



## ... And Still President

### BALLOT FOR AMENDMENTS INSIDE

#### From the Corner Pocket

I write as the "Acting-Interim" president of the Quarter Century Club with mixed feelings of frustration and fame. The frustration comes from not having found a replacement to fill the position of state president by the end of my two terms. This puts me in violation of the QCC Constitution. The 'fame' feeling comes from a polling of the state and district officers for alternatives; the replies suggested I just stay on until a replacement came forward.

Anyone who wants to challenge my renegade position or who can recommend a better person to take the job is welcome to step forward. Remember, any full member (not associate) qualifies—male or female. Some suggested changing the constitution to allow for a longer term. What do you think? The record of my terms, new Secretary/Treasurer, new newsletter printer, new constitutional revision, and re-establishment of a web site tells me that even this old farm boy from Minnesota can handle the job—it's not rocket science. And I've had the extra perks of visits to gatherings of the great people in districts 2, 3, 8 and 11. The next person to take the job can have even more fun with less work.

Our previous Second State VP office holder has found other aspects of life more demanding. Could

you fill that spot when we need to consult someone of great wisdom and experience? Please let any state or district officer know if you could be that leader.

The statewide CT News is on line at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctnews/feb06> with links to previous editions for those with a web connection. Scroll down to check out who has retired with how many years of service, and then invite your friends to join the QCC. You can get an electronic copy of the application at - <http://ctqcc.150m.com/qccapplication.html>.

There are reports of more involvement at the district level in several districts. That's good. There are also reports of district leaders wearing thin from long years of service with little support. Please contact your district leaders to see if you could lend a bit of help. You don't need to do everything, but every little bit helps. **ALL OF US** is way better than **ANY OF US**.

Our condolences go to Secretary/Treasurer Kim Yarbrough and his children on the passing of his first wife and their mother. Be patient with Kim as he deals with those challenges and the work of moving his household.

A ballot for constitutional changes has been inserted in this issue. I hope a substantial number of members will return a positive vote for the revisions as recommended by the QCC Board. Please return your ballot by April 30; the changes could be effective by June first. While I strongly support them, they are not just my



attempt to make changes. They were carefully weighed and evaluated by the entire board to bring forth a benefit for all members and the QCC as a whole.

Our many retired members may be interested in what is happening in Sacramento regarding potential changes to CalPERS pensions and what can be done about it. If you are concerned, I'd endorse two alternative organizations that have active agendas regarding retiree benefit issues. The RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, is open to all retired public employees who are members of CalPERS, regardless of what agency they worked for. Check them out at [www.rpea.com](http://www.rpea.com) for more information. Another option is CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES, affiliated with CSEA, which represents several bargaining units. The retiree division is open to any retired state employee regardless of bargaining unit. Their affiliation with the CSEA and other nationwide unions gives them plenty of clout. Check them out at [www.calcsea.org/retirees](http://www.calcsea.org/retirees) for more information. Both groups have a large membership base in many chapters around the state with active representatives and lobbyists in Sacramento dedicated to improving or at least preserving retiree benefits. Monthly newsletters and other meetings help to keep you informed and of course your membership helps to make a stronger voice carry more impact in Sacramento.

— Butch Biendara

**Check out the QCC website:**  
<http://ctqcc.150m.com/qcc.html>

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## Secretary Treasurer's Report

**DUES:** Wow!! Thanks for all the nice notes many of you sent with your dues. And what a response from many, many honorary members volunteering to pay dues (donations), including one from an 88 year old member who said he had free-loaded long enough and it was time to start paying again. Really great support from so many members.

There may have been a misunderstanding about the dues rate. The proposed revision to the constitution would raise the dues to \$15 per year. However this will not become effective until the revision is approved. For those who paid the \$15 rate, I have listed the additional \$5 as a donation. If you wish to be credited that amount for future dues, rather than a donation, please let me know. The current dues are still \$10. Please check the date on your address label to make sure you are current in your dues payments.

I received a few dues payments addressed to Ms Kim Yarbrough. I am a Mr. and for those who don't know me personally, not to worry ... when Pat and I

married, the judge said to Pat "do you take Kim to be your wife..." The mixup has happened many times since.

