the next nine months. Also on the job is **JMB Construction Inc.**, which is putting in the storm drain, sewer and water. At the Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant, **Steiny & Co.** has Operator **Wayne Ferrare** excavating duct-bank trenches on the project. This is a four-year project that started in 2011.

Jobs under Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) include the College of San Mateo, with **Interstate Grading and Paving** and **Platinum Pipelines**; the South San Francisco Unified School District, with **Stich Co.** and **Jos. J. Albanese**; the new Redwood City Jail, with **Foundation Construction** and **Ghilotti Construction**; and the San Mateo Union High School, with work starting soon.

In San Carlos, the new Palo Alto Medical Facility, part of the Sutter Health Network, keeps **McGuire and Hester** operators busy, including **Henry Azevedo**, **Eric Wood**, **John Murphy**, **Del Corral**, **Jeremy Mills**, **Ray Zamora**, **Lupe Villa**, **Robert Ruiz**, **Art Turrin** and **Greg Ghione**.

In San Francisco, the work picture is consistent, but sometimes it is not construction work that keeps our crane-rental hands busy. **Sheedy** will lift just about anything! In the marina, **Tim Shea** and **Tim Adams** are hoisting pieces of steel for artwork being displayed from other parts of the country.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) awarded **Trinet Construction** a more than \$3.8 million cistern renovation project. **Springline** was awarded a more than \$1.1 million contract performing sewer work in the Sunset District. **M Squared** has a more than \$3.7 million project installing water-main pipe at different locations in the city.



Tim Shea and Tim Adams hoist steel for Sheedy.

It looks like tower cranes will remain a feature of the San Francisco skyline as the building boom continues in the city. Some are coming down, but 17 more are slated to come up in the near future. The city is spending money on many projects, including streetscape improvements and more Proposition K (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Traffic Calming Program) projects.

A special thank you for all the help with this year’s successful picnic at Coyote Point.

Be safe, and remember to drink lots of water this summer.

Getting to the bottom of it

The District 60 out-of-work list fell quickly in April and May, and the work picture is looking good with **Abercrombie** and **ARB** requesting pre-jobs and dispatches. Many jobs have picked up where they left off, new projects have started and it doesn't take much driving in our seven counties to find a couple lane closures.

The Feather River West Levee project bid with only one contractor submitting as the prime bidder, or so we were told. Your district office has submitted a public-information request to find out if other general contractors bid. It seems unthinkable that only one non-signatory contractor would bid on the \$50 million first phase of a \$200 million project. Could it be that some other contractors were just called nonresponsive? Or that no other bids were counted because of onerous qualification requirements put out by the controlling agency? We will find out and let you know.

There wasn't just bad news on the Feather River levee project, however. Two of our good signatory contractors did get awarded sub work by the general, and one other contractor friendly to us but not yet signatory also received subcontractor work.

Our industry is in need of contractors to bid on these types of slurry-wall-construction projects, and we certainly have the workforce that can get them done. In May, U.S. Sen. **Barbara Boxer** introduced the S601 Water Resources Development Act worth \$12 billion, and California still ranks high on the list for potential flood risk. That tells us that many more of these levee projects are coming.

You may have missed them, but for those who didn't, thanks for attending our Retiree and second-quarter District Meetings. We had a great turnout for both. President **Carl Goff** gave an informative update on our recent Pension changes. Tough questions were asked regarding what these changes might mean for all of us and the health of our Pension Fund. Rec. Corres. Secretary **Jim Sullivan** gave a great report on the work in Nevada and Utah and discussed a slide repair at a mining facility in Utah that has the potential to empty the Utah Hall and require more operators than they have. Unit 12 Crafts and Maintenance Director **Travis Tweedy** gave us updates on Unit 12 negotiations. Business reps. **Jeff Hunerlach** and **Danny Roles** and Organizer **Ron Roman** gave detailed reports on organizing the non-union and where the work is in our district.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on Aug. 8 at the Southside Community Center in Oroville (2959 Wyandotte Road).

"Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living."

"I asked a man in prison once how he happened to be there and he said he had stolen a pair of shoes. I told him if he had stolen a railroad he would be a United States Senator."

"Sit down and read. Educate yourself for the coming conflicts."

—Mother Jones

(Hope you're wondering who Mother Jones is! Look up the Ludlow Massacre.)

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Remember to update your beneficiary information

Members are staying busy on many projects throughout the area.

Dutra is still working on the \$33.1 million inner harbor as part of the Crescent City Harbor reconstruction project and was the low bidder on the dredging portion estimated at \$10.1 million. The company will be working on the dredging and slope work for the next two months.

West Coast Contractors continues work on the Smith River Bridge on Hwy. 101 north of Crescent City, a job estimated at \$8.6 million. **Inland Construction** signed a Project Agreement as a subcontractor on the job.

Bugler Construction is working on the \$3.8 million Klamath River Bridge project on Hwy. 101 (reconstruction of the hinge spans).

Mercer-Fraser has been busy paving Hwy. 36 and the Hwy. 101 Safety Corridor at \$11.8 million. The company has also kept its quarries and hot plants running and was the low bidder (at \$1.9 million) for the project south of Salt River to Hwy. 101.

Wahlund Construction was the low bidder on the Garberville Water Treatment Plant estimated at \$23 million.

Fluor, Penhall and **Kiewit** are keeping members working on the decommissioning at the Humboldt Bay Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Power Plant.

There are several projects coming up for bid in the near future, so hopefully our signatory companies can keep their pencils sharp. The fifth phase of the Mad River pipeline project at \$1.9 million and the Martin Slough improvement project at \$3.1 million are just a few.

Please remember that we write this article a few months in advance, so the work picture will change with projects going out to bid and some finishing up.

District 40 would also like to remind you all to Slow for the Cone Zone and our brothers and sisters at Caltrans.



From left: Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan congratulates 2012 Volunteer of the Year Harry Herkert.

If you see something out of place on a jobsite, please call the Hall so we can send an agent out to investigate, because every hour counts.

We'd like to encourage all of our members to keep their beneficiary information up to date. It has come to our attention that the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Death Benefits Department no longer recognizes the beneficiary information provided by the Trust Funds Office. Therefore, it's important that every member fills out the pink beneficiary card for Operating Engineers. It will save your loved ones time and frustration if something happens to you. If you're not sure who you have listed as a beneficiary or you

don't know if you have a card on file, contact Secretary **Jennifer McKenzie** at the Hall, and she will mail you a new card.

We'd also like to congratulate our 2012 Volunteer of the Year, **Harry Herkert**. Those who volunteer to do the thankless jobs of phone banking and precinct walking are vital to Operating Engineers, and we are grateful for the work they do.

Lastly, we'd like to welcome new District Rep. **Steve Harris** back to District 40. It's fantastic to have him back. Thank you to former district rep. **Chris Snyder** for his service for the last two years. He will continue to oversee the Rohnert Park District.

We appreciate our volunteers

District 10 Volunteer of the Year **Joel Lanstra**, a 31-year member, has been a tireless advocate for Operating Engineers Local 3 and the membership. He started his career in 1981 as an owner/operator running a small concrete-pump business. He did not have the capital to purchase a new pumper truck, so he bought parts of trucks from California, Nevada and Utah. Piecing them together, he built a successful business.



From left: Business Manager Russ Burns congratulates Volunteer of the Year Joel Lanstra.

In 1996, Lanstra decided to sell his business and go

to work for **Kaiser Sand and Gravel Company**. He worked for a number of signatory contractors around the Bay Area, getting his crane certificates along the way. While doing all of that and more, he found time to be the Volunteer of the Year – or more like the Volunteer of the Decade – in 2000, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 and serve on the Political Action Committee (PAC) in 2007 and 2008.

Lanstra is always ready to volunteer. He's always at the front desk asking, "What can I do?" Whether it is a strike line or an event in support of his fellow brothers and sisters, he always says, "The Operating Engineers are professionals. Dress accordingly and speak softly. Make whoever you are speaking to listen to what you have to say."

We thank Lanstra and hope our new members follow suit.

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District 50 may have Local 3's tallest apprentice!

Thank you to everyone who attended our District Picnic last month. Once all the pictures have been sorted, we hope to include some in next month's *Engineers News*. Good fun, good food and good people – that's what it's all about!



Nathan Nottnagel works for MCM Construction.

In regards to District 50's work picture, several pre-jobs have taken place in recent months for upcoming work.

A pre-job was held with **Emmett's** for the Bardsley Avenue project in Tulare. The \$10.7 million project has a July 1 start date and is expected to continue through June 2014. The project consists of removing and replacing Bardsley Avenue between H and K streets, two lift stations, a box girder for the railroad and a shoofly for the railroad diversion.

Coral Construction has a \$3 million project that includes the installation of sign bridges at the Fresno braided-ramp project and has an expected completion date of mid-August.

Snelson Companies is performing 17 miles of hydro-testing on 12-inch pipe near Avenue 13 in Madera. The project began at the end of May and is expected to continue through the beginning of September.

Papich Construction is starting a \$2.7 million overlay project on Hwy. 65 near Porterville around July 1 with an anticipated completion date in October.

MCM Construction and **Kroeker Inc.** are also staying busy.

For more information about these projects and others, please call the Hall. Your Fresno staff is as follows:

- Dave Mercer** – district representative
- Wayne Amundson** – South Valley business representative
- Jody Recek** – Fresno area business representative
- Justin Barnard** – North Valley business representative
- Nick Dodson** – dispatcher
- Kathy Tarango** – office manager
- Butch Cabrera** – apprenticeship coordinator
- Fred Klingel and David Caravantes** – public-employee business representatives
- Gary Rocha** – Unit 12 business representative



Sylvester Pecinovsky works for MCM Construction.

