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## TRADITIONS

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**SUNDAY  
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**9 a.m. Registration**

**1 p.m. Meeting**

Lake Clementia Park, Rancho Murieta, Calif.





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### For The Good & Welfare

By Russ Burns, business manager

## Join me at the Semi-Annual

I am proud to introduce the Semi-Annual theme, *Traditions Run Deep*. This best characterizes our great union today, with an almost 75-year history of excellence and an all-time-high 50-plus-year Retiree membership. Nothing proves the pride our membership has for Local 3 more than this month's cover story. See what our members have to say about what Local 3 means to them, as they work on a huge Hwy. 99 widening/bridge project in Yuba City District 60. And please join us all on Sept. 15 at beautiful Lake Clementia Park in Rancho Murieta, Calif. for the upcoming Semi-Annual Event. You can find all the details on page 17.

We have all seen the recent headlines claiming a national housing-market rebound. For example, a new report finds California home prices have increased by 3 percent since April and about six times that amount since June of last year. We can see these statistics in our industry, as private work returns and new subdivisions pop up (something we thought we might never see again), particularly in Sacramento District 80 and Stockton District 30. The pipeline industry is also picking up in California and in some parts of Utah. High-Speed Rail is moving forward in Fresno District 50, as several lawsuits filed against the project were recently dropped. You can read more about these projects in this month's District Reports. To make sure you get that important dispatch call, keep all of your contact information up-to-date and answer the phone when the union calls.

While our industry seems to be slowly improving, anti-union groups continue to try and steal whatever gains we have made. The national movement to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires that construction workers be paid prevailing wage on projects that receive federal support, continues. In some states, such as Tennessee, prevailing wage has been banned not only on state projects but on city and county projects as well. Minimum wage is also under threat, as 18 states do not have prevailing-wage laws. Others are lobbying for similar anti-prevailing-wage measures. Within our own jurisdiction, Nevada and Utah experience the havoc

caused by being right-to-work (for less) states, as their wages are driven down. While California is considered a powerful labor state, do not be fooled that it is exempt from anti-union legislation. We all must continue to work together to counteract any attempt at weakening the very backbone of our national economy, the middle class.

Any time a big construction job starts in a community, those workers buy goods and services from local businesses, which creates a boom in those economies. Projects and respectable wages create a positive cycle for commerce. When the middle class thrives, so does the national economy. This has been proven time and time again. That is why we must fight even when times seem to be improving to maintain and increase our market share.

One way of fighting is to be proactive. For instance, in California, there is a huge package of legislation dedicated to expand and protect construction workers' rights on public-works projects. Stay tuned for more information on how these laws are progressing. Also in California, Gov. Jerry Brown recently passed a bill that shifts tax dollars from non-union "big-box" businesses like Walmart to create support for respectable manufacturing and heavy-equipment jobs.

With all of these laws in limbo and all this lobbying going on, do not think for a minute that you have no power over your future. While politics is intimidating for most of us, it is a system that works if you get involved. Start by going to your District Meetings and keeping in regular contact with your union hall and your business agent. For ways you can voice your support for prevailing wage and combat anti-worker initiatives designed to weaken the middle class, visit [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org) or call your representative at the Capitol Switchboard hotline at (202) 224-3121.

Please bring your family and join your union one at next month's Semi-Annual. The fishing derby is back by popular demand as is a barbecue lunch and informative meeting. We will see you there!



# From the Archives

## Private work a big deal in 1981

Thirty-two years ago this month, Utah District 12 enjoyed one of its largest continuous concrete pours, as workers laid the foundation to Salt Lake City's American Plaza III office and hotel complex. According to an *Engineers News* article published in August 1981, "The \$80 million project occupies a 5.5-acre site on the block surrounded by Maine, West Temple, Second South and Third. ... Using over 300 trucks of concrete, the job called for 3,500 cubic yards of reinforced concrete."

The pour was completed in 15 hours and was part of a large group of private commercial buildings that kept some District 12 members hopping in the early '80s.

What were some of the larger jobs you worked on in the past? Were you part of the big subdivision booms our industry enjoyed? Perhaps you helped build a historic dam or bridge? We are interested in your stories. Contact us via e-mail at [mmemillen@oe3.org](mailto:mmemillen@oe3.org) or phone at (916) 993-2047, ext. 2505.



District 12 members, including Crane Operator Don Cameron (inset), work on the American Plaza job in Salt Lake City in 1981.

## Report & Review

By Carl Goff, president



## What health-care reform means to us

Let me throw a few terms out at you: *Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Fee (PCORIF)*, *Market Reform Changes* and *Cadillac Tax Issues*.

I realize that none of this probably makes any sense to you, and I will be quite honest – it does not make a lot of sense to me right now either. But we will all be forced to understand what these words mean in the next few years, as everyone, including those who wrote it, begins to learn what the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as "Obamacare," really entails.

Since this administration took over, we have always held transparency in high esteem. Therefore, I'm going to be frank. What universal health care means for the Operating Engineers is a lot of fees and taxes that we can do nothing about. For instance, what that lovely acronym I mentioned above, PCORIF, basically means is that because we already offer a health-care plan, we must help foot the bill for the uninsured in the form of annual fees that will increase each year into 2019. In fact, by the end of the third quarter of this year, we will have already paid one of these fees, \$1 for each insured person under our Plan (not just members, but everyone insured in their households).

While that may not sound like a lot, this fee will double in 2014 and triple in 2015. In 2014, we will also be charged \$63 a year *per insured member* and their *insured family members*. You can see the picture I am creating now. No one can say with complete certainty what else is in store for multi-employer plans like ours, because this giant reform plan is so complicated. To make a long story short, we are going to have to pay for it, and it will not be cheap. Rest assured that you will start receiving information about all of this from the Trustees as soon as we begin to understand it more fully ourselves. There will be no secrets. (Please do keep in mind that because this reform measure has changed so much already, it is highly possible that once we do understand it, more things may change!)

You will also be receiving letters from the government regarding the Affordable Care Act. Again, don't be alarmed by these communications. Our Fund is solvent and cannot be taken away.

In the next several months, you will also get bombarded by health-care companies (exchanges) that will try to sell you their coverage. It will be madness, but please realize that our Plan is funded, the government cannot take it over and you will not be able to find another plan that is as good as ours, no matter what individual exchanges may claim. Again, as we learn more, so will you. In the meantime, visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/> for more information. This user-friendly site offers easy ways to ask questions and search for information and is also available in Spanish.

In other news: There have been some recent administrative and organizational changes at the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTTC). Director of Apprenticeship Tammy Castillo is the interim executive director. As we move forward, please note that the Ranch continues to be a well-oiled machine. All classes for apprentices and journey-level operators will continue as planned – it's business as usual.

For everything else union, please join us at the Sept. 15 Semi-Annual Meeting at Lake Clementia Park in Rancho Murieta, Calif. You can find all the details on page 17. It's guaranteed to be a good time!



Story and photos by Jamie Johnston, associate editor

Dredge Operator Rod Kiefer’s day starts with a boat ride.

Every morning, 19-year member John Bryant takes his fellow crewmates from the dock at the Port of Oakland to the Njord, Manson Construction’s 146-foot dredge that is currently working on a maintenance project in the middle of the Bay. Three eight-hour shifts are working 24 hours a day, seven days a week to get it done.

Kiefer is on the dayshift, so once he steps aboard the massive machine, he and his crew are there for awhile. Therefore, it’s important that everyone gets along and can remain in tight quarters.

“A lot of guys don’t make it,” said swing-shift Operator Todd Carpenter, who started running the Njord in 1999.

If they do, there are big rewards.

“It’s a lot cooler for one,” he said, referring to the Bay breeze. “You get to make good money and get to go to good places. That’s one of the perks.” Plus: “It’s a tight-knit group of guys.”

The Njord is currently removing mud from the Port of Oakland to ensure it remains accessible to the many container ships that come to load and unload every day.

“We’re rotating 100 tons of mud every 45 seconds,” said Capt. Joe Barney, explaining that the crew stops for short intervals to allow moving ships to pass by.

Once the Njord takes five “bites,” it moves forward about 40 feet.

“Every seven to 10 minutes, we move ahead,” said Barney. “Yesterday, we moved 2,600 feet altogether in 24 hours.”

While all of this is being done, the crew must also stay aware of the tides and the weather and keep the dredge clean, so it’s safe for those working aboard.

Though the project was expected to end this summer, the annual job will go to bid again soon for next year’s cleanup.

“It’s a whole different animal,” Deck Engineer Eric McMann Jr. said about working on a dredge.

That’s what appeals to Deckhand Bryce Whitcomb.

“I love it. It’s just so different,” he said.

One of those differences comes in the mid-afternoon. As quitting time rolls around for the morning crew, Kiefer’s day ends just as it began: With a boat ride.



Clockwise from top: Dredge Operator Rod Kiefer uses the Njord’s 55-cubic-yard bucket to take a series of “bites” from the Port of Oakland for an annual maintenance project. The Njord’s dayshift works aboard the dredge. The swing shift includes, from left: Dredge Operator Todd Carpenter, deckhands Bryce Whitcomb and Ben Steevens and Deck Engineer Eric McMann Jr. Boat Operator John Bryant, inset, brings one of the three crews to work via the Rustler. Deckhand Tony Chapis, left, and Apprentice Jared Reding monitor the lines, as the barge is loaded. Capt. Joe Barney checks out the map of the project. Deck Engineer Dale Gardner prepares to move the Njord another 40 feet from his little “office” aboard the dredge.





# average jobsite

*different animal'*



## LOCAL 3 MEMBERS COME TO THE RESCUE

With so much activity above the water, people forget that deep under the San Francisco Bay, there are thousands of people commuting to and from the city by way of BART's underwater tube.

To keep these travelers safe, a series of metal wires are attached to the tube to provide cathodic protection, which attracts corrosion to the wires instead of the tube.

"It's like zinc on a boat," explained Business Rep. Jim Jacobs. "It takes the brunt of the corrosion instead of going to the tube."

With BART, it's common for tugboats and ships to accidentally hook onto these wires and sometimes pull them up, and over time, this can become an issue. So Manson Construction was called to the rescue to provide some much-needed maintenance and get everything back to working condition.

Operator Juan Apodaca, Deck Engineer Tom Butcher, Deckhand Nate Redford, Superintendent John Dees and Boat Operator Bob Leverich were working 10-hour shifts aboard the Einar, Manson's 116-foot barge docked not far from the Njord, to get it done.



Unit 12

# Our members help save lives

By David Jake, business representative

We are well into the fire season, which came earlier than usual this year. The Panther Fire started the first week of May and was followed by the Powerhouse, Simi Valley and Hathaway fires, just to name a few. The Unit 12 Heavy Equipment Mechanics (HEMs) who work for Cal Fire insure that the firefighting equipment is in top operational condition. During the winter months, the HEMs perform normal, preventative maintenance as well as any major upgrades or necessary modifications, so the entire firefighting fleet is ready when needed. When a fire breaks out anywhere in the state, this equipment must be ready to respond on short notice. The mechanics must also be ready, as they deploy with the equipment to assist with any equipment failure or breakdowns, should they happen. The HEMs are able to make repairs on the spot to help save lives and property. Once the fire has been extinguished and the equipment is returned to its home base, it must be re-inspected and any necessary repairs must be made, so the equipment is ready to respond to the next fire, wherever it may be.



Mechanic Lewis Malotte fixes a 500-gallon-a-minute water pump.



Mechanic Michael Kay replaces a truck bumper.

ATPA

## Keep your health-care costs low

By Bob Miller, ATPA senior account executive

Local 3 members have tremendous health-care benefits, but we must pay close attention to avoid unnecessary co-pays. Because of excessive charges that are now commonplace in the health-care industry, the OE3 Trust Funds must direct participants to high-quality medical providers where pricing has been pre-negotiated by Anthem Blue Cross.