**ROSTER:** The constitution calls for a complete membership roster (as of Feb. 1) to be mailed to all members with the March issue of even numbered years. Several things have been happening in our family, and I just didn't get it done. My sincere apologies, and it will be included with the June issue

**INFORMATION REQUESTS:** I have sent out cards requesting date of birth, work status, retirement dates and number of years served to several members in an effort to update the records. The date of birth is just for our records (to determine when you become an Honorary Member) and is not given out to anyone. I want to thank all of you recipients for returning the information so quickly.

**RELOCATION:** Doesn't everybody love to move? When we moved from the Imperial Valley to the San Joaquin Valley in 2002, I said, "This is it ... last move." Then in 2004 we moved into the mountains near Mariposa ... such beautiful country. And NOW, we are again moving, this time to Vacaville. The move was prompted by several factors, primarily health care reasons, and being nearer to the children. Please note the new address, phone number, and e-mail address at the end of this column and/or elsewhere in this issue.

**OBITUARY: Janice Redmond**, of Elk Grove, died Feb 9, 2006 in a scuba diving accident in Belize while on vacation with her husband, Bill, and daughter Kathi and her husband, Mike. Jan retired from Caltrans several years ago after working as a photographer for the California Transportation Journal. She took many photos, including some spectacular ones from the tops of bridges. After retirement, she started her own business, Photography by Janice. She is survived by husband, Bill, children Keith, Kathi (a QCC member), Mari, Joe, and their families. She was preceded in death by youngest daughter, Teri. Janice was my first wife and I am the father of

those children. She will be greatly missed by a very large family.

— Kim Yabraugh

## The Haps in District 1

I am the District I contact person for the California Transportation Foundation in addition to my QCC role. This group, which does a lot of good things for our Caltrans family, deserves our support. QCC members should have received a letter containing an application for membership, along with a copy of *CTF Headways*. Find out more by checking their website, <http://www.transportationfoundation.org>. I hope more of you will elect to support this organization as well as QCC.

**Dorothy Nivens** and I joined several other employees and retirees for a cake reception at the district office to honor **Nancy Pelascini** from personnel, **Louise Oliver** from administration and **Tom Charley** from engineering. who retired at the end of the year. District Director **Charles Fielder** presented each with certificates; they also received memory books that included pictures of fellow employees. Other employees who retired around the end of the year were Maintenance Superintendent **Jerry Sheldon**, engineer **Bob Fallis**, and **Marlene Thomsen** and **Luana Bywater** from the maintenance office. District I lost a lot of expertise with these retirements but we wish them all a long, happy and healthy retirement.

I attended the quarterly CSEA meeting on March 2. We had a great lunch at the Elks and learned a lot from a talk on identity theft. It has become such a problem that it is important that we be careful with our records, including shredding anything with our

names and addresses. Our speaker discovered how clever people can be. She had thrown away two envelopes with her return address. A few weeks later one came back, containing a small amount of marijuana. Someone had taken the envelopes from her garbage and used them but addressed one incorrectly. They use these envelopes so they can't be traced back to them if something goes wrong.

It was good to see **Ben Stebbins**, who is still very active. He was a charter member of CSEA in 1931 and our district accounting officer for many years before his retirement. Other Caltrans retirees we enjoyed visiting included the **Ray Truttmans**, **Bill Bartons**, the **Bertolinis**, the **Turnells** and **Bob Myers**.

In February, I ran into **Chuck** and **Pat Secoy** at a breakfast place. They now live in the Redding area but were here to support and attend services for Pat's friend's dad, who recently passed away. It was good to see them even though a sad event brought them here.

This last quarter we lost two more retirees. **Albert Carlson**, communications technician, passed away on December 22, 2005. **Jackie Rollins Trainor**, who had worked for District 1 as an office technician before retirement, passed away November 19, 2005. She and her husband, **Vern**, who had already passed on, worked for us for several years. She and I knew each other as far back as high school. She died far too young after a brave bout with cancer.

Hope to hear from more of our fellow QCCers.