We appreciate all the time and effort members **Roy Cerda, Amy Dodson, Chad Swift, Vincent Trevino** and **Mark Markowski** gave while phone banking on behalf of Senate candidate **Leticia Perez**.

Apprenticeship Spotlight

You may not know him by his real name, but chances are if you've seen second-step Construction Equipment Operator (CEO) Apprentice **Michael Thompson**, you certainly know him. You may just call him Stretch. At 6 foot, 11 inches tall, he may be Local 3's tallest apprentice, and thus has been given that nickname on the job.



At 6 foot, 11 inches tall, second-step Apprentice Michael Thompson may be Local 3's tallest apprentice.

Despite his size, Thompson, who works for **Fine Grade Equipment Inc.**, has been on many different pieces of equipment.

"I've been tall my whole life, so I'm used to not fitting in stuff very well," he said. "I've probably been called everything in the book as well as heard all the tall jokes about my height. It does not bother me. I have learned that I won't fit in a vehicle, so I do not complain. I just get in and make the best of the situation. The only pieces of equipment I have found that are super uncomfortable are the skid-steer (bobcat)

and anything that is named mini! I am 6 foot, 11 inches tall and weigh 280 pounds. Not many things are built for people my size. I've learned to just adapt and overcome."

Thompson went on to say that once he's in a piece of equipment, his knees are what he fights with the most, because some small pieces of equipment look and feel like "they are riding me, not the other way around."

At 6 foot, 6 inches tall, Foreman **Jeff Reed** said he is not used to looking up at too many people, but then Thompson showed up at the jobsite. Reed said Thompson is "green" but is doing fine, coming along, has a good attitude and is easy to train. He said Thompson never complains; just gets it done.

Thompson was initiated at a recent District Meeting.

Projects full bore in Elk Grove, South Sac

Summer is here, and the work season is finally in full swing. Now is the time to work as many hours as you can to get caught up economically. Remember, any hours over 120 will go into your bank of hours to hopefully keep your health care going through the off-season.

At the time of this writing, **Balfour Beatty** and **Teichert Construction** Joint Venture (JV) is the apparent low bidder on the second phase of the South Sacramento Corridor light-rail project at \$89.8 million. This project will extend the Sacramento Regional Transit Light Rail service from its existing Meadowview Station to Cosumnes River College near Hwy. 99. The extension will add four new stations along with 2,700 park-and-ride spaces and a new transit center at the Cosumnes River College Station.

MCM Construction and **Bay Cities Paving & Grading** are finishing the \$15.7 million construction of two aerial structures. One structure spans over Morrison Creek and the railroad tracks, and the second is located on the west side of the Cosumnes River Boulevard/Bruceville Road intersection. This project is scheduled to go through September and kept some operators working through the dry winter we had.

MCM Construction and **Teichert Construction** should be going full bore on the \$56.8 million I-5/Cosumnes River Boulevard/Franklin Boulevard project. The project extends Cosumnes River Boulevard from Franklin Boulevard to Freeport Boulevard. Crews will construct a new interchange on I-5 one mile south of Pocket Road/Meadowview Road. This project is expected to keep about 50 operators working through the summer.

R&L Brosamer started work on the \$4.7 million Elk Grove bicycle/pedestrian bridge and creek-trail extension. This project includes building a Class 1 bikeway and bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Hwy. 99 north of the Elk Grove Boulevard interchange and extending the Elk Grove Creek Trail to meet at the bridge's bases. The overcrossing project will provide safe, convenient and direct access over Hwy. 99 and enable more pedestrian/bike travel in the area.

O.C. Jones and **Viking Construction** are continuing work on the Watt Avenue/Hwy. 50 interchange-improvement project. This \$22.5 million project kept operators busy through the winter and is scheduled to last until the fall of 2014. This interchange overhaul has two unusual features designed to get more people to walk, ride bikes and take buses. The project will create a separate biking and walking path that uses tunnels under the on- and off-ramps and includes a walled-off lane in the middle of the overpass for buses, so they won't have to deal with congested car traffic.

The District 80 staff would like to thank everyone who attended the Retiree Picnic on June 1 and the District 80 Picnic on June 9. This was our opportunity to give something back to the members for all the hard work they do. It's always good to see members attend these events. Also, congratulations to our new members initiated at the District Meeting on May 15.

Keep up the good work, and remember, it is summer, so take care of yourself when working in the heat and drink lots of fluids. Work safe, and stay safe.

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I-680/Hwy. 12 interchange to bid this summer

On the west side of District 04, **Ghilotti Construction**, **Avar Drilling** and **Ghilotti Brothers** are still staying busy on Hwy. 12 in Jameson Canyon. Please be aware that lane changes have been in effect with more to come as the project moves along. **Ghilotti Construction** also continues with the streetscape in downtown Vallejo. Rumor has it that the company is also working on several developments for Seeno homes all over the Bay Area. Could this be a sign that private work is coming back? **Proven Management** completed the Napa Creek flood-control project, and now we are waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers to become fully funded and release another flood-control phase. The bypass project in downtown Napa will hopefully go to bid soon.

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) announced that the I-680/Hwy. 12 interchange project is due to bid in late summer for work to begin next spring. The STA also has plans for the I-80 toll roads and Jepsom Parkway coming up in 2015. The Solano 360 Fairgrounds project is moving through the stages. It has been approved by the Solano County supervisors and the Vallejo

Planning Commission and is now off to the Vallejo City Council. Let's hope this stays on track, as it will be a steady source of work for our members. Another upcoming project in Vallejo is the Ferry Maintenance Facility on Mare Island. This project needs to go out to bid soon to avoid loss of funding.

Up the Napa Valley, **Harold Smith & Son** is busy with public and private work. On the Silverado Trail, **Argonaut** and **Ghilotti Brothers** are performing some road widening. This has been an ongoing project that should be completed by the end of the month and open up the trail through Napa.

At the Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant in Vacaville, part of the plant expansion includes the demolition of an older section of the existing plant. **W.C. Maloney** was awarded the job of demo-ing the concrete structures, which includes the digesters and buildings, and separating the concrete from the steel. After finishing the demolition of an underground concrete tank, Operator **Mick Root** created an area big enough to set the steel lid off one of the digesters on the demolition list. **American Crane**

was called in for the 110,000-pound lid removal. Operators **Pat Kearns**, **Shane Riemersma**, **Josh Irwin** and **Wess Smith** work for the company and used a 350-ton hydraulic truck crane to safely complete the task.

At our second-quarter District Meeting, former Fairfield district rep. **Mark Burton** was presented his 35-year service pin. We wish Burton all the best in his retirement! Former safety/dredging rep. **Dave Harrison** assumed Burton's position on June 1.

Apprenticeship Spotlight

We would like to congratulate Construction Equipment Operator (CEO) **Dale Shankles**, who journeyed out in May while working for **Ford Construction**.



New CEO Dale Shankles.

Pipeline work hits District 30

July is a hot month in the Central Valley and so are Stockton's job opportunities.

Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Granite Construction, Meyers and Sons, Viking, Dkay Demolition, Mountain Cascade, O.C. Jones, ACL, Vanguard, St. Francis Electric and Triangle Excavation are performing more than 40 miles of continuous construction along Hwy. 99's corridor starting near Stockton's Crosstown Freeway and heading south. Work on I-5 from the north Stockton area south to the Port of Stockton is being done by R&L Brosamer. Bay Cities and C.C. Myers continue work on I-5 in the French Camp area.

All highway work in progress includes the reconstruction of main travel-ways; the widening of existing roads and bridges; and the construction of retaining and sound walls, overpasses (including on- and off-ramps), underground utilities and all the infrastructure associated with large-scale projects.



This George Reed paving crew is working in the Stockton area.

Paving in the Stockton area began in April and is going strong. Several contractors, such as George Reed, Knife River, Tom Mayo, AM Stephens, Teichert and Granite, have landed multiple pavement-rehab projects in the area. One George Reed paving crew includes Paver Operator Robert "Bobbie" Noreen and screed operators Tom Evans and Sergio Ruvalcaba.

Pipeline work is also on the move. Late in 2012 and continuing into the spring, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) located, potholed and surveyed miles of gas pipeline in the Stockton District either for improvements or a complete replacement, putting many of our

men and women to work for our signatory contractors, such as Snelson, Underground and ARB.

Thank you to all who attended our Stockton District Picnic. We had a huge turnout again and fun was had by all. We hope to see you next year.

Young operator leaves strong legacy

Work has been going strong in District 12, mostly due to the Kennecott Copper Mine slide. W.W. Clyde and Ames Construction have also picked up contracts at the mine, including adding new haul roads and screening and crushing ore. Granite has stayed busy at Kennecott moving ore to the concentrator and with haul-road-repair work. Hopefully by the time you read this, there should be more contracts awarded for the cleanup of the slide.

Geneva Rock should be working on the Echo Canyon asphalt-paving job, the Park City road job and the Hill Air Force Base job and is concrete-paving state Route 93. The company also picked up a parking lot for FedEx in North Salt Lake. The Geneva Rock crusher crews have completed the excavation of the north side of Weber Pit and will concentrate on the south side for the rest of the pit's duration. Mountain and Bragg Crane have scaled down to their day-to-day taxi work, and hopefully the refineries will pick back up in the North Salt Lake area this fall or next spring. Shurtleff & Andrews picked up a steel-erection job and is still working at the Lake Side Power Plant but has scaled back since the spring. PNK is still progressing on the Echo Dam seismic retrofit, which should be completed by late winter. W.W. Clyde should be underway on the pipeline up Parley's Canyon and has several other jobs throughout the state. Granite has some paving jobs in Ogden Canyon and at Coalville to Echo. The company will be running its hot plants strong this year and keeping its pits rolling up north.