Below are a few simple tips to keep your out-of-pocket costs as low as possible:

- Verify that any medical facilities and doctors you use are members of the Anthem Blue Cross network. A hospital may be a network member, but some of its doctors may not be. Inadvertently using a non-network provider or doctor can be very expensive to you. Verify by calling the Trust Fund Office at (800) 251-5014 or using Anthem’s website at [www.anthem.com/ca](http://www.anthem.com/ca).
- All imaging tests require pre-authorization from American Imaging Management (AIM). This includes X-rays, CT and PET scans and MRIs. AIM will provide pre-authorization and direct you to the appropriate facility/provider. Your doctor’s office will call AIM to get authorization and identify the imaging provider. (Follow-up to make sure your doctor’s office does this.)
- There is a cap on what the Plans will pay for colonoscopies (\$1,500), arthroscopic surgeries (\$6,000) and cataract surgeries (\$2,000) at outpatient-hospital facilities. This cap is to encourage you to have these services performed at an Ambulatory Surgical Center, where the capped amounts will not affect your reimbursement. Outpatient-hospital facilities will normally charge more than the cap allows, and the difference comes out of your pocket. Save the out-of-pocket money by calling the Trust Fund Office at (800) 251-5014 or using Anthem’s website at [www.anthem.com/ca](http://www.anthem.com/ca) to be referred to an in-network Ambulatory Surgical Center.
- There is a \$30,000 cap on what the Plans will pay for a single-hip or single-knee replacement. Contact the Trust Fund Office to be referred to a high-quality facility where there will be little or no out-of-pocket expense to you.
- For bariatric and spinal surgeries, transplants, cardiac care and complex and rare cancer treatments, be sure to use one of the Anthem Blue Cross Centers of Medical Excellence as required by the Plans.

Also, be sure to utilize the Health Dynamics health-screening each year, because in addition to the health benefits, you will receive a \$250 debit card, which is good for any health-care-related expenses. Local 3 members and their spouses are eligible for this program – a potential \$500 in debit cards to your family. Call Health Dynamics at (414) 443-0200 to find a facility near you.

### District Visit Program Schedule

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
6	Rohnert Park	3	Rohnert Park
7	Eureka	4	Eureka
13	Burlingame	10	Burlingame
14	Oakland	11	Oakland
15	Fairfield	12	Fairfield
20	Redding	17	Redding
21	Yuba City	18	Yuba City
22	Sacramento	19	Sacramento
27	Stockton	24	Stockton
28	Fresno	25	Fresno
29	Morgan Hill	26	Morgan Hill





**Fringe Benefits**

By Charlie Warren, director

**Physical-exam benefits**

Retired members and spouses on the Pensioned Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Comprehensive Plan and Medicare are eligible for a one-time “welcome to Medicare” preventive visit and yearly wellness visits.

**Preventive visits**

*How often are they covered?*

Medicare covers all the costs for a comprehensive preventive visit during the first 12 months that you have Part B.

**Wellness visits**



*How often are they covered?*

If you have had Part B for longer than 12 months, you can get a yearly wellness visit to develop or update a personalized plan to prevent disease based on your current health and risk factors. This visit is covered once every 12 months.

*Who is eligible?*

All people with Medicare are eligible. If you had the preventive visit, you have to wait 12 months before you can get your first yearly wellness visit. However, you don’t need to have a preventive visit first.

*How much does it cost?*

You pay nothing for the yearly wellness visit if your doctor or health-care provider accepts assignment. If you get additional tests or services during the same visit that aren’t covered under these preventive benefits, you may have to pay coinsurance and the Part B deductible may apply.

For more information regarding Medicare benefits, contact Medicare at (800) MEDICARE or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), where the above information is also posted.

*What if I don’t have Medicare?*

Retired members and spouses on the Pensioned Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Comprehensive Plan who are not yet eligible for Medicare may use the Health Dynamics Preventive Care Program, which provides free health screenings to eligible participants.

They are also eligible for a yearly physical exam paid under the Health and Welfare Comprehensive Plan (as are members on Medicare). The benefit is not subject to the plan’s out-of-pocket limit. Contact the Trust Fund Office at (800) 251-5014 or the Fringe Benefits Service Center at (800) 532-2105 for more information.

*What if I’m not enrolled in the Comprehensive Plan?*

Members who participate in the Kaiser, Kaiser Senior Advantage, United Health Care or Health Seniority Plus plans are not eligible for the physical-exam benefits offered through the Comprehensive Health and Welfare Plan. Contact your plan provider about your physical-exam benefits.

If you have any questions about your benefits, contact the Trust Fund Office or the Fringe Benefits Service Center.

**District visits**

A representative from the Fringe Benefits Office or the Trust Fund Office will be available to meet with you and answer questions at your district office once every two weeks. Please refer to the Fringe Benefits schedule below:

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

If you aren’t able to meet at these times, you’ll have an opportunity on another day to meet with a Trust Fund Office representative. (See page 6 for this schedule.) Contact your district office to schedule an appointment.

**Retiree Post**

**Retiree remembers early Apprenticeship Program**

Local 3’s Apprenticeship Program has come a long way, and so has one of its first graduates: Retiree Phil Serpa.

Serpa joined Local 3 in 1961, and shortly after, “you had to volunteer to start the Apprenticeship Program,” he said. So he and about 30 other members signed up and attended classes in San Francisco. “It was a big thing because the companies were backing it.”

Serpa said he and only about eight members actually finished the program, and to mark the major milestone, he and his fellow graduates appeared on the front page of the June 1966 *Engineers News*.

During his first few years in the union, Serpa worked as an oiler, but he eventually became an equipment operator and retired in 1996.

We congratulate him again for being one of the firsts and thank him for his years of service.





## Public Employee News

By Rick Davis, director

# Have some respect

Why is it that counties, cities and even special districts often pay their elected officials, administrators and confidential employees well – in many cases very well – but when it comes to paying the rank-and-file staff, they don't? Those same high-paid officials also get lots of administrative leave on top of their vacation time and matching funds into their deferred compensation plans. The inequity is disturbing.

To make it even more aggravating, administrators and department heads simply meet with their elected official "bosses" or city managers, get anything that was fought and bargained for at the table by the rank-and-file members and then get more, like the 3-percent-at-50 retirement for safety employees and pension enhancements for non-safety employees.

Most, if not all, of the Local 3 public employee business reps. are in negotiations with multiple units and are fighting for anything they can get back for our members. Since it appears the economy is starting to recover, many city and county officials have gone into negotiations on a more positive note and are attempting to make things better. On the other hand, some cities and counties are still in a deep hole with no tax base and no recovery now or anytime in the near future. It is still tough negotiating in those areas and will be for some time. Then there are places like El Dorado County.

El Dorado County has more than \$40 million in reserves; the county is not broke. Rank-and-file employees have not had raises in more than five years. They have only experienced takeaways, furloughs, layoffs, cuts and an overall negative environment. So, with the county's financial situation being the best it has ever been since 2007 due to concessions that our Local 3 members made in the last two contracts, how do county officials go into negotiations? With a negative attitude toward employees and more proposed cuts and takeaways! You would think we were back in 2008.

Now let's take a look at what El Dorado County pays some of its elected officials. The administration likes to use comparables, so let's see how they stack up.

Sacramento County is about eight times bigger than El Dorado County, with a population of 1.4 million, and pays its Board of Supervisors \$56,000 a year. El Dorado County pays its Board of Supervisors \$76,877 plus benefits, which adds about another 25 to 30 percent. Also, the El Dorado County sheriff makes 2.4 percent less than the Sacramento County sheriff, even though the Sacramento department is three times the size. It would be nice if we could get the El Dorado County employees just 2.4 percent less than their counterparts in Sacramento County!

Placer County is about twice as big as El Dorado County, with a population of 355,328, and pays its Board of Supervisors \$30,000 a year, 60 percent less than El Dorado County. The El Dorado County sheriff makes \$226,000 a year, whereas the Placer County sheriff makes \$177,073.

(I guess if you are half the size of another county, then your sheriff should get 28 percent more pay.)

Here is something else that will get your attention: Alameda County has a population of 1.4 million with Oakland smack dab in the middle of it and big-time crime problems. The sheriff there makes \$219,710 a year, which is 3 percent less than the sheriff in El Dorado County.

All I ask from the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and their administrators is that they go into negotiations with some respect for their employees and a little acknowledgement of what has been sacrificed over the past five years. Since they like comparables when talking about themselves, maybe they can also apply them to their employees.

To our membership and staff, enjoy your family and friends, and be careful out there.

# Introduction to Susanville

By Art W. Frolli,  
business representative

I have recently been assigned to serve four existing bargaining units in the city of Susanville: The Susanville Sanitation District and the Firefighters, Public Works and Miscellaneous bargaining units. I have met with the stewards and many of the members of these units, and for those of you I have not yet met, I hope to in the near future. Should any of you need to contact me for any reason, please see your stewards for my contact information.

I am currently in negotiations on behalf of the Firefighters, Public Works and Miscellaneous bargaining units. The Sanitation District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is current through June 30, 2014.

The city of Susanville has agreed to one-year terms in the past few contracts. It is my hope that we will be able to break this cycle by working with the city and establishing a long-term contract that contains fair wages and benefits for the employees we represent. As with any negotiation, the main issues are based on economics. The city employees have not seen a substantial salary increase in a long time. As for the cost of living, it has continued to increase in Susanville as it has for the rest of California.

In addition to the normal cost-of-living increases that all Americans are facing, public employees, such as those in Susanville, have to contend with the increased costs of their health care and legislative changes to their pensions. We have not yet seen any of the promised relief from the Affordable Care Act. Let us hope that we do. Also, new public employees hired after Jan. 1, 2013 are receiving a reduced pension benefit and are paying a greater portion of their salaries to fund these smaller retirement plans. This makes it difficult to hire and retain new employees.

These are the negotiation challenges we must work together to solve.



# Internal organizing – Alameda County Social Services Agency

By Susan Rosenthal, business representative

When union people hear the word “organizing,” what comes to mind is bringing in new bargaining units. This is often referred to as “external organizing” and is very important. But just as important is “internal organizing,” which means bringing more structure and communication to the members we already represent. Internal organizing also applies to bargaining units where there is no union/agency-shop agreement (when being a union member or paying an agency fee is not a requirement for working in the public agency). We find this most frequently in Local 3’s mid-management and supervisory bargaining units.

Organizing around an issue is often the best vehicle for internal organizing. A good example is when Alameda County came to the Alameda County Management Employees Association (ACMEA) to change the Social Services Agency (SSA) Flex Time Program. (The largest department represented by ACMEA is the SSA.) A long-standing practice within the

agency is working a flex-time schedule of nine days within 80 hours. ACMEA never negotiated the terms and conditions of flex time but followed the guidelines negotiated by another supervisory union. Over the years, many different practices developed. The SSA wanted to bring some uniformity into the administration of the Flex Time Program and initiated a meet-and-confer process with ACMEA.

In order to represent its covered employees, ACMEA reached out to different parts of the bargaining unit and held leadership meetings with representatives from each SSA office. Therefore, we were able to get members from most of the major offices and classifications. Every time a member demonstrated interest or curiosity, we recruited them into the process. We also gained a number of new members. By using the issue of flex time, which is very important to the members, we created a more organized leadership structure within the SSA. This will be very helpful when new issues arise and there is a new contract to negotiate.

# Legal updates from the evil empire of San Jose

By Bill Pope, business representative

On June 7, a hearing was held on the city of San Jose’s motion to dismiss lawsuits from Local 3 and other labor groups regarding the recent ballot measure that claimed to reform retirement benefits for existing city employees. Local 3 and these labor groups asserted that the measure is illegal. After two hours of oral arguments from both sides, the judge dismissed the city’s motion and ordered the issue to proceed to trial.

In other good news, Local 3 won an arbitration that resulted in the city having to pay about \$113,000 to Local 3 members who had their step-increases wrongfully withheld.

Local 3 also recently won a hearing for a city of San Jose employee who was terminated in November 2012 and returned to employment in May 2013.

Apparently the city has bad luck with independent third parties in the legal field.

It appears the city’s legal “house of cards” is falling!

## New agents bring diverse backgrounds, lots of experience

There are some new agents in the Public Employee Department, but none of them are new to representing and working with union members. Business agents David Caravantes, Allen Dunbar and Darren Semore will service the membership in the Fresno, Alameda and Stockton areas respectively.