— Arlene Hartin

Rather read the QCCer on-line? Go to <http://ctqcc.150m.com/qccnewsletter.html>

A membership application and a wealth of information about QCC officers, history and constitution are available at <http://ctqcc.150m.com/qcc.html>

## *The Haps in District 2*

The QCCer did not receive a report from District 2.

## *The Haps in District 3*

**Placerville Area News:** After a December with 14 days of rainy weather totaling more than 24 inches of rain followed by 17 days of wet weather in January, with only nine inches, we are now enjoying nice sunny mild weather with more than three quarters of February gone. A stormy period is forecast for the last of the month.

Sadly, **John Mabry** passed away February 20th in Woodland. A gathering of friends to honor his life and service to Caltrans will be held on March 4th at the VFW hall on Kentucky Ave in Woodland between noon and 2 pm. John came to District 3 in 1966 and replaced **Ed Willis** as Superintendent of the Placerville Maintenance Territory. He served there until 1972, when he transferred to Woodland, replacing **Vic Engstrom**. John retired in 1976 and since then spent a short time in Oregon, before returning to LeisureTown, California and later to Woodland. His many Caltrans friends and family will sadly miss John.

**Bob** and **Marjorie Johnson** send word they have sold their home in Gardnerville, Nevada and moved to Thayne, Wyoming, closer to great hunting area Bob enjoys so much. He says Carson Valley is experiencing a building boom and soon won't be rural anymore, so it's time to move on. Bob, known for his landscaping skills, served in that capacity with the division in Sacramento, the district office in Marysville, and finally in Sacramento Headquarters.

**Keith** and **Barbara Maggini** joined Stan and Nancy Freeman for lunch in Plymouth on February 24th then went on for an afternoon of card playing, discussing old times while in the work force, and visiting their lovely home in Mount Aukum.

A few of those from our area who plan to attend the QCC Luncheon in Yuba City March 19 are **Doug** and **Grace Becker**, **Stan** and **Nancy Freeman** and **Keith** and **Barbara Maggini**, with more checking their calendars.

#### **Spring Luncheon Announcement:**

The Annual Placerville Spring Luncheon is scheduled for April 20, 2006 at the Moose Lodge in the 8 Mile House Area east of Placerville on Highway 50. The buffet, at \$10 per plate (including tax and tip) will consist of French onion soup, green salad, chicken Marsala, Salisbury steak with mushroom sauce, potato au gratin, dinner roll and dessert. A no-host cocktail hour will begin at 11:30 am with the buffet to follow at 12:30.

The lodge is located on the south side of Route 50 at the Upper Camino exit (Exit 54) Take the frontage road (8 Mile Rd.) about a half mile; the lodge is on the south side of the road. All state retirees and their guests are welcome. Regular attendees will be contacted by phone about two weeks prior to the event. If you are attending for the first time, please contact one of the host listed below as we need an approximate head count by April 13.

#### **Hosts:**

Doug and Grace Becker -----622-1665

Gerry and Luanne Hamm -----622-8030

**Marysville News:** the District 3 Quarter Century Club spring get-together will be held Sunday, March 19th at the Family Moose Lodge I in Yuba City. **John Pennebaker**, **Lita Wells**, **Libby Haraughty** and I have planned good food, great door prizes and wonderful fellowship. Contact any of us if you need additional information.

**Dale Bourn** has kept in shape since his retirement—playing golf three to four days a week.

Still a member of the Auburn Valley Country Club, Dale is out on the course while wife **Jo** continues to work. Although Jo enjoys her work she plans to retire soon. With children in Eagle Point Oregon, the Bourns often take trips north; they also returned recently from a trip to San Diego. When a family reunion was planned in Mississippi, Dale and Jo purchased tickets and were ready to leave when Katrina hit. Family members were OK although the reunion was cancelled. The Bourns are also involved with their local church.

Last week **John Sanger** returned from a two-week voyage to the eastern and western Caribbean. This was his 25th cruise. In Miami the temperature dropped to 42 degrees, which sent John out looking for sweatshirts. John has cruised into most of the ports that allow a ship, including twice to Tahiti. Occasionally you'll see John dancing away at the Moose Lodge.

Nice to see **Ralph Sandler** and **Emil Jensen** having dinner at the Moose Lodge. Hope to see both again soon. I need the scoop on what is happening in your life.