Tyson D. Allen 1979-2013



District 12 lost a special member to cancer on April 23, 2013. Tyson Allen fought a courageous battle after being diagnosed with stage 4 colon and liver cancer and went through nine months of chemotherapy without success. He was an extremely gifted operator who had earned respect from his fellow employees and employer, Mountain Crane, at a very young age. He started his career at Olsen Beal Crane Services at age 18 working in the yard. He became a crane oiler in Local 3 and quickly moved up to an operator position. After operating a Manitowoc 2250 for Olsen Beal, he went to Mountain Crane in 2005 and became the first union operator hired there. With the help of Allen and his Local 3 brothers, Mountain soared from a small Utah crane company to a national one. Allen operated all types of cranes for Mountain and was promoted to senior erector, managing the transport and assembly of all of Mountain's crawler cranes and supervising critical lifts for the company. His talent was recognized nationally, and he was one of 16 who was awarded a Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association Crane Operators Safety Award. Allen was a proud union member and always helped on the negotiating committee for Mountain's contracts. For the contract negotiated last summer, Allen stepped up to the role of lead negotiator, and even with his grim diagnoses and starting his chemo, he managed to get the members together and sit down with the employer to come up with a fair and equitable contract for all parties involved. Allen was able to see all sides of the issues and do what was right for the membership and the employer. He was what we all strive to become in this short life. He was respected by his peers and loved by his family. He loved the rodeo and enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and four-wheeling. He will be deeply missed by this union and his employer. He left behind his loving wife, Michelle, and two young sons, Crew, 6, and Harley, 3. Allen had a great family, some of whom are still employed at Mountain Crane and supported him through the good and bad times of his short life. We would like to send our heartfelt condolences to the Allen family and thank the members and Mountain Crane for all their support through these difficult times.

Brooklyn Basin is big news

Happy Independence Day to you and yours from District 20! And a great big thank you to the members who attended the District Picnic on June 23. We hope you had a good time!

Work in the district continues to be strong. Preliminary work on the Oakland Army Base has started and will ramp up as time goes by. Remember, this project is all union, includes a local-hire component and will be about 10 years in the making with estimates of about \$1.3 billion to develop the 300-acre site.

In April, the city of Oakland announced that a Chinese investment group and an Oakland-based developer had inked a deal to develop 65 acres of waterfront property located just south of Jack London Square. This project, known as “Brooklyn Basin,” will include 3,100 high-rise residential units, 200,000 square feet of retail/commercial buildings and a marina with up to 200 boat slips. This is good news for construction workers across the trades. Brooklyn



New HDR Jesus Martinez Jr.

Basin will be built under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) negotiated by the Alameda County Building Trades Council (ACBTC) and the developer. Your District 20 staff played a key role in these negotiations and made sure our membership and our trade came out ahead.

Please make sure all your contact information is correct at the Hall, so we can get you out to work quickly.

FYI: Our third-quarter District Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Call the Hall for more information.

Have a great summer, and remember: Safety first!

Apprenticeship Spotlight

Congratulations to Heavy Duty Repairman (HDR) **Jesus Martinez Jr.**, who completed the Apprenticeship Program on May 20 and is currently working with **Ferma Corporation** in Newark.

Welcome, Independent Structures

As reported several months ago, District 70 has been hit with a budget shortage from the state. To date, we have had about half of our normally allotted budget go to bid. Work has been slow, and many hands have been looking down south to procure more of it. **Mercer-Fraser's** Hwy. 299 Buckhorn project is truly our only dirt job in the district. There has been talk of running two shifts, but so far, we have not seen that happen. **Road & Highway Builders** talked about working two shifts on its I-5 Anderson Grade project in Yreka, but that hasn't happened either. With miles of highway to concrete-pave, this season's work picture looked promising (multiple shifts), but the state has only let **Road & Highway Builders** get so far ahead on its project. Multiple shifts would shorten the length of these jobs but allow additional hands to go to work.

We have quite a few hands working in the rock, sand and gravel facilities. **Crystal Creek Aggregate** got a fairly good contract for material on the second phase of the Buckhorn job. **J.F. Shea Co.** and **Tullis Inc.** have been making material for their paving jobs along with those being paved by **S.T. Rhoades** and **Darren Taylor Construction**.

We are patiently waiting for the Hwy. 299 east Bella Vista job to bid. This \$30 million job is a holdover from last year that will involve some curve realignment and passing-lane construction.

RNR Construction, Proven Management, Shasta Constructors, Tutor-Perini, Hooker Creek Construction and **J.F. Shea Co.** are all working on bridge projects throughout the district. **Cox & Cox** has been working on some underground, subbing for **Mercer-Fraser** on the Hwy. 299 Buckhorn job. **J.F. Shea Co.'s** Hwy. 36 Red Bluff project and the city of Redding Churn Creek

job are keeping several members currently employed. **Custom Crushing Inc.** completed a job in Montague on Hwy. 3 and is looking to bid on several other jobs in Siskiyou County.

Thanks to all who attended our District Picnic last month. We hope you had a good time and ask for your continued support. We are currently staying open for late night on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. Our next District Meeting is on Wednesday, July 31.

Last but not least, we would like to welcome **Independent Structures** as a new signatory. We wish them much success in the future!

Correction: Crane Operator Brian Colla was incorrectly identified in June's edition.

Shasta Dam celebration coming in September

The groundbreaking of one of the greatest engineering feats of all time, Shasta Dam, was held 75 years ago on Sept. 12, 1937. In honor of those who helped build the second-tallest dam in the United States and the history that surrounds its construction, a week-long celebration will be held Sept. 15-21 at Shasta Lake/Shasta Lake City.

The dam employed thousands of construction workers in the middle of the Great Depression, provided electricity to factories during World War II and brought people together, many of whom still hold reunions today.

If you worked on the dam or remember someone who did and would like to share those stories or photos, please contact the Redding Hall.



From left: Dan Marino and Dave Bockrath work for Tullis Inc.



Cameron Brown works for Crystal Creek Aggregate.



George Jarrett works for Tullis Inc.



Loren Vermillion works for J.F. Shea Co.

Dispatches up; training hours impressive

As we move into mid-summer, dispatches have been coming in consistently month after month as follows:

Month	Off-list	Ten-year	Five-year	Other	Total
January	13	13	4	28	55
February	20	11	12	14	57
March	14	10	7	25	56
April	14	23	5	31	73

This represents contractors starting up jobs and bringing back former employees with 10- and five-year status and filling other positions off the list. The “other” category represents new contractors, apprentices, recalls, re-classifications and some shop agreements with open hire.

From January to April, we signed eight new contracts. As



these new contractors pick up more jobs, they will be calling for operators. It is important to stay registered on the

Operator Larry Castro and Oiler Aaron Ono use a Manitowoc 3900 series crawler crane to set pre-cast concrete panels on the Hawaii National Guard Readiness Center project.

out-of-work list and have current contact information at the Hall. Dispatches should start to increase as we move into the last quarter of the year.

Economists are predicting a labor shortage in the construction industry in late 2014 and into 2015. We are looking forward to that problem and have been preparing for it through the Apprenticeship Program, journey-level-upgrade training and our organizing efforts to capture more of our market share as the industry recovers. Check out the 2013 training hours from the Kahuku Training Facility at www.oe3.org. Click on the “Training” tab and then “Hawaii.”

A total of 744 members were trained from January to May with 12,160 hours of training. We want to recognize **Mitchell Kealoha** and his staff for their efforts of continued recruitment and upgrade-training to secure a skilled and safer workforce into the future.

Please make note that our third-quarter meetings will be as follows:

- Tuesday, July 30, Oahu, Kapolei Union Hall, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 31, Kauai, Kauai Beach Hotel, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 1, Maui, Maui Arts Center, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 2, Kona, King Kamehameha Hotel, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 3, Hilo, Panaewa Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Fighting to keep the eight-hour workday

From Reno

District 11 would like to extend a special thanks to all of our members who were able to attend the many rallies at the Nevada Legislature. Again this session, prevailing wage led the charge of attacks as well as the elimination of an eight-hour workday. The Building Trades and other unions stood firm against these attacks, which have been shelved for now. Never forget, it is your voice that needs to be heard.

Work throughout the area is picking up, and our signatory contractors all have a share of the pie. **Sierra Nevada Construction** is staying busy with a large waterline project in Austin and many road-rehabilitation projects in Reno and its outlying areas. **Q&D Construction** started several of its highway projects on the I-80 corridor, the Reno-Tahoe Airport project and several mine projects in the eastern part of the state. **Granite Construction** is hard at work at the Carson City Airport and Lages Junction. The company has many other projects in the Reno-Sparks area and was awarded the second phase of the SouthEast Connector, which will hopefully begin in May 2014.

There is work all across the northern part of the state, from the highways to the mines. If you are not working, check in with dispatch and update your certifications by calling the training site at (775) 575-2729. Only you can make yourself marketable.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Fourth of July, and remember to be safe.