Caravantes has more than 35 years of experience in labor, having served on the Agricultural Labor Relations Board and represented members in the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). He believes unions are a necessary part of society.

“We must have due process in the work place to give people a reasonable life – benefits for their families,” he said.

Dunbar worked 14 years for SEIU as a field representative and contract negotiator, which is a skill he has utilized as a Local 3 agent. (He is in the middle of negotiating his third contract since being on staff.)

Semore has 26 years of experience in law enforcement, which included

serving as sergeant of the Oakdale Police Department.

He was ready to get out of law enforcement and explained that representing public employees through contract negotiations is “just a different way” of serving the public.

“These agents are doing a great job for the membership,” said Public Employee Director Rick Davis. “Their skills are invaluable.”



Business Rep. David Caravantes covers the Fresno District from Livingston to Coalinga.



Business Rep. Allen Dunbar oversees members in the Alameda area.



Business Rep. Darren Semore serves the membership in the Stockton District.



## Credit Union

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

# Focused on family



Summer is winding down, which means vacations are ending and kids are going back to school. The end of summer also means getting back to “real-life” financial basics. It’s easy to get caught up in the summer fun; many use their savings a little more during the summer months. If you find yourself dipping into your emergency savings, there’s no need to worry – OE Federal can help you get back on track.

OE Federal has partnered with Balance, a free financial-fitness program designed to help you organize your finances. Balance can help you with everything from a financial check-up to purchasing a home, debt management, identity-theft solutions, credit-report reviews and more. Balance also offers confidential money-management sessions with qualified counselors at no cost to OE Federal members. Counselors are available to assist you Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit our website at [www.oefcu.org](http://www.oefcu.org) or give us a call at (800) 877-4444.

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# Small crew, close friends

It seemed like the small Security Paving crew working on the new Hwy. 99/Avenue 12 interchange in the Fresno District were longtime friends. Members teased each other and made jokes with an easy familiarity during their lunch break, but they'd only been on the job for about a week.

"We just met," laughed Scraper Operator Lisa Robinson, who already had nicknames for some of the operators.

But such is the case with small crews. They are brought together by the job and must quickly learn to work together to be productive while having a little fun too.

"This is the only time you'll see a Giants fan and a Dodgers fan get along in one place," said Foreman Dino Debenedetto, as

he wore his Giants ball cap and stood next to Apprentice Nick Thomson, who was wearing a Dodgers one.

Of course it's certainly not all play on the \$84 million job that includes constructing a new bridge, interchange and overpass as well as ramps. The improvements will reduce traffic and increase safety along the highway that carries an estimated 70,000 drivers a day in Madera County.

In mid-June, the crew was leveling the ground to make way for these structures. The project is scheduled to continue into 2015.



From left: Apprentice Nick Thomson and Foreman Dino Debenedetto represent rival baseball teams but a cohesive crew.



Scraper Operator Joseph Montoya works for Security Paving in Madera County.

Scraper Operator Lisa Robinson has 23 years in the union.



Twenty-year member Bobby Woolsey makes a pass at the Hwy. 99/ Avenue 12 interchange in District 50.



# Congratulations, pin recipients

Service pins are given to Local 3 members for their many years of hard work and dedication to the union. Since pins are given in five-year increments from 25 through 75 years, earning one is quite the achievement. This month, we congratulate them.\*  
If you are eligible to receive a service pin, please call your district office.



From left: Jim Aja, 40 years, Roger Kelly, 25 years, and Gus Vezaldenos, 55 years



Finis Allen, 55 years



W.L. Andy Anders, 50 years



Eric Anderson, 30 years



Allen Anthony, 45 years



Kenneth Bottari, 50 years



Merrill Brady, 30 years



Jim Brandon, 40 years



Pat Britton, 30 years



Kenneth Brockman, 45 years



Dennis Broderick, 35 years



Tom Brower, 25 years



Dan Devencenzi, 25 years



Daniel Ferrero, 30 years



Randy Forestier, 25 years



Scott Fullerton, 25 years



Herman Gaither, 55 years



Frank Garcia, 25 years



Greg Gerig, 25 years



David Jones, 60 years



James Lambott, 30 years



Cecil Lewelling, 55 years



Bill Lifquist, 45 years



Dean Macdowell, 45 years



Steve Mackey, 30 years



Kenneth Madison, 35 years



Richard Mullen, 35 years



Frank Munoz, 45 years



Marc Myers, 30 years



David Nunes, 35 years



Richard Nunez, 60 years



Dean Palmer, 25 years



Russell Pierzina, 50 years



David Schmidthans, 45 years



Eric Shandel, 25 years



James Shaw, 30 years



Richard Silveria, 50 years



Carl Stone, 40 years



Lawrence Tipton, 45 years



Greg Triano, 35 years





*Pierre Arretche,  
25 years*



*James Barrett,  
30 years*



*Mark Basili,  
35 years*



*Bill Baugh,  
50 years*



*Roy Bilbrey,  
50 years*



*Bruce Boone,  
25 years*



*Virginio A. Bortolotto,  
25 years*



*Larry Bob Bryant,  
50 years*



*Mark Burton,  
35 years*



*Walter Carder,  
30 years*



*Joey Carroll,  
25 years*



*Michael Clementino,  
35 years*



*Bill Clifton,  
25 years*



*Ernest Culbertson,  
35 years*



*Oliver Gomes,  
50 years*



*Norman Gonsalves,  
30 years*



*Jerry Gutierrez,  
25 years*



*Mark Hall,  
25 years*



*Bud Hayes,  
50 years*



*James Hilton,  
35 years*



*Orvil Johnson,  
55 years*



*Richard Martinez,  
25 years*



*Harold Maxwell,  
50 years*



*Dennis McCarthy,  
50 years*



*Euel McClenahan,  
50 years*



*Mike McGinty,  
35 years*



*Pamela Moore,  
30 years*



*Myrl Moxley,  
55 years*



*Terry Porter,  
35 years*



*From left: Charles Raisor, 50 years,  
and Scott Raisor, 25 years*



*Eugene Richmond,  
50 years*



*Donald Rush,  
40 years*



*Robert Rust,  
25 years*



*Scott Rymer,  
40 years*



*Arthur Turrin,  
30 years*



*Michael T. Valencia,  
25 years*



*Russell Vanderhurst,  
45 years*



*Don Verke,  
50 years*



*Stanley Watkins,  
55 years*



*Fred Wilson Jr.,  
35 years*



*Doug Zayas,  
25 years*



## Rancho Murieta Training Center

for apprentice to journey-level operators

By Tammy Castillo, director of apprenticeship

### What we offer

The Operating Engineers Local 3 Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) is proud to offer a variety of classes to meet the needs of apprentices and journey-level operators. For more information, call the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTTC) at (916) 354-2029.

#### Upgrade Training

Training classes are offered to journey-level operators who want to learn a new skill, refresh their existing skills or keep up with the latest technologies. The following classes are offered:

##### Equipment operation

- Motorgrader
- Backhoe
- Excavator
- Dozer
- Scraper
- Paver
- Gradesetting
- Equipment GPS

##### Crane

- Crane 1 – An introductory course for individuals with little or no crane experience
- Crane 2 – Basic construction on large and small hydraulic cranes
- Crane 3 – Instruction on conventional cranes for the experienced crane operator

##### Heavy Duty Repair (HDR)

- Engines
- Powertrains
- Welding
- Lubrication and service
- Electrical and hydraulics

#### Safety Classes and Certifications

- Forty-hour Hazmat
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10
- First Aid/CPR
- OSHA 30
- Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Part 48
- MSHA refresher
- Hazmat refresher
- Forklift certification
- Signal and rigging certification

#### Apprentice Training

Entry-level apprentices complete 200 hours of basic instruction in the following subjects:

##### Construction Equipment Operation (CEO)

- Gradesetting
- Scraper
- Paver
- Loader
- Forklift

##### HDR

- Introduction to HDR
- Field, service and lube
- Welding basics
- Electrical/hydraulics

##### Crane

- Introduction to crane
- Rigging and signaling
- Introduction to load charts
- Crane assembly
- Crane operation

#### Supplemental Related Training (SRT)

Apprentices return to the training center for two weeks of mandatory SRT each year during the course of their apprenticeship. Depending on their branch of training, apprentices receive ongoing training in the following areas:

##### Equipment operation

- Motorgrader
- Backhoe
- Excavator
- Dozer
- Scraper
- Paver
- Gradesetting

##### HDR

- Engines
- Powertrains
- Welding
- Lubrication and service
- Electrical and hydraulics

##### Crane operation

- Hydraulic cranes
- Conventional cranes
- National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) preparation

#### NCCCO Certification

The JAC also offers weekend refresher courses to prepare crane operators for the NCCCO tests.

#### Minimum Qualification Testing

In accordance with Local 3's Job Placement Regulations (JPR), the JAC offers journey-level operator minimum-competency tests in the following areas to ensure that competent, skilled operators are sent to jobsites:

- Finish blade
- Support blade
- Backhoe
- Excavator
- Compactor
- Dozer
- Gradesetting
- Loader
- Roller
- Asphalt roller
- Paver
- Screed
- Self-loading scraper
- Conventional scraper
- Lube and service
- Welder







## Looking at Labor

By Pete Figueiredo, financial secretary

### Poor working conditions lead to the largest armed insurrection since the Civil War

The Industrial Revolution of the mid-1800s was made possible through the use of coal-fire power. The finest coal in the world was considered to be found within the Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia. When steam-powered machinery could tunnel through the mountains and gain rail access to transport raw materials, the coal-mining industry took off!

Coal companies brought immigrant workers by the thousands to these isolated areas within the Appalachian Mountains. Conditions were horrible; men and boys worked 14 hours a day in 3- to 4-foot-tall tunnels with no power-equipment mining the coal. Coal was blasted, picked and shoveled, then loaded by hand onto mule-drawn carts that were taken out of the mine so materials could be transferred onto railcars. Workers were typically covered with black coal, and many suffered from black lung disease. The miners were paid for their work by the ton, calculated by the company as 2,240 pounds.

This very profitable industry grew quickly, and in West Virginia, in some of the most remote and rugged terrain, company towns were built. A company would lease homes to the families of miners and have full control over who stayed and who left. Rent money was deducted from miners' pay, which consisted of the companies' own private form of money, called scrip. There were also company schools and churches, where no one was allowed to discuss unions or safety. The company also controlled the local law enforcement.

These conditions, not uncommon across the United States, gave rise to the birth of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) in 1890. In 1898, the UMWA won the eight-hour workday in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, but the mines of West Virginia remained predominantly unorganized. In 1912, a strike broke out in the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek mines. Among the demands were independent weighmen, the right to peacefully assemble and trade outside the company store, the nine-hour workday and the enforcement of state safety-laws.

When 15,000 workers walked off the job, the company employed the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency to evict miners from company towns and build bunkers fortified with machine guns. The company also purchased armored trains to move scabs. Six-thousand miners took up arms and fought back, and when the union was on the verge of winning, the governor declared martial law and began arresting strikers.

The strike lasted several months, and many of the evicted miners moved into tents provided by the union. During a night-run in February 1913, an unlit, armored train loaded with Baldwin-Felts agents opened fire on a union tent-city at Holly Grove as it passed. The new state governor demanded that the parties settle their dispute and, when they were unable to, dictated terms and forced the settlement.

During World War I (1914-1918), the union stood down, but in 1919, the UMWA called a nationwide strike that ended with unionized miners getting a 27 percent wage increase. Still, southern West Virginia remained unorganized, so the union dispatched organizers to that area. Stories came back to the union that organizers and their families were beaten regularly. Many organizers were murdered. Their bodies were stacked up on street corners, especially in Logan and Mingo counties.

In the spring of 1920, a strike was called in the areas surrounding these counties. The Baldwin-Felts agents were once again utilized to evict strikers. When they were finished, the agents went to the Matewon Station to take the train back to

where the company was headquartered, but, being sympathetic to the struggles of the miners, the Matewon sheriff and mayor were there waiting, ready to challenge the agents' authority.