From Elko

For those who closely follow the gold market, the last few months have been a rollercoaster ride. The price of gold plunged \$200 last month to \$1,361 per ounce, closing at \$1,448 in May and finally dipping back down to \$1,381. However, the local economy (which, as we all know, heavily depends on the price

of gold) might not be at risk and may even stand to make gains. In an interview conducted by the *Elko Daily Free Press*, **Peter Schiff**, CEO of Euro Pacific Precious Metals, implicated “fair-weather investors” in gold’s temporary decline. He said, “The selloffs shake out the Johnny-come-latelies. It’s healthy. Now we can have a real rally.”

OE3 would like to congratulate **Allen Anthony** on his 45th year of membership. He is currently working at **Newmont** and is a dedicated Operating Engineer. Look for his photo in an upcoming pin spread.

Contract books are in, and members are encouraged to come pick one up if they don’t already have one. The union is much stronger when you know your rights.

The Elko Picnic will be held at the VFW on Saturday, Aug. 3. Come out and enjoy a hot August afternoon with your brothers and sisters. If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic, please stop by and sign the volunteer sheet. Never hesitate to give us a call or stop by the Hall.

For late-night hours, we are open on the first Wednesday of every month for **Newmont** meetings and on the second Wednesday of every month for construction meetings. We are closed on the third Wednesday and open on the fourth Wednesday of every month for regular late night. We hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Dan Collins holds a sign at the prevailing-wage rally held at the Nevada State Legislature in Carson City.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

All meetings convene at 7 p.m.

JULY 2013

- 30th District 11: Reno
Operating Engineers’ Building
1290 Corporate Blvd.
- 30th District 17: Honolulu
Ala Moana Hotel
410 Atkinson Drive
- 30th District 40: Eureka
Best Western Bayshore Inn
3500 Broadway
- 31st District 12: Salt Lake City
IBEW Local 354
3400 W. 2100 S.

- 31st District 70: Redding
Operating Engineers’ Building
20308 Engineers Lane

AUGUST 2013

- 6th District 04: Suisun City
Veterans Memorial Building
427 Main St.
- 6th District 20: San Leandro
Sheet Metal Workers
1720 Marina Blvd.
- 6th District 30: Stockton
Operating Engineers’ Building
1916 North Broadway Ave.
- 7th District 10: Rohnert Park
Operating Engineers’ Building
6225 State Farm Drive
- 7th District 50: Clovis
Clovis Veterans Memorial District
808 Fourth St.
- 7th District 80: Sacramento
Operating Engineers’ Building
3920 Lennane Drive
- 8th District 01: Burlingame
Transport Workers Union
1521 Rollins Road
- 8th District 60: Oroville
Southside Oroville Community Center
2959 Lower Wyandotte Road
- 8th District 90: Morgan Hill
Operating Engineers’ Building
325 Digital Drive

SEPTEMBER 2013

No meetings scheduled.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan has announced that the next Semi-Annual Meeting of the membership will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the following location:
Rancho Murieta Association
Lake Clementia Park
Rancho Murieta, CA (off Murieta Parkway)

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

July 2013

- 3rd District 11: Elko
Mine Meeting: 6 p.m.
Operating Engineers’ Building
1094 Lamoille Highway
- 10th District 11: Elko
Construction Meeting: 6 p.m.
Operating Engineers’ Building
1094 Lamoille Highway
- 31st District 17: Kauai
Meeting: 6 p.m.
Kauai Beach Resort
4331 Kauai Beach Drive, Lihue

August 2013

- 1st District 17: Maui
Meeting: 7 p.m.
Maui Arts and Cultural Center
One Cameron Way, Kahului
- 2nd District 17: Kona
Meeting: 7 p.m.
Courtyard Marriott
King Kamehameha Hotel
75-5660 Palani Drive
- 3rd District 17: Hilo
Meeting and Picnic: 10 a.m.
Panaewa Park
100 Ohuohu St.
- 7th District 11: Elko
Mine Meeting: 6 p.m.
Operating Engineers’ Building
1094 Lamoille Highway
- 14th District 11: Elko
Construction Meeting: 6 p.m.
Operating Engineers’ Building
1094 Lamoille Highway

September 2013

- 4th District 11: Elko
Mine Meeting: 6 p.m.
Operating Engineers’ Building
1094 Lamoille Highway
- 11th District 11: Elko
Construction Meeting: 6 p.m.
Operating Engineers’ Building
1094 Lamoille Highway

Important notice about Medicare

Members and spouses covered under the Pensioned Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Trust Fund and eligible for Medicare benefits who fail to enroll in both parts A and B of the Medicare program will have to pay more for their health costs. Therefore, it is strongly advised that these members enroll in BOTH PARTS.

Service pins

In honor and remembrance of years of service in Local 3, service pins are available to members with 25 or more years of membership. These pins come in five-year increments from 25 through 75 years of service. Please contact your district office to receive your pins.
A gallery of some pin recipients is available online at www.oe3.org.

Notification – district office business hours

Please note that for 2013 there are new hours for “late night.”

In California, Utah and Nevada, “late night” will be as follows:

- November-March: Late night will be the fourth Wednesday of the month.
- April-October: Late night will be the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Office hours:
Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Designated late nights: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Hawaii, “late night” will be as follows:

- November-March: Late night will be the fourth Monday of the month.*
- April-October: Late night will be the second and fourth Mondays of the month.*

Office hours:
Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Designated late nights: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(All remaining Hawaii dates: July 8, July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 3, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 23.)

*In March, June and December, late night will be the first and fourth Mondays of the month to accommodate members in paying their dues prior to suspension.
*In May, late night will be the second Monday of the month.
*In September, late night will be the first Tuesday and fourth Monday of the month.
* In October, late night will be the first and third Mondays of the month.

Remaining District Picnics for 2013

Nevada District 11 (Elko): Saturday, Aug. 3
Hawaii District 17 (Big Island): Saturday, Aug. 3
Hawaii District 17 (Kauai): Saturday, Aug. 31
Hawaii District 17 (Oahu): Saturday, Nov. 23

Details for August District Picnics

District 11: Nevada (Elko) Picnic Details
Saturday, Aug. 3, 1-4 p.m.
VFW Hall, 731 VFW Drive, Elko, Nev.
Menu: Chicken, barbecue pork, paella, salad, fruit, ice cream
Cost: Families (two adults and two children): \$10; Adults: \$5; Retirees: Free

District 17: Hawaii (Big Island) Picnic Details
Saturday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Panaewa Park, 100 Ohuohu St., Hilo, Hawaii
Menu: Kalua pig, lau lau, chicken long rice, poi, lomi salmon, potato mac salad, desserts
Cost: Free
Other information: Entertainment will include lucky-number prizes, games, shaved ice, a jumping castle and a waterslide.

District 17: Hawaii (Kauai) Picnic Details
Saturday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lydgate Park, Hwy. 56, mouth of the Wailua River, Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii
Menu: TBD
Cost: Free
Other information: There will be games, entertainment, a jumper, shaved ice and popcorn.

Honorary Membership for Retirees

Retirees with 35 or more years of service in Local 3 are eligible for Honorary Membership. Eligible Retirees will receive their Gold Membership Card and a reduction in dues. To find out if you are eligible or to apply for Honorary Membership, please contact your district office or the Recording-Corresponding Secretary (RCS) office at (510) 748-7400. This month's Honorary Members can be found below.

Honorary Membership

The following Retirees have 35 or more years of membership in Local 3 as of May 2013 and have been determined eligible for Honorary Membership effective July 1, 2013, unless otherwise noted (*).

Mac Barney*	1276800
District 12: Utah	
Walter L. Carder	1761701
District 50: Fresno	
Leo Luke Cullen III	1451549
District 17: Hawaii	
Steven L. Dean	1742483
District 99: Out Of Area	
John Driver	1124577
District 60: Yuba City	
Dallis Edwards	1208567
District 04: Fairfield	
Robert L. Frank	0899339
District 90: Morgan Hill	
William H. Jenkins	1716826
District 20: Oakland	
Abel A. Marquez	1725666
District 90: Morgan Hill	
J.C. Mitchell	1419149
District 99: Out Of Area	
David Nunes	1745406
District 04: Fairfield	
William R. Wurz Jr.	1689991
District 20: Oakland	

*Effective Jan. 1, 2013.

Important registration reminder

Please remember to renew your registration on the out-of-work list before it expires! Registration for individuals with A-hire or B-hire status is good for only 84 days. After the 84th day, your registration expires, and you will lose your place on the out-of-work list, if you don't renew it. We will do everything we can to notify you in advance, but it is your responsibility to contact the district office to renew your registration prior to the 84th day.

DEPARTED MEMBERS

Barnes, Thomas Spokane, WA District 99 04-04-13	Kumura, Francis Waimanalo, HI District 17 03-30-13
Brzyscz, Chester Auburn, CA District 80 04-29-13	Lopez, Henry Stockton, CA District 30 04-27-13
Darrigrand, Maurice Sparks, NV District 11 02-26-13	Moran, Patrick Vacaville, CA District 04 05-03-13
Earl, Jason Wilseyville, CA District 30 05-04-13	Painter, JonPaul Ogden, UT District 12 03-20-13
Fullmer, Jay Ferron, UT District 12 04-03-13	Parsons, William Tulare, CA District 50 04-26-13
Hardy, John Hector, AR District 99 04-17-13	Patton, Dean Grass Valley, CA District 80 05-02-13
Harrelson, Wayne Visalia, CA District 50 05-03-13	Pearce, Milton Socorro, NM District 99 01-22-13
Hodgins, James Oroville, CA District 60 04-06-13	Philpot, John Elk Grove, CA District 80 04-11-13
Jessop, Ray Hyrum, UT District 12 04-04-13	Pisano, Carmen San Jose, CA District 90 04-14-13
Jimenez, Vincent San Jose, CA District 90 03-31-13	Poulter, Roy Montpelier, ID District 99 04-15-13
Jones, Robert Montague, CA District 70 04-24-13	Rasmussen, Terry Stockton, CA District 30 05-06-13
Kahue, Howard Honolulu, HI District 17 04-12-13	Rowland, H Paso Robles, CA District 99 03-24-13
	Sanchez, Juan Honolulu, HI District 17 04-15-13

Savoca, Tamara Chico, CA District 60 04-27-13
Simmons, Leonard North Highlands, CA District 80 04-30-13
Slagle, William Clackamas, OR District 99 02-21-13
Slater, Robert Jamestown, CA District 30 05-03-13
Stayton, Mervyn Oakville, WA District 99 03-11-13
Sterrett, Meritt Lodi, CA District 30 04-24-13
Sylvia, Conrad Chico, CA District 60 03-01-13
Tachibana, Sadao Pepeekeo, HI District 17 03-07-13
Terry, Leo Vallejo, CA District 04 04-22-13
Thomas, Richard Pacheco, CA District 20 04-30-13
Toureen, Terry Cottage Grove, OR District 99 03-24-13
Winberg, C Sandy, UT District 12 04-05-13
Wise, Robert Pittsburg, CA District 20 03-05-13

York, George Needles, CA District 99 03-06-13
Young, Alan Reno, NV District 11 03-24-13
DECEASED DEPENDENTS
Brunetti, Opal. Wife of Brunetti, William (dec) 04-10-13
Castanon, Elise. Wife of Castanon, Ermilio (dec) 04-28-13
Eason, Alice. Wife of Eason, Val (dec) 04-10-13
Follansbee, Suzette. Wife of Follansbee, Eugene 04-04-13
Harris, Christine. Wife of Harris, James (dec) 12-03-12
Jones, Ramona. Wife of Jones, Cullen (dec) 03-21-13
Koskinen, Margaret. Wife of Koskinen, John (dec) 02-28-13
Magorian, Anita. Wife of Magorian, Jerry 07-20-12
McGlothlan, Carol. Wife of McGlothlan, Jim 04-12-13

Nobriga, Florence. Wife of Nobriga, August (dec) 04-28-13
Payne, Mildred. Wife of Payne, Merril (dec) 02-28-13
Reynolds, Nettie. Wife of Reynolds, Marion (dec) 05-07-13
Rios, Antoinette. Wife of Rios, David (dec) 03-31-13
Robins, Mary Jane. Wife of Robins, Edward (dec) 05-02-13
Savoca, Tamara. Wife of Savoca, John 04-27-13
Tolentino, Remedios. Wife of Tolentino, Eliezer 03-31-13
Weiss, Paula. Wife of Weiss, Michael 04-14-13
Whitmire, Joan. Wife of Whitmire, Clyde (dec) 04-05-13
Wilkinson, Margie. Wife of Wilkinson, John (dec) 04-24-13

Your choice for today –
Your legacy for tomorrow

Your gift to the Local 3 Scholarship Foundation will help build the strength and future of the fund and allow you to experience giving the gift of a lifetime. There are a variety of ways to contribute: Cash gifts in any amount; merit sponsors and memorial and honor gifts; bequests; and securities.

The Scholarship Foundation helps Local 3 families pay for college.

To learn more about the Scholarship Program and how you can give, call Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan at (510) 748-7400 or visit us online at www.oe3.org/about/scholarship/donation.html.

Donate at: www.oe3.org/about/scholarship/donation.html
Or mail to: Jim Sullivan, Recording-Corresponding Secretary
Operating Engineers Local 3
1620 South Loop Rd., Alameda, CA 94502

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of: \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please note: Anyone who contributes \$20 or more will receive a scholarship pin.



Congratulations Congratulations Congratulations



Nearly 350 Retirees celebrated 50 years of membership in Local 3 this year. Those who attended this year's Retiree Picnic are pictured here with the Local 3 officer administration.

Congratulations, 50-year members

Larry Adams	02/63	Chowchilla, CA	Larry "Bob" Bryant	12/63	San Ramon, CA	Felipe J. Espinoza	09/57	San Jose, CA
William Adolpho	12/63	Kailua, HI	David C. Burns	05/63	Newark, CA	James H. Eubanks	06/63	Linden, CA
Jim F. Aira	07/63	Gilroy, CA	Fred J. Bushnell	10/63	Antioch, CA	Roger B. Farmer	07/63	Sanger, CA
Howard Akamine	12/63	Honolulu, HI	Marvin Bushnell	05/63	Alameda, CA	Rafael R. Fass "Raffie"	04/63	Fallon, NV
Ernest K. Akao	06/63	Waianae, HI	Arnold Caldeira	11/62	Modesto, CA	Ted Fellrath	06/63	Castro Valley, CA
Reynold Ako	09/60	Kailua-Kona, HI	D.W. Callison	09/63	Yuba City, CA	George W. Fernandez	06/63	Honolulu, HI
Gary Aksland	09/63	Manteca, CA	Buddy Campbell	01/63	Wyandotte, OK	Leland G. Finch	08/63	Ukiah, CA
Ian T. Allan	07/63	Cotati, CA	Henry Campbell	07/63	Concord, CA	John J. Fitzgerald	08/63	El Sobrante, CA
(Andy) W.L. Anders	06/63	Vacaville, CA	Odell Campbell	12/62	Grants Pass, OR	Dale H. Fournier	10/53	Eugene, OR
Alfred Anderson	06/63	Atwater, CA	Gordon Candee	08/62	Pacifica, CA	Alfredo Francisco	09/63	Honolulu, HI
Hal E. Anderson	12/63	Spanish Fork, UT	William Card	10/59	Waianae, HI	Ambrosio R. Franco	09/63	Sacramento, CA
Cleo Anthony	09/63	Gridley, CA	Gordon T. Carreira	10/61	Pearl City, HI	Jim Frasier	04/63	Santa Rosa, CA
Gary W. Armstrong	08/63	West Point, CA	Bobby R. Carrell	10/63	Lodi, CA	Yutaka Fujimoto	07/63	Castro Valley, CA
Victor Baker	12/63	Gridley, CA	Clarence P. Carrick	07/63	Placerville, CA	LeRoy A. Fuller	06/62	Tacoma, WA
Duane C. Bakke	08/63	Alexandria, MN	Renato J. Casetta	09/63	Vancouver, WA	William E. Galvin	11/63	Concord, CA
Ambrose Balcazar	10/63	San Jose, CA	W.L. Center	01/63	Copperopolis, CA	Enrique Garcia	09/63	Lincoln, CA
Felipe "Phil" Baquera	02/64	Fresno, CA	Sal Chaidez	10/63	Bakersfield, CA	Robert Gavron	10/63	Minden, NV
Fred A. Barber	12/63	Salem, OR	Fred B. Christie	12/62	Rio Linda, CA	Douglas Gerstner	07/63	Moab, UT
Edward Bardelmeier	04/63	San Jose, CA	V.C. "Chuck" Clow	09/63	Brookings, OR	Jack Leroy Gingrich	07/63	Columbia, CA
Uncle Marvin H. Baswell	09/63	Perryville, AR	John C. Collingwood	07/54	Beaverton, OR	Norman Ginocchio	07/63	Sparks, NV
Jesse Bates	08/63	Pioneer, CA	Norris M. Cook (Cookie)	09/57	Torrey, UT	Carlton (Carl) R. Gomes	12/62	Sunnyvale, CA
Bill Baugh	09/63	Redding, CA	Claude Couture	08/62	Montpellier, France	Oliver "Ollie" Gomes	09/63	Cottonwood, CA
Bob Baxley	03/63	Litchfield, CA	William Coyle	09/61	Prairie Grove, AR	Kenneth J. Goulardt	09/63	San Lorenzo, CA
Douglas D. Bender	06/63	Stockton, CA	Paul L. Crawford	10/62	Lincoln, CA	Eddie (Ed) Gourley	12/63	Webb City, MO
Gary D. Bender	10/63	Lodi, CA	Larry K. Crivelli	07/63	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA	Jim Grant	01/63	Santa Rosa, CA
Truman Bennett	11/60	Blanchard, ID	Everett G. Crutchfield Jr.	10/56	Selma, OR	William A. Green	07/63	Fairfield, CA
James F. Benson	07/63	Capitola, CA	Christopher da Silva	09/63	Falmouth, MA	Jack A. Griner	11/63	Bieber, CA
Carmen J. Bernal	11/63	San Jose, CA	George Davis	10/62	Elverta, CA	James Grubb	06/63	Carlsbad, CA
Victor Berri	04/63	Pleasanton, CA	Jerl L. Dearman	08/63	Cottonwood, CA	Raymond L. Guerrero Sr.	12/62	Mililani, HI
Don Bierman	10/63	Woodland, CA	Frank DeBenedetto	08/63	Fresno, CA	Anthony M. Gutierrez	12/62	Modesto, CA
Joe Bilbrey	11/56	Anderson, CA	Don Deeds	09/63	Orland, CA	James C. Haggard	02/53	Yuba City, CA
Donald E. Bloom	09/63	Aurora, MO	Dario Della Maggiore	06/63	San Jose, CA	Vernon J. Haley	11/63	Weiser, ID
August Bonfiglio	12/63	Stockton, CA	Anthony J. Dent	10/62	Auburn, CA	Joe R. Halkyard	09/63	Auburn, CA
Milorad Boskovic	05/63	Oakland, CA	Robert E. De Young	01/63	Union City, CA	Allan B. Harmer	04/63	Mapleton, UT
Ken Bottari	08/63	San Carlos, CA	Jim Dille	10/63	Nevada City, CA	Glendale Harmon	03/63	Le Grand, CA
Danny Bradbury	09/63	McKinleyville, CA	Carroll W. Dunkel	09/63	Modesto, CA	Robert "Stubbie" Harper	09/62	McKinleyville, CA
Charles R. Brown	06/57	Salmon, ID	Wayne Early	12/63	Lincoln, CA	Donald Harrell	03/63	Sonoma, CA
Jay T. Brown	07/63	Suisun City, CA	Wayne E. Edelman	07/63	McCloud, CA	Robert L. Harrison	12/63	Fallon, NV
Ed Broyles	02/63	Hamilton, MO	Floyd "Slim" Edwards	07/62	Sonora, CA	Stanley Hashimoto	07/62	Pearl City, HI
Robert L. Bruce	06/63	Fremont, CA	Jesse S. Enos Jr.	08/63	Ewa Beach, HI	Bud Hayes	08/63	West Sacramento, CA
Robert Brugger	08/63	Shingle Springs, CA	Herman F. Eppler	05/63	Sparks, NV	Jerry L. Hayes	09/63	Strathmore, CA