Things quickly escalated, and a gunfight broke out. Ten were killed, including the mayor, two strikers and seven Baldwin-Felts agents. Miners reacted by signing up with the union until nearly 90 percent had registered. The miners took up arms again, and martial law was declared again. However, this time, miners refused to stand down. Three union supporters, including the Matewon sheriff, were summoned to the courthouse to stand trial for alleged violent acts, but upon their arrival, all three were gunned down; murdered in cold blood.

Six days later, a rally was organized at the state capitol and attended by more than 6,000 miners. The union had come to ask the state to protect the organizers from company violence. The governor refused to listen to their pleas. Rally organizers informed the group that they had "no rights in this state" and that if they hoped to change conditions, they would have to take matters into their own hands. Within 72 hours, 7,000 armed miners assembled and marched 70 miles to Logan County, gathering more miners and troops along the way, many of whom had served in World War I. These men wore red bandanas around their necks, and thus were referred to as "red necks" (which is where the term redneck came from).

Meanwhile, the governor of West Virginia appealed to Washington, D.C. for assistance. President Warren G. Harding agreed to enlist the U.S. Army to stop the miners, at which point the union called for its men to turn back and go home. During the first night on their trek home, the miners' camp was raided by the coal company's thugs. This turned the miners' army back toward Logan. To reach their destination, they had to traverse Blair Mountain, and at the top, the company placed 3,000 "deputies" armed with machine guns with orders to kill.

The shooting started on Aug. 30. The company went so far as to hire airplane pilots to drop bombs on the miners, among other tactics. Once again, Harding ordered them to stop. This time, the order was defied.

On Sept. 3, 2,500 U.S. Army soldiers were dispatched to Blair Mountain and Logan County. The U.S. Army demanded that the company and union lay down their arms, and the nation's largest armed insurrection since the Civil War had ended. The miners had forced the federal government to rescue them from the company's terrorism.

As the national media descended on the area, the miners' story was told to the nation and mild sympathy was garnered; however, the following year, more than 500 union leaders were indicted on charges of treason. While most were acquitted or given light sentences, the court costs broke the local unions and control was turned over to the internationals.

Between 1920 and 1925, more than 50,000 men, women and children were either evicted or locked out of their jobs in West Virginia. Another decade would pass before any real change was instituted in the mining industry.

Many of the details of this important and tragic story were told through the documentary "Even The Heavens Weep," (1985) which can be viewed on YouTube among other places.

Until next time, the battle continues ...



# Operating Engineers Local 3: Traditions Run Deep

*Members on widening/bridge job explain history, importance of their union*

“I’ve been around dirt since I was 3 years old; third generation,” said 14-year member Seth Landers, who currently works for DeSilva Gates in District 60. “My path was already chosen for me. ... It’s funny how it just happens. That’s where Operating Engineers is really a family. It’s always been a family, and I think that’s what keeps it strongest.”

*Traditions Run Deep* in Local 3, and according to many, it’s like a family, a group of people who come together because they are stronger for it and because they share common skills and goals. No matter what you call it (a family, an organization, a way of life), being an Operating Engineer is a career steeped in more than 70 years of history.

Landers’ love for what he does is shared by his fellow crewmembers working on the MCM Construction/DeSilva Gates Joint Venture (JV) Hwy. 99 widening/bridge job in Sutter County.

“I love operating,” said 12-year member Nammour Abou Bechara, who also works for DeSilva Gates. “I’m just a big kid in a big toy. You only live once, so enjoy what you are doing. I wake up every day loving what I do. ... Look at what we do!”

Currently, Abou Bechara is part of a crew of crane, loader, dozer and excavator operators who are widening a four-mile stretch of Hwy. 99 from two lanes to four. This is the final segment of the entire widening job between Yuba City and Sacramento. Other enhancements for this portion include the construction of a new, two-lane bridge for northbound traffic and improvements on the existing two-lane bridge.

The \$30 million job has a tight schedule to get the temporary access trestle across the Feather River before November, so when crewmembers come back in the spring, they won’t have to deal with the river again.

Therefore, members are working 10 to 12 hours a day, six days a week, and with more than five cranes and lots of dirt-moving equipment onsite, you can bet Mechanic Brad Carter is hopping.

“I only live eight miles east of the job, so I get called out in the middle of the night,” explained the MCM Construction apprentice, who joined the union for stability. “I never get to work so close to home – this is once in a lifetime. Not going to complain.”



From left: Mike Nottnagel and Jacob Card work in the laydown yard.



Brian Gladwill works for DeSilva Gates.



William Gates supplies materials to the operators on the north of the project.



From the cover: Crane Operator Dave Card sets up to drive another pile, while Crane Operator Randy Silva, in background, and Oiler Logan Reding prepare their next pile.



Apprentice Brad Carter fixes an electrical problem on a manlift.



Fourteen-year member Randy Tippie works for MCM Construction.



Apprentice Alphonso Thomas.



Scraper Operator Nam



Many members of the crew are local, but they don't take that for granted.

"You have to know coming into this line of work that it comes with commuting," said Landers, who speaks highly of the rich traditions of Local 3 that were created by our Retirees.

"It breaks my heart seeing our older guys go out," he said, "because those are our true roots. I hope in this next 20-year run that these 20- and 30-year-olds really understand what went into this. This is an honorable trade. I wouldn't change what I do for the world."

To meet up with the many generations of your great union and get information about what's happened and what's ahead this year for Local 3, join us at the Sept. 15 Semi-Annual at Lake Clementia Park in Rancho Murieta, Calif. Learn why Local 3's *Traditions Run Deep*. All the details are available at right.

## Semi-Annual Event: Sept. 15

Please join us at the Semi-Annual Event held at beautiful Lake Clementia Park in Rancho Murieta, Calif.

Because of its success last year, we will be hosting another family fishing derby at the event from 9 to 11:30 a.m., complete with prizes. If possible, please bring your own fishing gear. Participants are guaranteed a good time with or without a big catch!

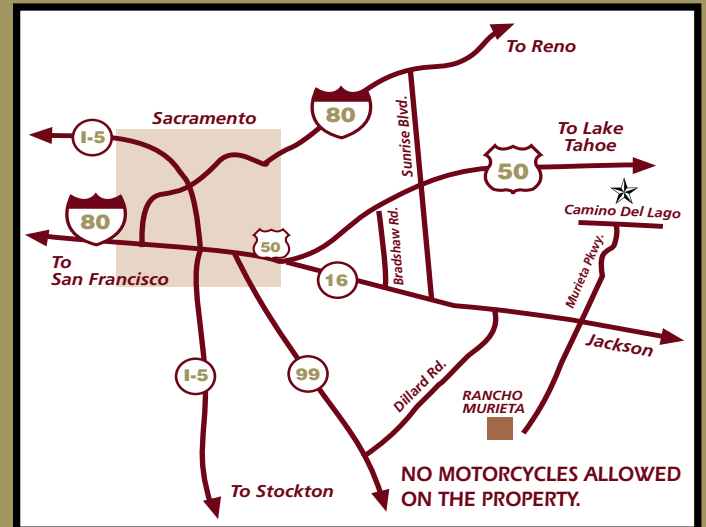
Don't miss this opportunity to spend time with friends and family, and get information about what's ahead for Local 3.

9 a.m. – Registration

9-11:30 a.m. – Fishing derby

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Barbecue buffet lunch

1 p.m. – Meeting called to order



Mike Osmon works for Golden Interstate Sweeping Systems to keep the roadways clear.



Nick Sanseverino works for DeSilva Gates.



Mour Abou Bechara and Blade Operator Seth Landers work on the rock grade for the ramps.



Crane Operator Kurt Fieguth lifts supplies for the bridge construction.





## News & Notes

By Dan Reding, vice president

### Learning all that we can

At the time of this writing, the other officers and I just completed the International Foundation of Employee Benefits three-day training in San Francisco. As Trustees, we are required to attend these on a regular basis. Experts are brought in from across the United States and Canada to educate us on health and welfare, pensions, the economy and what they see happening across the country that will have a major impact on our Trust Funds.

For the last three or four years, the information coming out of this training has been doom and gloom, with the economy, the stock market and health and welfare all suffering, but this one actually had some bright spots for a change.

The one area that continues to be a huge unknown is Obamacare (Affordable Care Act) and what impact it is going to have on multi-employer health funds like ours. The really scary thing is that no one, including the people who wrote it, really knows exactly what it is going to do to us or how it will affect the non-union. This plan was revised so many times in order to get both parties to come to some agreement that now you can't get an answer on how it's really going to work except that it was set up to insure the low-income population. All indications are that we are going to pay for it. Right now, we are scheduled to have to pay \$63 a year for every bellybutton, not just member, in 2014 as a tax to the insurance companies so they can insure people who don't have health coverage. That's a huge cost to all multi-employer plans.

The first class we had was given by economist Brian Beaulieu, and he did have some good news. He said that interest rates are going to stay low, employment is growing (although not as fast as he would like to see) and construction is 8 percent of U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It is going up, which is good news for us. He also said that he thought the stock market would continue to be up and down for the next year, then become really positive through 2015. The big concern is how Obamacare will affect jobs in the near future, but if you talk to three different economists, you will usually get three different answers. What we do know is that our hours are up about 9 percent right now and the stock market is still very positive.

Like always, we are doing our best to learn everything we can and will continue to keep the membership informed on how the changes will affect our Health and Welfare.

Be safe.



## A UNION'S UNION

### *Crane operator and oiler are husband and wife*

"We didn't get married to be apart," eight-year member/Oiler Terri Ungerman said matter-of-factly. Then she pointed to her husband, 32-year member/Crane Operator Garth Ungerman.

The two are usually hired as a pair and work for Bigge Crane & Rigging.

"We enjoy the work," Garth said.

Terri was in real estate and Garth was in construction when they first met. Similar family tragedies brought them together as friends, and the rest is, well, history (or a love story, really).

When Terri grew tired of sharing her husband with his work, she figured she'd join him.

The two recently worked together on a new San Francisco Public Safety Building (PSB) that will house the San Francisco Police Department Command Center Headquarters, the Southern District Police Station and a new fire station. They also worked together on the San Francisco 49ers stadium.

The Stockton District members have no problem commuting to where the work is, sometimes leaving at 2:45 a.m. for the city with their hardhats, vests and "healthy lunches" that Terri packs.

Since the couple works so well together, the duo is in demand.

"We're in sync," explained Terri. "He's the male version of me. I know what he's thinking," which is very convenient if you're a crane operator's oiler!



Luffing Tower Crane Operator Garth Ungerman and Oiler Terri Ungerman work on a new police/fire department facility in San Francisco for Bigge Crane.



# Staff Spotlight: Rob Carrion

Since Sacramento is California’s capitol, you can imagine the political workload of the union’s district office there. This workload falls squarely on the shoulders of Sacramento District Rep. Rob Carrion, who trains his staff to deal with local politics accordingly.

“Politics is our world,” Carrion said. “Sacramento is really the hub of the state’s politics.”

But if politics was all Carrion attended to, his job would be easy. Sacramento is also the hotspot for a possible new Sacramento Kings sports arena, a construction project that



From left: Sacramento District Rep. Rob Carrion visits with member Steve Brashears at the District 80 Picnic on June 9.

has the district (and all of Northern California) dizzy with anticipation. Carrion serves on the Sacramento/Sierra Building Trades executive board and is working with them to ensure that a new arena becomes a reality and that the job is done with union labor.

“The Sacramento/Sierra Building Trades are headed in a different direction, and Local 3 (Sacramento District) is a part of those changes. I’m pleased about

the new ideas and working to increase our union density,” he said. “All the trades need to be moving forward in the same direction and working with each other ... not against one another.”

Carrion is very much a behind-the-scenes fighter for the labor movement. He works hard to establish more Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) with surrounding cities and counties and to secure more school and city projects by developing agreements with language that weeds out the non-union.

He also works to ensure and enforce labor-compliance on jobsites so non-union offenders are reprimanded, making signatories more marketable. For instance, his district recently helped in a decision waging a multi-million-dollar fine against a non-union mining operation that was hurting union rock, sand and gravel companies. The case has been going on for years.