Ed Heilman	03/56	Toppenish, WA	Ron Mollo	11/63	Forestville, CA	Don Santos	08/61	Soquel, CA
Charles Heimsoth	01/63	Pacifica, CA	Doug Moore	09/63	Fresno, CA	Edward T. Sato	06/63	Aiea, HI
Harvey Henderson	08/63	Marlow, OK	G.W. Morgan	09/63	South Jordan, UT	Pedro C. Savala	07/49	Woodland, CA
Ramon H. Hernandez	12/53	Mountain View, CA	Jerry Morlan	10/52	Berthoud, CO	Jess R. Saylor Sr.	02/63	Garden Valley, CA
Leo W. Herrick	08/63	San Jose, CA	Rick Morton	08/63	Manchester, CA	Tom Schweppe	11/63	Orangevale, CA
Donald Lee Hinchman	10/63	Modesto, CA	John (Jack) Moyle	12/63	Jamestown, CA	Tommy J. Sevedge	11/61	Snelling, CA
Asamitsu Hiromura	02/60	Honolulu, HI	Lothar H. Mumm	11/63	Grass Valley, CA	Ken R. Shaw	12/59	Duncan, OK
Ronald Hochgraef	07/62	Lacey, WA	David Muratore	10/63	Isleton, CA	Richard J. Sheats	09/63	Gridley, CA
Leonard Holthouse (Slim)	09/63	Gilroy, CA	Duane Murphy	01/63	Citrus Heights, CA	Arthur J. Shinn	10/63	Cassel, CA
Richard E. Horn	09/63	Oakdale, CA	Raymond E. Myhren	11/63	Sunnyvale, CA	Richard G. Silveria	08/63	Modesto, CA
Raymond Horton	09/63	Oroville, CA	Tsutomu Nakauae	04/63	Honolulu, HI	Leonard Simmons	02/63	North Highlands, CA
Jacques L. Hough	09/63	Kaneohe, HI	Edgar K. Nakoa Sr.	05/63	Waianae, HI	John William Sims	06/56	Sandy, UT
Al Hylton	12/63	El Centro, CA	Jim Nelson	09/63	Kingman, AZ	Richard F. Smart	08/59	Stewarts Point, CA
Don Incardona	07/63	Grants Pass, OR	Ron Nesgis	10/63	Fremont, CA	Rufus Sully Sonognini	08/62	Hilo, HI
Ron Jaffray	03/63	Livermore, CA	Robert W. Norman	08/63	West Point, CA	Joseph Soto	12/62	Hollister, CA
Frank Jardin	09/63	Discovery Bay, CA	Duane A. Nunes	07/63	Sunnyvale, CA	Cliff Spair	10/63	Jamestown, CA
Peter Jennings	07/63	San Francisco, CA	Wendell D. Olsen	10/63	Providence, UT	William Staack	08/63	Pleasanton, CA
Gardell Jensen	02/63	Murray, UT	Raymond T. Orman	01/63	Brentwood, CA	Dale L. Steele	09/63	Bakersfield, CA
James L. Jenson	10/63	Stockton, CA	Howard D. Orr	10/63	Oroville, CA	John M. Steele	02/63	Fresno, CA
John M. Johnson	04/63	Pismo Beach, CA	Billy A. Osborne	12/63	Salinas, CA	Robert Stefani	12/58	Fremont, CA
Ted Johnson	08/63	Foresthill, CA	Alvin (Ace) C. Oxford	11/63	Santa Clara, CA	Ronald F. Stefani	09/62	Santa Cruz, CA
Kenneth Jolivet	06/61	Carmichael, CA	Donald C. Parker	06/63	Le Grand, CA	Bert Stevens	09/63	Antioch, CA
Paul R. Jones	01/63	Roseville, CA	Glen L. Parker	06/63	Lehi, UT	Gerald W. Stevens	12/63	Sebring, FL
William Joseph	07/63	Sonoma, CA	Lewis O. Perrin	08/63	Penryn, CA	William Stoner Jr.	09/63	Stockton, CA
William Kahiamoe	08/63	Honolulu, HI	Don M. Perry	01/63	Brigham City, UT	Jim Sullivan	09/63	Suisun City, CA
Joseph Kaiponohea Kaili Jr.	06/63	Waianae, HI	Mike Perry	09/63	Antioch, CA	Bill Sweet	08/63	Reno, NV
Ronald G. Kanto	07/61	Camas, WA	Russell Pierzina	06/63	Kelseyville, CA	Henry J. Tagami	04/63	Aiea, HI
Daniel John Kelleher	09/63	San Francisco, CA	Chevalier Buster Place Sr.	05/63	Waianae, HI	Gary B. Teague	12/63	Castro Valley, CA
James L. Kinslow	09/63	Nevada City, CA	Ronald Powell	12/63	Pioneer, CA	Bob Teraoka	06/63	Honolulu, HI
Jim Klein	01/63	Wilton, CA	Loyle I. Preston	10/63	Corcoran, CA	Edwin Teves	11/60	Aromas, CA
William Kao Ko	06/63	Kaneohe, HI	Don Pretzer	09/63	Groveland, CA	Claude Thompson	12/58	Oakdale, CA
William Albert LaCrosse	12/63	Fairfield, CA	Bernard Primbsch	05/63	Santa Rosa, CA	Aurthur E. Tonkin Sr.	10/63	Willow Creek, CA
Bud Lampley	04/63	Minden, NV	Frank Prindible	04/63	Reno, NV	Sal Tripoli	10/63	Hanford, CA
Robert S. Landes	11/63	Yuma, AZ	William Pryor	06/63	San Lorenzo, CA	Jay Turley	09/62	Freedom, CA
Edward Latimer	05/51	Springfield, OR	Jim Quilici	08/63	Manteca, CA	Lyle E. Turpin	02/63	Coulterville, CA
William A. Lawrence	08/63	San Andreas, CA	Charlie Raisor	07/63	Half Moon Bay, CA	William F. Tyrol	09/63	Boise, ID
Richard Lear	02/63	Novato, CA	Henry Ralar Sr.	07/62	Honolulu, HI	Walter F. Vaile	03/63	Subiaco, AR
Chester Frenchy LeBlanc	11/63	Fernley, NV	Jim Ralston	07/63	Cupertino, CA	Jim Ventura	06/63	Pinole, CA
E.J. Lema	10/62	Oakdale, CA	George R. Ramos	03/63	San Lorenzo, CA	Donald J. Verke	10/63	Petaluma, CA
Julio "Mugsy" Leos	12/59	San Jose, CA	Gary R. Readhead	09/63	Carson City, NV	John V. Voss	07/63	Lake Isabella, CA
Gilbert L. Liddiard	09/63	Spanish Fork, UT	Frank H. Ream	08/63	Porterville, CA	Barney Wagner	06/63	Honolulu, HI
William C. Lindsay	05/62	Santa Rosa, CA	Neil D. Reamann	06/63	Bismarck, ND	John Ware	11/62	Acampo, CA
Jeronimo Longoria	06/63	San Jose, CA	Dave Reed	05/63	Paradise, CA	Elmo (Al) Warren	11/62	San Mateo, CA
Warren Lopez	03/63	San Jose, CA	Doug Reed	09/63	Willits, CA	Billy R. Waters	08/63	Sallisaw, OK
Gallardo (Jerry) Lukzen	08/63	Honolulu, HI	Hardy Reeves	10/58	Newman, CA	W. Lyn Watson	04/63	Rogue River, OR
Gary Lutes	04/63	Copperopolis, CA	William Renwick	09/63	El Sobrante, CA	Garry L. Wenzel	05/63	Carson City, NV
Joseph A. Macho	01/63	Millbrae, CA	Robert R. Rhinehart	09/63	San Jose, CA	Frank L. Wheeler	01/63	Manteca, CA
Harvey L. Madsen	08/63	Longville, MN	Arnold Richardson	09/63	Honolulu, HI	Jack Whitcomb	02/63	Sacramento, CA
Don L. Maland	01/59	Healdsburg, CA	John Richardson	11/62	Santa Rosa, CA	Bob E. Williams	10/63	Madera, CA
Kenneth A. Mallar	05/62	Corte Madera, CA	Eugene L. Richmond	11/63	Richmond, CA	George P. Williams	03/63	Cottonwood, CA
Robert L. Malone	09/63	La Porte, TX	Donald H. Riggs	07/63	Silver City, NM	Wendell "Wink" Winkelkotter	04/63	Vallejo, CA
Louis E. Marengo	04/63	Petaluma, CA	Les Riggs	10/63	Silver City, NM	Lawrence Winter	09/63	San Jose, CA
Leo Markey	07/63	Clements, CA	Claude Rippenburg	02/63	San Juan Bautista, CA	Donald Wise	11/63	Los Gatos, CA
John Martin	07/63	San Jose, CA	Ron Rivers	05/62	Glenhaven, CA	Arthur Wisterman	12/63	Sebastopol, CA
John Spencer Martin	08/63	Chico, CA	Gary Roark	09/62	Sacramento, CA	Robert Wooden	01/57	Fort Bragg, CA
George W. Massey	09/63	Vacaville, CA	Will Robinson	09/63	Nevada City, CA	Duaine Worden	01/63	Dixon, CA
Harold Jack Maxwell	09/63	Ukiah, CA	Robert Rodrigues	06/59	Myrtle Point, OR	James E. Wray	12/63	Linden, CA
Fred Mayfield	12/63	San Leandro, CA	Jess T. Rodriguez	09/63	Fresno, CA	Vincent Wright	06/63	Renton, WA
Robert McCampbell	04/63	Las Vegas, NV	Don Romine	08/61	Gardnerville, NV	Carl Wubbena	04/63	Camptonville, CA
Lou McClenahan	11/63	Redwood City, CA	Anthony Rose	09/63	Denair, CA	Raymond J. Yamada	01/63	Las Vegas, NV
Albert B. McDowell	10/63	San Francisco, CA	Bill Roth	04/63	Merced, CA	James T. Yamauchi	09/63	Honolulu, HI
Jacob McKenzie Sr.	12/63	Brentwood, CA	Joe G. Rowan	10/63	Orangevale, CA	Marvin M. Yegge	07/63	Morgan Hill, CA
Loran McPeak	08/63	Pinehurst, ID	Juan Sanchez	08/63	Honolulu, HI	John M. Zilich	03/63	Oroville, CA
Odin C. Hap Miller	10/63	Kenwood, CA	Lucio Sanico	06/63	Honolulu, HI	Paul Zinda	01/56	Auburn, CA
William L. Miller Jr.	09/63	Reno, NV	Cristobal Santiago	10/63	San Jose, CA			

Did you know? Hobbies are healthy

Everyone knows activities like running, swimming and playing basketball are exercise, but what about bingo? Or riding a motorcycle? If you'd rather hit the road than the crowded gym, *Engineers News* has some good news for you! Here are four alternatives to conventional exercise that offer many health benefits.

1. Bingo!

B-67, I-8, N-14, G-12, O-3 – this may just be the winning code to good health!



Paul Bazzell scans multiple bingo cards at the Retiree Picnic on June 1.

In the game of bingo, players have to act fast. After a numbered letter is called, players must scan their cards – sometimes multiple ones – and call out “Bingo!” before anyone else, so speed and mental agility are important. The game doesn’t wait for everyone to catch up.

Playing bingo can sharpen your reflexes and your memory. Attendees are always encouraged to play the game at the Local 3 Retiree Picnic, so at the next one, make sure you grab a card.

2. But honey, I need a motorcycle

If you’ve always wanted a motorcycle, but have someone who’s constantly telling you no, listen up! You may finally have a good excuse!

According to reports, riding a motorcycle is a form of low-impact exercise that improves muscle tone, can assist with weight loss and provides a multitude of health benefits, like stronger knees and thighs and improved core strength. Some orthopedic surgeons claim that motorcycle riders have fewer knee problems, because riding a bike strengthens key muscles used to hold the patella and other bones in the knee in place. One report even compares backing a bike into a parking spot uphill to doing leg presses with a 600-pound weight.

Of course things like steering a bike and moving it at slow speeds also require energy and strengthens muscles in the abdomen. So does maintaining your balance when riding, shifting, braking, controlling the clutch and battling headwinds. Typically, a rider can burn between 200 and 300 calories per hour.



Pump Operator Tom Brower parks his 1999 Harley Davidson Softail Custom at the District 80 Picnic on June 9.

Riding can also improve people’s moods, as most riders say they feel energized and happy after returning from a ride and have even referred to their motorcycles as their “therapists.”

Come join us for District 04’s annual holiday toy run this December to help give kids a Christmas they wouldn’t get otherwise – and strengthen those muscles!

3. Horsing around

Enjoy playing a good game of horseshoes? Well, you may just be a ringer for good health!

According to reports, pitching horseshoes promotes fat metabolism, helps lower cholesterol levels and fights hardening of the arteries. Walking, bending and reaching are major aspects of the game, so it also strengthens the hands, wrists, arms, shoulders, back and legs and helps maintain healthy bones. Because the intensity and length of a game is determined by the players, almost anyone can play, and because horseshoes are fairly light (only 2-½ pounds), there’s little chance of strain.

When playing a tournament, one report claims that a person can bend up to 500 times and throw more than a ton of steel. And the best part: They enjoy doing it!

Members can play a game of horseshoes at many of Local 3’s District Picnics, so get involved and have fun!



Retiree Jack Hilbert pitches a horseshoe in a game at the District 30 Picnic held in May.

4. The great outdoors

Spending time outside can do a lot of things for a lot of people. Besides the many activities it promotes, such as hiking, fishing, kayaking and hunting, simply being outdoors is beneficial for a number of reasons. For one, natural sunlight boosts the body’s intake of vitamin D, which stimulates dopamine production and is linked to mood elevation, sleep regulation and increased attention and focus, among other things. According to doctors, being outside is also especially good for your eyes, as they believe a growing epidemic of near-sightedness may be caused by spending too much time inside, playing video games,

on the computer and watching TV. Getting out and viewing a vast landscape can help calibrate your eyes for long-distances. Of course fresh air is always good for relaxation and stress relief and natural settings can help boost your other senses.

Almost all of Local 3’s summer events are held outside, so make sure you attend them.



Back row, from left: Ten-year member Alfredo Guadarrama and his father, Retiree Roberto Guadarrama, get ready to go fishing with, front row, from left: Alfredo’s nephew, Anahuac, 12, daughter, Makaela, 11, and son, Angelo, 8.

Swap Shop ads are offered free of charge to members in good standing for the sale or trade of personal items and/or real estate. Please notify the office if your item has been sold. Business-related offerings are not eligible for inclusion in Swap Shop. *Engineers News* reserves the right to edit ads. Ads received by the 1st of the month will run the following month. Limit two ads per issue. Must be 60 words or less.

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FOR SALE: Trailer – Nu-Way, two-wheeler, light weight, folds for storage (fold up and roll away), good tires, good lights. \$150. Call Ken at (510) 215-7040. Reg# 1219576.

FOR SALE: Deep freezer – Sears, small, 34” high, 25” wide; top loader, bottom drawer; used one season; perfect condition. \$200 OBO. Call Ken at (510) 215-7040. Reg# 1219576.

FOR SALE: Two burial plots in Lakewood Cemetery. Modesto, Calif. On level area in well-maintained cemetery. Garden of Honor. Navy section (not necessary to be in the military). Located in Section 32 north/34 west, lot C, sites 1 and 2. Plots currently selling for \$2,495 each; selling the pair for \$4,000. (916) 652-0974. Reg# 0787985.

FOR SALE: Beretta Model 1935 .32 cal. semi-auto. Curio and relic. S/N 506418 indicates this was manufactured for the German army/Mussolini government. NRA condition: 70-80 percent. Non-original belt holster requires new snap. \$300. Also: Beretta Model 84F .380 cal. semi-auto. Original box, case, accessories. Two 10-round mags and “grandfathered” 13-round mag. Custom-built belt holster. NRA condition: 90-95 percent. \$550. (510) 278-2936. Reg# 2577104.

FOR SALE: Smith and Wesson Model K-18 Combat Masterpiece .22 cal. revolver. 4” barrel. Original box, p/w, accessories. S/N 8K26102 reflects pre-1981 manufacture (pinned barrel; greater collectability). NRA condition: 90-95 percent. \$500. Located in the East Bay. Call Craig at (510) 278-2936. Reg# 2577104.

FOR SALE: Titan Coyote SX custom motorcycle 10,500 on prof. rebuild. Custom paint, new rear tire, brakes, extra parts. Call for picture. Ask for John. \$16,000. Make offer. (775) 455-5477. Reg# 2529971.

FOR SALE: Vespa lx 50 2007, 270 mi. Like new. Color is ghost blue. Paid \$3,700; asking \$2,000. Call Reggie at (775) 455-5659. Reg# 2529971.

FOR SALE: 2006 Cougar Keystone fifth-wheel trailer. 32’ with large slide-out. Lots of extras! Also: 2002 Chevrolet ¾-ton Silverado pickup. 24,600 miles. 2500 Heavy-Duty Duramax Diesel V8, turbo, 6.6 L utility bed box, tow package. Extended cab, four-door, automatic. Only used to pull fifth-wheel trailer on highway. Prefer to sell together. New tires on both. \$39,999. For photos, e-mail steveandjaysmom@hotmail.com. (530) 682-6191. Reg# 2049728.

FOR SALE: 12-foot Valco aluminum boat. \$300. (408) 978-9462. Reg# 1212591.

FOR SALE: A set of very good proto combination wrenches from size 1-15/16 up to 2-1/2 inches. Total of 22 wrenches. (530) 477-1782. Reg# 1446503.