“In this case, the employer knew he had been violating the law, and justice is finally being served,” he said

District 80 has also recently signed many new contractors. Carrion commends the union’s Organizing Department, which his district works closely with, for these achievements. He also commends his staff, explaining that the district’s success is in direct correlation with their hard work and dedication.

Carrion became a business agent in District 80 in 2005. His duties expanded in 2007 to include organizing. He was promoted to senior business agent in 2008 and became the district rep. in 2010. Earlier this year, he became an auditor for the union.

“Rob’s No. 1 in my book,” said 40-year member/Retiree Ron Eversden. “I am always amazed at his knowledge of the political scene and negotiations. I always learn something from him.”

Eversden has worked with Carrion “for a number of years,” and said, “He’s a very devoted man. ... We are very fortunate to have gotten him and should keep him with us.”

Carrion said his work for the union has become his way of life.

“People struggle to maintain a good hourly wage and benefits. My motivation is to help those folks,” he said.

## Talking with the Treasurer

By Steve Ingersoll, treasurer



## A bit of perspective What the union means to a 71-year member

Retirees are an important part of this union. They’re the ones who fought for much of what we have today – overtime pay, a Pension, good wages and health benefits. It’s easy to take these things for granted, because they’ve always been there for some of us younger operators, but talk to a Retiree, like 71-year member Alex Radke, and you’ll get some much-needed perspective.

Joining Local 3 in 1942, Radke remembers running steam-powered equipment and making \$1.10 an hour as an oiler – his first union job. He’ll tell you about how he traveled throughout California, Utah, Nevada and even Oregon and Washington, because that’s where the work was and he



Retiree Alex Radke checks in with the District 11 Hall.

needed the hours. He’ll tell you how he built concrete ships with no motors – “I was surprised they floated,” he said.

Radke will tell you about his wage increase to \$1.33 an hour when he started moving ore with a 60- to 70-foot-tall American whirly crane with a 6-yard clam bucket in Richmond and how he learned to operate it – remember, Local 3 didn’t have its high-quality training centers back then. And he’ll tell you that he would run just about anything

he was asked to, even working as a mechanic in Utah for a time, because a good operator needed to be versatile. He drove pile once with a steam-powered machine and operated a steam-powered barge with a 90-foot wooden boom – “It was kind of awkward, but it was pay day,” he explained. “I ran anything as long as I got the money.” (He also operated dozers and worked at a landfill in Nevada.)

“You had to run it all. I even made foreman,” he said. “All the jobs are not easy. I had some tough jobs, I tell you.” He remembers working 11-hour days, six days a week. “I had to work nights. I had to work in winds.”

Today, the 95-year-old is retired and living in Reno, but he’s still very active in his union. I know him well, as he often came into the Nevada Hall when I was the district rep. there. He’s a good example for our young operators and a good union man.

“Yes I am,” he said. “You don’t talk non-union to me. You guys have no idea how it was back in the ’30s. ... You gotta fight for the union.”

His advice for new operators entering the field: “You gotta have willpower, be willing to run everything and have a good wife [or spouse],” he said. Radke was married to his, Ruby, for 65 years before she passed away in 2005. “I never turned anything down. ... I never had any trouble. You gotta know what you’re doing. ... I hustled.”

If you ever wonder what the union does for you or have someone question your membership, talk with a few Retirees. They are the backbone of Local 3!

Correction: I am sad to report that my father-in-law, Ray Morgan, recently passed away. He was misidentified in last month’s *Engineers News*.

### Hwy. 580 project up to full speed

Summer is here and so is the heat! Remember to take precautions, stay hydrated and watch for signs of heat exhaustion.

District 20 has lots of work going on, with existing jobs such as the **Dragados/Flatiron/Sukut** Joint Venture (JV) on the Calaveras Dam project, the **Southland/Tutor Perini** JV on the new Irvington Tunnel project and **Tutor Saliba's** Caldecott Tunnel project, just to name a few.

Rock, sand and gravel quarries are going strong with companies like **Vulcan** (Western Division) working two 12-hour shifts, six days per week. Other quarries, like **Hanson's Mission Valley Rock (MVR)**, are getting members all the overtime they want, and some they do not want!

The Hwy. 580 widening and High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane project is

ramping up to full speed, with companies such as **DeSilva Gates**, **Top Grade**, **O.C. Jones**, **R.M. Harris**, **Condon Johnson**, **Ghilotti Construction**, **Stroer and Graff** and **MCM** working on different sections of this 10-mile stretch.



Rodney Grant works for Ghilotti Construction.

**Bay Cities** is working on the \$32 million Hwy. 680 widening project from Danville to San Ramon along with **MCM**.

**Ghilotti Brothers** is working on the \$13.6 million Buskirk Road realignment in Pleasant Hill.

Congratulations to **Tutor Perini** for being awarded the first 29-mile stretch of the High-Speed Rail project, which will put many of our members to work for a long time.

As we welcome some new projects, we bid farewell to the Left Coast Lifter, which is headed to the East Coast where our International brothers and sisters will enjoy her company.

We would also like to introduce the newest member of our support staff, **Sarah Lewis**. She is our new secretary in District 20 and is very much appreciated. We ask you all to welcome her!

YUBA CITY

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District Rep. Ed Ritchie

### Work picture looks good for the rest of the year

The District 60 staff is honored to be able to serve our membership. Mark your calendar for our third-quarter District Meeting on Aug. 8 (2959 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville). The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., so please attend and be involved in your union. There is power in numbers. Attending your District/Retiree Meetings provides you the opportunity to get your questions answered.

The work outlook is still positive for the rest of the 2013 season.

**Teichert Construction** is going strong on the downtown Marysville Hwy. 20/Hwy. 70 rehab project, and crews are moving along with the Hwy. 99/Riego Road interchange and the Hwy. 99/Hwy. 113 interchange.

**DeSilva Gates** is working on the Hwy. 70/East Gridley Road project and the North Palermo Road pavement-rehab project. **MCM** and **DeSilva Gates** are working together on the Hwy. 99 Feather River Bridge project. **Mountain Cascade Inc.** is working on the fish ladder and No. 2 weir replacement in the Sutter Bypass at the end of McClatchy Road. **Viking Construction Company** is still working on the state Route 32 undercrossing in Chico (Butte County). **Golden State Bridge** is working hard for the second year on the Ord Ferry Road Bridge retrofit project. **Knife River** is working on Ridge Road in Sierra County and on Hwy. 99 in Butte County north of Gridley. **George Reed** is everywhere. In Sutter County, the company has overlays in Yuba City along with the Hwy. 20/Western Parkway project. In Colusa County, the company has

the Wildwood Road project from the Tehama-Colusa Canal to Barbara Court.

Signatory material producers in District 60 are still working. We thank them for keeping our members employed. This includes **DeSilva Gates'** hot plant; **Knife River's** Hallwood, Chico and Orland plants; **Teichert** (Hallwood); **Kino Aggregates**; **Silica Resources**; **Patterson Sand and Gravel (Cemex)**; and **BCJ Unlimited Specialty Sand**.

If you get laid-off, please remember to get on the out-of-work list ASAP. Then stay current and re-register before the 84-day expiration date.

The staff would like to thank all of you for calling in when you see non-bargaining employees doing our work. When another craft is running our iron, it means one of your brothers or sisters is sitting at home. If you let us know when it happens, we get an opportunity to put another member back to work. Your calls are confidential. You don't even have to leave your name.

As always, feel free to call the Hall with any questions you have or stop by in person.

Thanks, and work safe.



Gradesetter Mike Menning works with Operator Juan Orozco on the Western Parkway job in Yuba City.



Larry Cooper works for George Reed.



## Housing projects are back

Summer is here! The Sacramento District staff would like to thank all of you who found time to attend the District 80 Picnic. It was another wonderful day of barbecuing, perfect weather and story-sharing. A special thanks to the volunteers who make these events go off without a hitch.

Here in District 80, we are seeing a surprisingly nice upswing in private work. Yes, you read that right, *private work*. Residential builders are getting their hands dirty once again. This gives us all hope and a better outlook that the construction industry is getting back on its feet and putting more of our brothers and sisters to work. However, keep safety in mind when you're working and playing in the heat. After all, your co-workers and family depend on you to be safe and make it home.



From left: Gradesetter Jeremy Ramer, Dozer Operator Ernest Hursey and Apprentice Kelly Richards.

**Lund Construction** should be finishing up on Fiddyment Road in Roseville and moving to Rocklin to build more house pads and perform underground work.

**Teichert Construction** is busy grading, paving and preparing for utilities for Meritage Homes at the Sorrento Development in Lincoln. The project will include grading 156 acres for this new, 472-unit community.

**Sierra Nevada Construction** will be working on the \$1.8 million Granite Drive reconstruction project in Rocklin.

**McGuire and Hester** started the \$16 million Dorsey Drive interchange in Nevada City and will be busy most of the summer. The company will also be performing street improvements around the interchange, and **Studebaker Brown** will be installing street signals, lights and signs around the project.



Excavator Operator Mike Newell and Dozer Operator Jack Eversman work on the Dorsey Drive interchange in Nevada City.

## **EUREKA** | 1213 Fifth St., Eureka, CA 95501 ■ (707) 443-7328 District Rep. Steven Glenn Harris

### Welcome, Willow Hawk Consulting

District 40 has seen some changes and is moving forward to increase the work picture and encourage our signatories to bid on even more jobs in our area. This year's work picture looks much like last year's but better than 2011's, so we're on our way up.

**Mercer-Fraser** has been working on several paving jobs along Hwy. 299 and Hwy. 36. As our biggest employer, the company has kept a lot of our operators working, even through a tough off-season. **Mercer-Fraser** got a big paving job on Hwy. 101 that, weather permitting, will keep members busy through the summer. The gravel harvest will begin in earnest in September and hopefully last through October.

**Wahlund Construction** stepped up its bidding and hopes to put in a solid construction season this year with the water-treatment plant in Garberville and the finishing touches on the water-treatment plant in Rio Dell. The company's newest job, the Eureka city-improvements project, is well on its way and shows that **Wahlund** has kept its pencil sharp. The company is bidding on more jobs and hoping to increase its work hours this year.

**Bugler Construction** has been hard at work on the Klamath River Bridge. This retrofit requires some long hours and working in busy summer traffic on Hwy. 101. The operators on the job are pressing forward to finish before the rainy season begins.

**West Coast Contractors** has been working in tandem with **Inland Foundation Specified** to complete work on the Smith River Bridge in the northernmost part of District 40. This job is keeping operators busy and calls for some expertise to meet requirements set by federal guidelines.

New signatory **Willow Hawk Consulting**, based out of Willow Creek and run by **Jim Ammon**, is getting ready to bid work in the eastern part of District 40. We hope to have a long and fruitful relationship with this company.

**Fluor Maintenance, Kiewit Construction** and **Penhall** continue to work on the long-term projects at the Humboldt Bay Power Plant in Eureka. Our skilled operators are making these projects move forward.

**Dutra** has stayed busy on the Crescent City Harbor reconstruction, and the newly added dredging portion has finally

begun. The company has met every challenge and kept our operators working on a complicated job. **Dutra** is leaving behind a legacy that will last for our area.

New District Rep. **Steve Harris** would like to thank Business Rep. **Bob Center** for all the work he's done for District 40 in the last three years. Harris is looking forward to listening to the membership and addressing the issues that come up. If there's anything you see that isn't right, please call him at (408) 722-7636, because every hour counts.

District 40 would like to thank **Mike Johnson** for his long years of service as our Executive Board member. We wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement. Don't be a stranger, Mike!

We would also like to remind everyone to Slow for the Cone Zone and our Caltrans brothers and sisters.

District 40's office hours are now 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and we have late night on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, when the office is open until 8 p.m. We appreciate your patience with all the changes and hope you will continue to support your District 40 office in its future endeavors.

## Next District Meeting is Aug. 8

The work picture looks to be picking up throughout District 90.

Santa Clara County continues to be the hot spot with a lot of big projects. The new San Francisco 49ers stadium is on track to be completed in 2014. Stanford Hospital is busy with **Preston Pipelines** continuing work onsite and **Malcom Drilling** installing piles. **O.C. Jones** continues its Hwy. 101 widening project in Mountain View. The BART project from Milpitas to East San Jose is off and running with **Skanska/Shimmick/Herzog Joint Venture (JV)** performing the work.

In the South Bay, **Granite Construction** is busy with projects along the Hwy. 101 corridor. The first is located at the Red Barn in Prunedale and started earlier this year. Work will continue through next year. The new construction at Crazy Horse on Hwy. 101 is moving ahead

with **MCM Construction's** bridge almost finished. The project at Russell Road has opened to traffic on the northbound side, and crews are busy building the southbound side with dirt from the Red Barn project.

Carmel Valley has some work starting near the Crossroads shopping center with **RM Harris** putting in a new bridge. **Golden State Bridge** continues work at the Rocky Creek Bridge in Big Sur.

In the Morgan Hill/Gilroy area, **Granite Construction** is working on widening Hwy. 152 at San Felipe and Lovers Lane, **RGW** completed construction on the Butterfield Road project and **Jos. J. Albanese** is performing finish-rock grade for curbs and gutters on a small project.

Pipeline projects have started in the Monterey/Watsonville area with **Underground Construction**. Crews will

be testing gas lines in a number of places around Santa Cruz and Monterey County.

For more news on the work picture, be sure to make it to our next District Meeting on Aug. 8. If you are on the out-of-work list and have gone back to work, be sure to call the Hall and let dispatch know, so your name is removed from the list. If you are not working and are interested in taking journey-level-upgrade classes, please contact the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTTC) at (916) 354-2029 and ask for registration.

The District 90 staff would like to thank everyone for coming to our picnic on June 29. Thanks to all the people who volunteered to help. Without it, this event wouldn't have been possible.

## **STOCKTON** | 1916 North Broadway, Stockton, CA 95205 ■ (209) 943-2332 District Rep. Nathan Tucker

### Private work returns

We are getting very busy in District 30. The jobs in the area are really starting to dispatch operators, and over the past month or so, we have seen our dispatches go up, from five-year and 10-year letters to off-list orders.

One of the things that is pushing all of this work is the return of private-sector jobs. River Islands is one of those projects. Located west of I-5 and north of I-205, it encompasses nearly 5,000 acres and will eventually be a community of 11,000 homes, a town center and employment center, with thousands of jobs for local residents. The project includes 500 house pads that are going out to bid this year. This is just the first of several large, private jobs to break ground in District 30. Some of the other housing projects that are planned in our area include the 1,600 pads in Manteca over the next three years, the 500 pads in Mountain House later this year and a job **Knife River** is currently working on in Oakdale. With all of this work, it will hopefully keep lots of our members busy, as they build out these projects over the coming years.

One job of interest in our area is the bridge-deck replacement on Hwy. 120 near Buck Meadows. **Golden State Bridge** has closed one side of the bridge and started to remove the deck with an excavator, being careful not to damage the supports that are just under the deck. After that, crews will pour a new deck and then move to the other side to do it all over again.

**Bay Cities** and **C.C. Myers** have a lot of work to be completed over the next couple of years. As you may have seen, **Bay Cities** started two projects on Hwy. 99 from Manteca to Stockton that consist of adding a lane in the median and are worth about \$50 million. Together they have the \$30 million Sperry Road expansion, the \$24 million Lathrop Road interchange and the \$22 million I-5 French Camp interchange, all of which are up and running at this time. **Bay Cities** also has the Hwy. 219 extension in Modesto, which is keeping our members working hard. With all this work, these companies should be able to keep quite a few of our members busy for the next couple of years.

**Myers and Sons** along with **Granite Construction** are going strong on a project in Stockton that will widen Hwy. 99 from Arch Road to the Crosstown Freeway from four to six lanes, add

interchanges and construct bridges and pump stations.

Some of the other projects going on in the district include the \$23 million Sonora Hwy. 108 bypass that **Teichert** and **MCM** are joint-venturing on; the I-5 widening in Stockton that **R&L Brosamer**, **Case Pacific** and **West Coast Welders** are doing; and the \$10 million project on Hwy. 88 just east of Clements with **George Reed** and **Myers & Sons**.

Keep working, stay safe and remember that if you have any questions about the work picture or a contractor on the jobsite, you can always call the Hall or your business agent.



Excavator Operator Chris Moody works on a bridge deck for Golden State Bridge.



Working in Wine Country

Private work is starting to pick up in Wine Country. We had a group of members working on what could have been a movie set, since they had some of the most gorgeous views and breathtaking landscape to look at every day. The location was Lazy Creek Vineyards. Operators cut a pad for the stunning log cabin/tasting and social room on the property. It was put together like a set of Lincoln logs, and each log had a unique color and knotty-pine look. Once they finished the tasting-room facilities, operators

began grading the roads coming in. Skip Loader Operator **Jim Engelke** was busy making cuts and fills. Once the crew finished grading and passed the compaction test, paving was ready to go. Paver Operator **Mike Johnson** worked with the screed, putting the icing on the cake of a beautiful job. **Todd Verke** was also on the job.

It was great to see **Engelke Construction** and **W.K. McLellan Co.** working together on private work and doing such a great job!



Paver Operator Mike Johnson works on a project at Lazy Creek Vineyards.



Todd Verke works for W.K. McLellan.

Pipeline project running from Colorado to Utah

The hot weather has hit Utah, and work has picked up. **W.W. Clyde & Co.** finished the I-70 paving project near Green River and started on the main street in Moab and on a project in Colorado. The company has set up its hot plant in Monticello and is bringing in its employees from Moab to do the job. The Southern Parkway project is still going. **W.W. Clyde** is crushing road base and finish-grading for the road. The crews working on the large cut for the road caught up to the blasting crew, so the night shift was moved to the crusher.

**Ames** picked up the Red Leaf Oil Share project located near the Book Cliffs about 70 miles south of Vernal. This project will put around 60 people to work.

**Snelson** started a pipeline project for Enterprise from Rangeley, Colo. to Thompson that will be done in two spreads. The project will consist of 16-inch pipe. On the Colorado side, there is a lot of steep, mountainous terrain, and on the Utah side, the project will end in rolling hills. **Snelson** is working alongside an existing line that supplies Liquefied Petroleum Gas

(LPG) into New Mexico, so the company will need qualified, skilled operators for the job. Due to the conditions of this line, fire-retardant clothing is required.

**Granite Construction** is working on a paving and deck-replacement project on I-15 in Cedar City and paving state Route 32 in Wasatch County. The company will also continue to pave Seep Road, which includes 10 miles of new pavement.

**Ames, Granite, W.W. Clyde** and **Kiewit** are still working at Kennecott. The slide that occurred there in April has kept Local 3 members working and, in turn, helped the mine get back to production sooner.

The District 12 staff would like to thank all of the active members, Retirees and their families for the great turnout at our District Picnic on June 15. We also want to thank the apprentices who came out to help. We enjoyed visiting with old friends, making new ones and eating good food. Congratulations to the raffle-prize winners.



Jason Wynn works for W.W. Clyde on the I-70 job.



The hot-plant crew working on W.W. Clyde's I-70 project includes Keith Dallen, Shawn Mortensen and Jesse Carter.



Blake Aagard works for W.W. Clyde on the Southern Parkway project.



Hunter Longhurst works for W.W. Clyde near Green River.

Jerry Carter and Jim Woolstenhulme work for W.W. Clyde on the Southern Parkway project.



### Bridge jobs keep members working

Summer is in full swing, and though we wish we could report on an abundance of work, it's just not going to bid. To date, there are some jobs in the works, and we will keep you posted.

With that said, we are still holding our own. **Mercer-Fraser** is working 24-hour shifts, and **Hooker Creek** is working on the Trinity River bridges project and keeping **Mercer-Fraser** busy at its Dinsmore plant, with several hands working on these projects. **J.F. Shea** is working on several projects on I-5, as is **Tullis, Inc.** **R and R** is working on the Sweed Creek Bridge project, and **Tutor Perini** is coming along at a steady pace on the Antlers Bridge project. **Road and Highway Builders** is working on the Yreka grade project, which seems to be going very well. **Shasta Constructors** is working on the Bowman Road Bridge in Cottonwood.



Wade Zable works for Mercer-Fraser.

The District 70 staff would like to thank all of our Unit 12 members for their patience, as negotiations are always tough in this economy. We hope that by the time you read this, negotiations will be behind us with success. These men and women work hard to protect the traveling public on their many ventures throughout this great state we live in.

Please keep the families of the two members we lost on the job earlier this year in your prayers.

By now, the District Picnic will have come and gone, and we hope you all had a good time. We always enjoy getting to see all of you there. Please remember a few Retirees who are no longer with us and were very instrumental in keeping our picnic alive and going: **Ken Green, John Hinote and Ralph Martinez**. We know they will always be there with us.

### Surveyors, sweepers and dredgers, oh my!

Work seems to be steady in the Napa Valley. **Preston Pipelines** is working at the Carneros Reservoir area in the middle of the vineyards. The company is in the process of doing a recycled-water-transmission pipeline with more than 18,000 linear feet of 18-inch pipe. This project began in June and will run through December.

There is also plenty of private work popping up in the Napa Valley, with local contractors **Harold Smith & Son** and **Taylor-Bailey** doing a great job capturing the work. This is a really good sign of things to come.

The Napa Pipe Project has made it through the Napa County Supervisors. We are awaiting more good news and are excited for dirt to start moving.

**Commercial Power Sweep** has been keeping lots of members busy with work all over the valley, and surveyors **Greg Gardea** and **Rick McNamara** with **Cinquini & Passarino Inc.** have been working at a wine-storage facility in Napa.

In the world of dredging, **Dixon Marine** is working at Mountain Lake in the Presidio area of San Francisco, **Manson**

**Construction** has work in the Oakland ship channel (see page 4) and **Dutra Dredging** is currently pushing its barges up the coast to begin a job in Crescent City. It looks to be the beginning of another good dredge season. Other good news for our dredge operators is the recent signing of a three-year extension to the Master Dredge Agreement. Since 2009, we've made several gains, including daily subsistence pay, an extra holiday and double time after 12 hours in a day, to mention a few. All language in the current agreement was maintained, benefiting Local 3 members and our employers. We would also like to announce that Business Agent **Jim Jacobs** is now the new dredging representative in addition to our crane and refinery rep.

#### Apprenticeship Spotlight

Congratulations to Construction Equipment Operator (CEO) **Karen Bucher**, who journeyed out in June while working for **Duran & Venables**.



From left: Rick McNamara and Greg Gardea work for Cinquini & Passarino Inc.



Ignacio Segura works for Commercial Power Sweep out of Napa.



New CEO Karen Bucher.



## Stay the course

The long-awaited Koa Ridge master-planned community is finally starting the zoning process, which is the last phase of the entitlement procedure. It was scheduled for the planning commission in July and then goes through the city council. Breaking ground is expected in mid-2014.

The Collection at 600 Ala Moana is located at the old Comp USA store. This 397-unit tower will be the first of many that will go up. At \$170 million, it is expected to begin in 2014.

With the rail starting up next month and these and more projects in the works, it is important for us to stay the course.

## NEVADA

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District Rep. Rod Young

## Highways provide lots of work

### From Reno

In Northern Nevada, work is moving right along across the state. **Granite Construction** is working on the next phase of the Hwy. 395 extension in Carson City and on several city street-rehab projects in Reno. The company is also working on I-80 in Winnemucca and has work at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and the Carson City Airport.

**Sierra Nevada Construction** has been busy on several city of Reno street-rehab projects and with slurry-seal and chip-seal projects throughout District 11.

**Q&D Construction** also has work throughout Nevada's jurisdiction, including two highway projects on I-80 (one at the Carlin tunnels and the other at Emigrant Pass), as well as several other projects in the Reno-Tahoe area.

**MKD Construction** has a couple of jobs in the Elko and Reno areas.

**Case Foundation** is working on the first phase of the South East Connector project, setting column cage with two cranes. Local 3 members on the job include Operator **Charles "Chuck" Neller Jr.**, Oiler **Ricardo "Rick" Fernandez** and Apprentice **Chelsie Greywolf**.