FOR SALE: Even Brake by Road Master. This is for putting on your tow-care behind your motorhome. It works off the car’s 12-volt battery. Includes all books and attachments. Used only three times. (530) 477-1782. Reg# 1446503.

FOR SALE: Budweiser Clydesdale horses with wagon – eight horses with two men and a Dalmatian on the wagon. Lights up. 6’ long. Has a bubble on it. Hangs on a wall. Came out of the bar. No longer made. \$2,000 (worth anywhere from \$4,000 to \$6,000). (209) 401-7997 or (209) 339-8049. Reg# 2292849.

FOR SALE: Snap-On ratchet 1” along with handle. With reducer from 1” to ¾” and a couple of 1” sockets, 1-1/8” to 1-1/16”. \$300 OBO for all. (209) 956-1705 or (209) 470-0959. Reg# 2487038.

FOR SALE: 21’ Galaxy Weekender. Has a Cuddy cabin, small sink, ice box, depth finder, fish finder and AM/FM/CD player. 175 hp V6 Merc Cruiser engine with Alpha drive on a tandem trailer. Runs very good. \$4,000 OBO. (209) 956-1705 or (209) 470-0959. Reg# 2487038.

FOR SALE: 1958 Ford Thunderbird project car. V-8, 352 motor, bored 20 over – runs great! Power steering and auto transmission. 108,000 miles. Ford wheel covers/tubeless tires. No AC. Needs paint and electric work. \$5,200. Stockton/Farmington area, can deliver. (209) 607-7450. Reg# 2357541.

FOR SALE: 2004 30-foot Itasca Sunrise RV. Two slides. Bedroom and kitchen. Auto levelers. Good tires. Auto satellite dish. Awning. 30,310 original miles. \$38,000 OBO. (707) 486-3717. Reg# 1058711.

FOR SALE: 1993 Case 580K backhoe – four in one bucket on front: \$18,500. 16’ tilt bed car trailer: \$1,850. Three-point disk: \$500. (209) 509-5696. Reg# 1043556.

FOR SALE: Concord, Calif. burial plot. Memory Gardens. Eternal Rest 27-5. Fees paid. \$3,000. (916) 685-7948. Reg# 0987300.

FOR SALE: John Deere backhoe 302A. Parting out. Front axle, hubs and a few other parts. \$1,000. (916) 991-1530. Reg# 0486196.

FOR SALE: 3 bd/2 ba home on 25 acres with sunroom, closed-in deck. Dishwasher, smooth-top stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, daylight basement, single-car garage. Fantastic view. 3,200 square feet, 30x40 shop. Barn, ¼-acre pond. In Worley, Idaho, six miles to Lake Coeur d’Alene, three miles to bike trails. Horse trails. Owner will finance with good down payment. \$275,000. jendavleon@aol.com. (208) 686-0223 or (208) 659-5092. Reg# 0883658.

FOR SALE: 1999 Aerbus by Rexhall. 36’ with two slides. V10 with a Banks system. Excellent condition. \$25,000. (541) 980-0715. Reg# 2049631.

FOR SALE: 2000 Safari Renegade. 300 cat with 6k, 37’ with two slides. Excellent condition. \$27,000. (714) 745-1556. Reg# 2049631.

FOR SALE: Two Chevy Corvettes. One is a 1979

350 four-speed. Red on red. \$11,000 OBO. The other is a 2010 6.0 six-speed. Red on ebony. \$42,000 OBO. Extremely low miles on both. Also: A 1984 Chevy half-ton two-wheel-drive short-bed pickup hot rod. \$5,500 OBO. Set up to pull trailers for cars. Located in Nevada. (775) 778-0341 (evenings or weekends). Reg# 2704964.

FOR SALE: Hawk Panelmaster II model rpd35-2. Never been used. Paid \$3,400; will sell for \$1,300. Sokkia b21 automatic level 30x magnification. \$200. Reinforced red rosin paper. Two rolls 96” x 300’ each. \$100 each roll. Call Jim at (925) 706-7847. Reg# 2398654.

FOR SALE: 1995 38’ Country Coach Magna motorhome. Caprice floor plan with center door. Gillig chassis with air ride suspension and leveling. Cummins C8.3L with Banks Stinger package, Allison six-speed 3060 transmission. PowerTech 7KW generator driven by Kubota diesel. Several upgrades to coach. More information at users.sisna.com/cebula. 75,000 miles. \$55,000. (435) 201-1974. Reg# 2650010.

FOR SALE: Four wheels, no tires. 2008 Toyota Sequoia (Limited). Brand new. Five lugs. \$500. (209) 596-5647. Reg# 1875303.

FOR SALE: Deeded timeshare Westgate Resorts. In Las Vegas at Flamingo Bay. It is even years 1 bd sleeps four. Worth \$16,000; will sell for best offer over \$10,000. Being an owner, one can trade weeks for weeks at any Westgate Resort in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Hawaii. (435) 548-2211 or mlwiley@ubtanet.com. Reg# 1990042.

FOR SALE: 2000 Chrysler 300M. Has 70,000 miles. Great condition. Hunter green exterior, beige leather interior. \$4,250. (209) 948-4060. Reg# 1768795.

FOR SALE: Three burial plots in Garden of Peace at 1115 Midway in Chico, Calif. Will stack two caskets and two cremations in each plot. Current selling price is \$3,000; asking \$1,250 each. (530) 529-6989. Reg# 0994053.

FOR SALE: 25-foot Bayliner Saratoga Chevy V8 with Volvo Penta outdrive. Trim tabs. Ship-to-shore power. Ship-to-shore radio. Depth finder. Lighted compass. Built-in battery chargers.

Twin batteries. Anchor winch. Has cabin with stove, ice box. Table makes into bed. Enclosed bathroom. About 680 hours operating time. Always in covered berth at Clearlake, CA. \$4,000. (707) 838-2612. Reg# 1225979.

FOR SALE: Nissan Titan. \$13,200. Mileage: 53,400. Great condition. (415) 810-4742 or (510) 469-5851. Reg# 2222088.

FOR SALE: 28’ 5th Wheel Jazz by Thor trailer. Sleeps six. Oven, microwave, TV, stereo. One slide with awning. Jacks, cords, tripod, outside shower. \$13,500. (925) 938-9409 or (925) 519-5980. Reg# 1362373.

FOR SALE: Five old fruit jars of very old marbles. Lots of large shooters. Take all for \$440. (530) 223-4388. Reg# 0827031.

WANTED: Antique bottles. Paying up to \$5,000 for embossed whiskey and bitters bottles. Also want other antique bottles. Will give operators free appraisals. (707) 481-5423 or (707) 542-6438. Reg# 1025301.

FOR SALE: 1962 Ford F-600 flatbed with a power lift gate, 292 V-8, two-speed differential, side gates on flatbed. Great work truck. Previously used to haul up to four cords of firewood. \$500 OBO. (707) 374-2349. Reg# 2468103.

FOR SALE: Vintage 1961 30’ Norwalk Cruiser. \$2,000 OBO. All mahogany wood. Twin Chrysler straight 6 engines. Sleeps six. Electric toilet and sink, kitchenette Full back canopy with windows, 85-gallon fuel tank, 45-gallon water tank. Berthed in Stockton, Calif. Contact Tom at (916) 524-7826 or Dan at (209) 470-7029. Reg# 1774822.

FOR SALE: Practically new 35’ Gooseneck Flatbed Trailer. Includes 7,000-watt generator. Dovetail, winch, dually on each side, hauled up to 37,000 pounds, two Heavy Duty Dexter axles. Reduced to \$8,000. Contact Vic at (530) 923-4878. Reg# 1276105.

FOR SALE: 2002 Centurion ski boat. Avalanch 22’ V-drive. Merc Roiser 350, 315 horsepower. Lots of extras. \$25,000 OBO. Also: 2001 Thor Hurricane 34’ motorhome. 4,020 miles. 12’ pop-out, Sleeps six. Great condition. \$33,000 OBO. (510) 303-5228. Reg# 2380873.



The fast and the furious

Massive boats sailed through the air, as members with Maxim Crane Works hoisted the special 30-foot-long, 13-foot-wide, 6,500-pound hydroplane vessels that came to Folsom Lake last month.

These powerful watercrafts, some of which can reach upward of 200 mph, were in town for the BigWake Weekend H1 Unlimited Hydroplane races, which were held in Folsom for the first time in 46 years on May 31 through June 2.

The event attracted thousands of spectators, but it was a handful of Local 3 operators who had the best seats. Throughout the weekend, members Ken Klein, Joe Metcalf, Ron Shoffit, Dan John, Matt Dunlap, Josh Sally, Bryan Camara, Justin Bozzo, Wayne Simonsma, Richard Bentley, Lane Savage and Ken Noack were

onsite to move the boats back and forth from their pit-crew trailers to the water for testing, qualifying and actual racing.

The task was carried out with two 90-ton Linkbelt truck cranes, and a carry-deck crane was used to help change out the turbine engines and other parts in the boats when necessary. (The 2,650 HP gas-powered turbine engines in these boats are the same ones used in the Vietnam-era CH-47 Chinook military helicopters!) The crew had to move quickly yet carefully, as some of the boats cost upward of \$1 million.

There were several competitors over the three-day event, but these Local 3 members may have been the biggest winners, as they completed their jobs without any incidents.

From left: Operators Ron Shoffit, Lane Savage, Ken Noack, Matt Dunlap and Ken Klein work at the H1 Unlimited Hydroplane races at Folsom Lake last month.