At the time of this writing, Nevada is in negotiations with contractors on the Nevada Truck Crane Rental Agreement and

Upgrade your skills at the Kahuku Training Center, and keep current with your dues and contact numbers.

The Sixth Annual Empowering Operating Engineers Events are coming up. In Hilo, an event will be held on Aug. 3 at Panaewa Park, and in Kauai, an event will be held on Aug. 31 at Lydgate Park. Both will go from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and enjoy some good food, lots of fun and prizes.

Northern Nevada Mine Crane Agreement. We are all hoping for a positive outcome.

### From Elko

Work picked up this past June. **Sierra Nevada Construction** is working on Hwy. 306 in Crescent Valley. **Granite Construction** was the low bidder on the Elko Airport and a Hwy. 93 job near Currie. **Ames Construction** is working at Newmont and finishing work at Cortez. **N.A. Degerstrom** continues work at the Rossi, Jerrit Canyon and Phoenix mines. **Canyon Construction** is working at the Leeville Mine for Newmont. **Sterling Crane** is also staying busy in the Elko area. **K.G. Walters** is working at a sewer plant. **Road and Highway Builders** is working on Jiggs Highway near Lee and on I-80 at Dunphy.

The Elko office continues to have **Newmont** membership meetings on the first Wednesday of every month and construction membership meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. We will also continue to have the office open on the fourth Wednesday for late night. If you have any questions, please call the Elko office at (775) 753-8761.



Operator **Charles "Chuck" Neller Jr.**, Oiler **Ricardo "Rick" Fernandez** and Apprentice **Chelsie Greywolf** set column cage on the first phase of the South East Connector project for Case Foundation.



*Jose Anguiano, left, and Steven Mikkelson, below, work for Granite Construction.*



## Fresno Grizzlies to host Union Appreciation Night

Operators here, operators there, operators everywhere! No matter where you look, signatory contractors are geared up for the summer season. The larger jobs, such as the braided-ramp project with **R&L Brosamer** and the Fresno Airport project with **Teichert Construction**, are still going on, but many new projects have also surfaced.

**Tri County Grading** is performing the Herndon Avenue improvements from Clovis to Fowler avenues. **Emmett's Excavation** is working on the Fourth Street improvements between Pine and K streets in Madera along with a large-diameter water-transmission main in Fresno. **Agee Construction** crews are working on both the Hwy. 99 and Fourth Street interchange in Madera and the Canal School Road in Merced County. **American Paving** is also busy.

Outside of work, we have a couple of functions to mark on your calendars.

Our next District Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District building (808 Fourth St.). As of this writing, we have requested a speaker from the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board to give a presentation at this meeting.

Also, the Fresno Grizzlies will be hosting Union Appreciation Night on Friday, Aug. 16. The first pitch will be thrown out at 7:05 p.m. against the Reno Aces Baseball Club. Contact the Hall for more information.

The District 50 staff offers its condolences to the family of brother **Ronney Phillips**, who passed away on June 11, 2013. Phillips was a 15-year member of Local 3 and an employee of **Vulcan Materials**. He will be missed by all who knew him.



*Nick Eastham works for Emmett's Excavation.*

## BURLINGAME | 828 Mahler Road, Suite B, Burlingame, CA 94010 ■ (650) 652-7969 District Rep. Charles Lavery

### Operators head back to school

In San Mateo County, the South San Francisco Unified School District has five school construction projects under the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) negotiated by the San Mateo Building Trades Council. They include El Camino High School, Baden High School, Alta Loma Middle School, Skyline Elementary and Monte Verde Elementary. **Stich Construction** is utilizing working Foreman **Jeff Taylor**, **Robert Davis**, **Ronald Boyer**, **Keith Neal**, **Faigata "Steve" Fatu** and **Jesus Magana**.

In the city of San Mateo, the High School Unified School District PLA continues to generate work for our members. At Mills High School, **M.K. Pipelines** continues underground wet utilities with operators **Christian Rose** and **Alejandro Cervantes**. **O'Grady Paving and Grading** will complete the site work.

**Jos. J. Albanese** has Operator **Leo Saldivar** working on many projects in the area.

In Burlingame, **St. Francis Electric** continues work on an underground-utilities project that will keep Operator **Matt Carden**, working Foreman **Anthony Richardson** and Apprentice **Forrest O'Donnell** busy.

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) started several pipeline jobs in the

area, with **Underground Construction Company, Inc.** in Belmont, in San Carlos and on Edgewood Road in Redwood City. Operators on the job include **Vance Pope**, **Eddie DeGuzman**, **Darryl Mauseth**, **David Ridley**, **Brian Mooney**, **Chris Rosas**, **Vincent McCullagh**, **Marcus Stewart**, **Chris Conner**, **Mike Costello**, **Fred Wolowic**, **Tom Furr** and **Daniel King**. The good news is there are more of these jobs to come.

In San Francisco near the Fillmore District, **Tucker Engineering** (**Joe Shafter**) is clearing and grubbing to get ready for excavation operations. **Atlas Tree Service** is working as a subcontractor. The city also has more private work, with **A&B Construction** (**Randy Gheno** and **John O'Brien**) at Folsom and Beale streets. Other contractors slated for the project include **Columbia Electric** and **Drill Tech**, to name a few.

One of the tallest cantilevered tower cranes is erected at 100 Van Ness Ave., with **Craig McNaught** at the helm for **Clipper International** on the **Plant Construction** project.

"It is quite the feat," said **Carlos Gonzalez** of **Morrow Crane**.

Good news for the Hunters Point project: Work is finally going vertical with **Roberts Obayashi** constructing

the first two blocks, which consist of 25 townhomes and 63 flats over a podium.

Please note that our next District Meeting is Aug. 8. Hope to see you there.



*Carlos Gonzalez stands in front of one of the tallest tower cranes in San Francisco, set up at 100 Van Ness Ave.*





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OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3

## SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION<sup>SM</sup>

### 2013 \$1,000 Merit Scholarship Winners

(Winners were randomly drawn at the July 21, 2013 Executive Board Meeting.)

**Taylor Anderson**  
Marysville, CA 95901  
District 60  
Parent's Reg# 2416451

**Teija Isotalo**  
Jackson, CA 95642  
District 30  
Parent's Reg# 2004941

**Pawan Sahota**  
Yuba City, CA 95993  
District 60  
Parent's Reg# 2593348

**Brandi Bailey**  
Roseville, CA 95747  
District 80  
Parent's Reg# 2288945

**Tanner Jennelle**  
Suisun City, CA 94585  
District 04  
Parent's Reg# 2258256

**Sara Saldana**  
Stockton, CA 95212  
District 30  
Parent's Reg# 2674690

**Travis Bodin**  
Spring Creek, NV 89815  
District 11  
Parent's Reg# 2590147

**Pono'i Kahoopii**  
Kamuela, HI 96743  
District 17  
Parent's Reg# 2387181

**Heather Sorensen**  
Santaquin, UT 84655  
District 12  
Parent's Reg# 2203647

**Courina Camp**  
Citrus Heights, CA 95621  
District 80  
Parent's Reg# 2004743

**Jeffrey Katzen**  
Livermore, CA 94550  
District 20  
Parent's Reg# 2696179

**Jared Speck**  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595  
District 20  
Parent's Reg# 1984892

**Edwin Caro-Gonzalez**  
Reno, NV 89508  
District 11  
Parent's Reg# 2556921

**Kupa'a Luat-Hueu**  
Haiku, HI 96708  
District 17  
Parent's Reg# 2017017

**Chelsea Teixeira**  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
District 01  
Parent's Reg# 2262543

**Danny Carrell**  
Visalia, CA 93277  
District 50  
Parent's Reg# 2482358

**Dawn Nabua**  
Kaneohe, HI 96744  
District 17  
Parent's Reg# 2062959

**John Urquidi**  
Elko, NV 89801  
District 11  
Parent's Reg# 2489218

**David Chadbourne**  
Meyers Flat, CA 95554  
District 40  
Parent's Reg# 2670995

**Jennifer Powell**  
El Sobrante, CA 94803  
District 20  
Parent's Reg# 2309422

**Alesha Williams**  
Oak Run, CA 96069  
District 70  
Parent's Reg# 2354850

**Shelby Davis**  
Orangevale, CA 95662  
District 80  
Parent's Reg# 2543309

**Hector Ramos**  
Yuba City, CA 95993  
District 60  
Parent's Reg# 2389902

**Deana Gayduchik**  
Citrus Heights, CA 95621  
District 80  
Parent's Reg# 2431090

**Catherine Roman**  
Biggs, CA 95917  
District 60  
Parent's Reg# 2241980

### What do you think about the Local 3 Scholarship Program?

"I think it's incredibly important to us as middle-class people to be able to send her to a private university."



– Kathy Dees, seven-year member and mother of first-place winner Grace Dickerson, who plans to attend University of Southern California and study pre-law

"It will help him with the tuition and the cost of college. The one way to support him is to make him feel successful and help him pursue a career."



– Thanh Le, five-year member and mother of second-place winner Giang Ha, who plans to attend University of California, Berkeley and study bio-engineering

"We're really excited about it. It's fantastic. It's a great opportunity for Michaela."



– Jim Burr, three-year member and father of third-place winner Michaela Burr, who plans to attend Gonzaga University and study civil engineering

DISTRICT MEETINGS

All meetings convene at 7 p.m.

AUGUST 2013

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

SEPTEMBER 2013

No meetings scheduled.

OCTOBER 2013

- 15<sup>th</sup> District 04: Suisun City Veterans Memorial Building 427 Main St.
- 15<sup>th</sup> District 20: Martinez Plumbers 159 1304 Roman Way
- 15<sup>th</sup> District 30: Stockton Operating Engineers’ Building 1916 North Broadway Ave.
- 16<sup>th</sup> District 10: Rohnert Park Operating Engineers’ Building 6225 State Farm Drive
- 16<sup>th</sup> District 50: Clovis Clovis Veterans Memorial 808 Fourth St.
- 16<sup>th</sup> District 80: Sacramento Operating Engineers’ Building 3920 Lennane Drive
- 17<sup>th</sup> District 01: Novato Unity In Marin 600 Palm Drive
- 17<sup>th</sup> District 60: Marysville Veterans Memorial Center 211 17<sup>th</sup> St.
- 17<sup>th</sup> District 90: Morgan Hill Operating Engineers’ Building 325 Digital Drive

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

August 2013

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

September 2013

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

October 2013

- 2<sup>nd</sup> District 11: Elko Mine Meeting: 6 p.m. Operating Engineers’ Building 1094 Lamoille Highway
- 9<sup>th</sup> District 11: Elko Construction Meeting: 6 p.m. Operating Engineers’ Building 1094 Lamoille Highway

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  
Cost: Free  
Other information: There will be games, entertainment, a jumper, shaved ice and popcorn.

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)

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 84<sup>th</sup> 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 84<sup>th</sup> day.

Welcome, new members

The officers of Operating Engineers Local 3 would like to welcome the following new members, who were formally initiated into the union before the Local 3 membership at their May District Meetings.

District 10: Rohnert Park  
Pat Stimson  
Kevin Todd

District 12: Utah  
Matthew Sabey

District 17: Hawaii  
John K. Loa  
Ariel Pacis  
Trisha Ramos

District 20: Oakland  
Rebecca Brennan  
Lawrence Dow  
Steve Fox  
Anthony Griffin  
Alexander Williams  
Diane Wong

District 50: Fresno  
Michael Thompson

District 80: Sacramento  
Amanda Peterson  
Joseph Raviotta  
Reyes Rios  
Michael Williams

District 90: Morgan Hill  
Grady Crawford  
Ken Hawkes III  
Humberto Herrera  
Dave Jimenez  
Aaron Paulsell  
Ricardo Rascon  
Adan Vega



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 June 2013 and have been determined eligible for Honorary Membership effective July 1, 2013.

Jeff M. Abrams	1742672
District 04: Fairfield	
Raymond Bresnan	1555813
District 10: Rohnert Park	
Dennis Broderick	1764307
District 01: Burlingame	
David Buford	1691277
District 11: Nevada	
Johnny W. Fisher	1440229
District 30: Stockton	
Leo W. Herrick	1137643
District 90: Morgan Hill	
Richard O. Hill	1697193
District 12: Utah	
Raymond Karcich	1624523
District 12: Utah	
Henry K. Keohohou Jr.	2005551
District 17: Hawaii	

Frank A. Leal Jr.	1764338
District 10: Rohnert Park	
Craig Maestretti	1659425
District 11: Nevada	
Frank Moell	1351190
District 11: Nevada	
Kenneth B. Peterson	1451119
District 04: Fairfield	
Robert Reynolds	1547701
District 10: Rohnert Park	
John L. Tuttle	1606685
District 99: Out Of Area	
Jack W. Wilkins	1737265
District 30: Stockton	
Fred Wilson Jr.	1754919
District 30: Stockton	
Wesley E. Woods	1745485
District 80: Sacramento	
David B. Yancey	1745182
District 60: Yuba City	

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: 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.

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.

DEPARTED MEMBERS

Aguirre, Sam Aromas, CA District 90 05-18-13	Harrison, Roy Olive Branch, MS District 99 04-08-13	Morin, Raymond San Jose, CA District 90 05-11-13	Rodriguez, Hilario San Jose, CA District 90 05-21-13	Tullis, William Shasta Lake, CA District 70 05-15-13	Billings, Eugenia. Wife of Billings, Charles (dec) 05-10-13	Jenne, Vanessa. Wife of Jenne, Mark 05-29-13	Sorensen, Cleo. Wife of Sorensen, Elbern 01-31-13
Almand, Cleo Winnemucca, NV District 11 05-19-13	Hutcheson, Clarence Klamath, CA District 40 05-16-13	Mourer, Vernon Bonanza, OR District 99 05-01-13	Sakata, Jerry Pearl City, HI District 17 04-07-13	Uehara, Noboru Paia, HI District 17 03-21-13	Burton, Evelyn. Wife of Burton, Hugh (dec) 05-18-13	Jensen, Elsie. Wife of Jensen, James (dec) 05-01-13	Sugita, Jean. Wife of Sugita, Ernest 05-21-13
Averett, Clyde Springville, UT District 12 05-14-13	Hylton, V Edon, OH District 99 04-27-13	Murphy, Duane Citrus Heights, CA District 80 05-20-13	Sanders, Joe Redding, CA District 70 06-07-13	Vesely, A San Jose, CA District 90 04-21-13	Chapman, Norma. Wife of Chapman, Robert (dec) 05-13-13	Jose, Esabelle. Wife of Jose, William 05-26-13	Toma, Laura. Wife of Toma, Richard (dec) 02-25-13
Berry, Charles Campbell, CA District 90 05-20-13	Johnson, Alex San Leandro, CA District 20 04-19-13	O’Keefe, John Shady Cove, OR District 99 05-14-13	Shropshire, Scott Elk Grove, CA District 80 05-24-13	Warfield, Darren Weed, CA District 70 04-15-13	Colgate, Betty. Wife of Colgate, Gene (dec) 05-23-13	Kaili, Sophie. Wife of Kaili, Clarence 02-08-13	Trask, Brenda. Wife of Trask, Mark 11-19-10
Cameron, Daniel Salt Lake City, UT District 12 05-24-13	Jones, Dwight Tracy, CA District 30 04-11-13	Phelps, Royal Fernley, NV District 11 04-06-13	Smallwood, John Citrus Heights, CA District 80 05-13-13	Whitney, Earl Lebanon, OR District 99 03-29-13	Crawford, June. Wife of Crawford, Norell (dec) 05-16-13	Little, Betty Jo. Wife of Little, William (dec) 05-31-13	Trevino, Marie. Wife of Trevino, Cesareo (dec) 05-09-13
Clark, Bobby Harrison, AR District 99 06-01-13	Kaanaana, Ronald Kapolei, HI District 17 05-14-13	Pyatt, Paul Hawthorne, NV District 11 04-23-13	Smeaton, Verne Fresno, CA District 50 05-03-13	Woznick, John Roseville, CA District 80 05-19-13	Franco, Maria. Wife of Franco, Ambrosio 05-05-13	Millett, Norda. Wife of Millett, Erol (dec) 05-12-13	Turpen, Lois. Wife of Turpen, Andrew (dec) 05-21-13
Clausen, William Manteca, CA District 30 05-07-13	Kauai, James Kapaa, HI District 17 05-12-13	Rada, David Willows, CA District 60 03-12-13	Sobrero, James Manteca, CA District 30 06-01-13	<b>DECEASED DEPENDENTS</b> Allen, Peggy. Wife of Allen, Scott 05-24-13	Frost, Gloria. Wife of Frost, Jack (dec) 05-08-13	Naranjo, Delfina. Wife of Naranjo, Angel (dec) 05-10-13	Wiley, Mary. Wife of Wiley, Elwood 05-23-13
Fagerness, Jerry Santa Rosa, CA District 10 05-09-13	Kirby, Tully Carmichael, CA District 80 05-28-13	Raftery, Tom Seminole, OK District 99 04-15-13	Souza, Frank Watsonville, CA District 90 05-15-13	Bacon, Marilyn. Wife of Bacon, Robert (dec) 12-02-12	Gardner, Sandra. Wife of Gardner, Ronald 05-20-13	Rhodes, Mary. Wife of Rhodes, Raymond (dec) 05-25-13	Wilson, Christian. Son of Griffin, Brent 03-30-13
Faria, Richard San Pablo, CA District 20 05-03-13	Mazza, Joseph San Rafael, CA District 01 05-22-13	Rider, Bruce San Jose, CA District 90 06-02-13	Strain, Fred Hughson, CA District 30 05-31-13	Baker, Katie. Wife of Baker, George (dec) 05-10-13	Gray, Betty. Wife of Gray, Julius (dec) 05-30-13	Richardson, Mary. Wife of Richardson, William (dec) 06-09-13	
Gulart, William Fernley, NV District 11 05-09-13	Miles, Robert Greenville, CA District 60 05-06-13	Roderick, John Tracy, CA District 30 05-15-13	Strode, Lee Guerneville, CA District 10 06-05-13	Beards, Nancy. Wife of Beards, Art (dec) 05-06-13	Henriques, Anna. Wife of Henriques, Ernest (dec) 05-09-13	Robles, Flora. Wife of Robles, Ray (dec) 06-03-13	

## Retiree quits smoking, drinking

By Jamie Johnston, associate editor

For more than 40 years, Retiree Dave Turner was a smoker.

He started the bad habit when he was just a young teen – “When I was a kid, you think it’s cool,” he said. “You do it to fit in.” However, years later, “it’s no joke,” he said. “It gets a hold of you. ... You’re hooked!”

Turner got to the point where he was smoking about a pack-and-a-half a day, if not more.

“To unwind, I’d have eight or nine beers a night,” he said, “and the more beer I drank, the more cigarettes I smoked.”

But all that changed about a year-and-a-half ago, when he quit cold turkey and stopped drinking alcohol.

“I’ve got a pack of cigarettes in my bedroom,” he said. “I have no desire. It’s my last pack I ever smoked.”

According to the American Cancer Society, quitting smoking can be extremely difficult, because it’s both a physical and psychological addiction. The organization claims that the nicotine in cigarettes is as addictive as heroin or cocaine and thus can cause users physical withdrawals when they try to quit. The drug travels fast, as the smoke enters the lungs and quickly absorbs into the bloodstream, carrying it throughout the body. Because of this, nicotine can affect nearly every organ in the body, as well as a person’s hormones and metabolism.

Some smokers also use cigarettes as a way to relax or deal with stress or boredom, so another challenge of quitting becomes managing these without the drug.

But it can be done! Turner says the trick to finding success is truly wanting to give it up.

“A lot of it’s mental,” he said. “You have to really want to do it; from your heart, want to quit.”

That time came for him after he started having stomach pains. When he could no longer eat or go to the bathroom, he finally went to see his doctor, something he hadn’t done since 1973! His doctor recommended a colonoscopy, and the procedure discovered a tumor. Turner eventually went in for surgery, and doctors also discovered that his intestines were “bad,” so he had a part removed. If he had waited just a few days later, “I would have exploded,” he said.

Turner’s doctors told him he had colon cancer.

The 33-year, second-generation operator went through 24 chemotherapy treatments and had a colostomy bag to help him go to the bathroom. It was removed about two months ago, and he now feels 70 to 80 percent better.

To stay that way, he was told to stop smoking and limit his drinking, so he gave up both.

“I chose life over drinking or smoking,” he said. “I wanted to live more than I wanted to drink or smoke.”

This life-changing decision has already led to other healthy habits. He said he eats better now and has stopped drinking coffee, opting for a glass of ice water instead.

The whole situation “woke me up,” he said. “I breathe better. I feel better.”

To others who are also trying to quit, Turner suggests they get a hobby.

“Every time you want a cigarette, go wash dishes or mow the lawn,” he said.

Not everyone gets this new outlook on life, and Turner, who worked on a finish-grade crew before he retired in 2011, hopes others don’t have to learn the lesson like he did.

“I’m glad to be here to tell you the truth,” he said.

## The scary effects of smoking

- Half of all smokers who continue to smoke end up dying from a smoking-related illness.
- In the United States alone, smoking is responsible for nearly one in five deaths.
- Smokers are twice as likely to die from heart attacks as non-smokers.
- About 8.6 million people suffer from smoking-related lung and heart disease.
- In addition to lung cancer, smoking is also linked to cancer of the mouth, nose, sinuses, lips, voice box, throat, esophagus, bladder, kidneys, pancreas, ovaries, cervix, stomach, colon and rectum, as well as acute myeloid leukemia.
- Male smokers lose an average of 13.2 years of life and female smokers lose 14.5 years of life because of smoking.



\*Information from the American Cancer Society.



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(916) 993-2047, ext. 2506

Or fax ads to: Swap Shop  
(916) 419-3487

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jjohnston@oe3.org

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FOR SALE: 2008 Harley Davidson Electra Glide FLHT. 2,000 miles. Showroom condition. Burgundy. Extras include backrest for driver and passenger, cargo rack, security system and cruise control. \$16,500. Call Don at (530) 637-5784. Reg# 1189100.

FOR SALE: 2003 Charmac L-Q three-horse trailer. Very light use. \$13,500 OBO. (559) 528-3828. Located in Fresno, Calif. Reg# 2382509.

WANTED: Shotguns, rifles, pistols and ammo, from one to a whole collection. (559) 351-6615. Reg# 2123273.

FOR SALE: John Deere 450 loader with hydraulic ripper. Serial# T0450BB140132. \$6,000. (916) 487-4846. Reg# 0486295.

FOR SALE: 2001 Subaru Outback. White over bronze. Multi CD/AM/FM/cassette radio. Custom interior trim package. Auto transmission. Air conditioning. 2.4 liter engine. Gas miser. Brand-new Goodyear tires. Extra clean. Extra sharp. \$6,000. (209) 948-4060. Reg# 1768795.

FOR SALE: 30-foot 2003 Alpha Sun trailer. Has two slide-outs. Fully self-contained. Stored inside. Non-smoking. One owner. Has 8' ceilings, ceiling fan, central air and heat, two leather recliners, hide-a-bed couch, two TVs and VCRs, large shower,

commercial water filter, Generac propane-powered generator, new tires. Wheel bearings recently packed. Has Gooseneck hitch. All paperwork on trailer, appliances available. \$14,500. (530) 227-5163. Reg# 1231332.

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: Snap-On ratchet 1" along with handle. Comes 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. Immaculate condition. 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. Sökkia 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: 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. 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. Very clean. 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. \$500 OBO. (707) 374-2349. Reg# 2468103.



# OUT WITH THE OLD; IN WITH THE NEW

Golden State Bridge is not new to bridge demos and reconstructions and neither is its crew. Crane Operator Danen Dibble, Drill Operator David Harrigill and Excavator Operator Roman Villafranco have almost 50 years of experience between them. Their expertise has come in handy in Rohnert Park District 10, as they tear down the old Green River Bridge near Elk and build a new one. The project should continue into next year.



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