After purchasing a home in Washington, **Betty** and **Everett Emmons** continue to travel in their 5th wheel. Currently they are golfing and having fun in the Arizona and California deserts. They plan to visit membership parks in Needles, Palm Springs, Earp, Yuma, Laughlin, and Las Vegas before heading north in April with a stopover in Yuba City.

Talked with **Walt** and **Harriet Flanary** who recently returned from Winter Haven, California. They spend a month in the desert each year surrounded by the fresh lettuce, cauliflower and broccoli grown in the area. According to Harriet a trip to Algodones for lunch and a margarita make for a great outing. Living in Sonoma in a retirement community, the Flanarys are involved in local community activities. Their daughter lives in Sonoma and their son in Santa Rosa. This makes for easy access to their two grandchildren.

**John** and **Wanda Rocha** also spent time this winter in the desert. They stayed in Quartzsite where they have been returning for several years. While in the desert John became ill with asthma, which cut their trip short. Wanda has been the taxi

driver for John and for mother **Jessie May Armstrong**. Jessie May fell and for now is in a wheelchair. Luckily she only bruised a rib.

**Barbara Heller** is busy and having fun with the care of her two golden retrievers. Barbara looks great and gets together with sister **Joann Muller** often. Joann not only breeds golden retrievers but is redecorating her home. In March she hopes to replace all windows and to tile portions of the house.

I understand from **Lyle Trexler's** husband that she is staying at the Fountains, which is a nursing home in Yuba City. We wish her the best.

Looks like the Right of Way and Maintenance folks made a large contingency in Yuma this winter. Some stayed at the Foothills RV Park and others at Sunny Sands. **Chuck** and **Mary Dossey**, **Jim** and **Margaret Strain**, **Daryl** and **Karen Schmidt**, **Bob** and **Della Ackison**, and, from Maintenance, **Bob** and **Marilyn Mulcahy** and **Ralph Sandler**, enjoyed the sun. **Wally** and **Delea Crother** were in Palm Desert. I also heard **Joe** and **Carol Schmidt** were basking in the sun in Tucson.

Remember the information I use comes from the members. Please continue to forward news that you would like to share.

— Keith Magginini and Susanna Ford

### Dues Due?

Check the mailing label on your QCCer to find the date of your membership expiration. Please remit your membership dues as soon as possible.

## The Haps in District 4

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Bob Cashion** dropped a note to me saying he hadn't seen any notice of **Dick Giegling's** death. He said Dick died on August 31 in Mexico due to complications from surgery to repair an abscess from ulcerated colitis. Dick used to drop me a note near the end of the year about his activities so I would include them in the District 4 club notes. Dick divided his retirement year, spending six months in Mexico and six in California.

Bob remembers that he and Dick were in the same geometric design squad (1953-55), working for **Ichiro Fukutome**, who later became a headquarters traffic reviewer. Bob said Ichiro was a great boss. He noted that Ichiro died on September 30, a month after Dick.

Bob notes that getting old is the pits. His Christmas card list keeps getting shorter since he retired,

Bob had some good news. His daughter got married in Los Angeles; they had a reception for her in Germany. Of course one of the advantages of getting old is getting the kids out of the house or the country, as the case may be. However, I keep hearing that kids are wising up and returning home to mom and dad.

I saw **Bob Jahrling** at the February lunch of **Ed Coble's** group. Bob had just had cataract surgery and was extolling its virtues. He said the results were amazing and that it was easily done. He'd recommend that anyone who needs it should have it done!

Speaking of Ed Coble's group, their annual Christmas luncheon was at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. About 25 couples attended. The group was saddened by **Bill Mellish's** recent death and toasted his memory.

I reported last quarter on Bill's death but was unable to add more since the service to celebrate his life was held on December 12 at Grace Lutheran church in Palo Alto. The deadline for submittals to the QCCer was December 1.

His friends and colleagues both from Caltrans and the Naval Reserve attended the service. The church was filled with gold braid and scrambled eggs. Ed Coble and Joe Morrow shared their memories of Bill. Bill had an extensive naval reserve career. Below is a biography that was handed to acquaint Bill's Caltrans friends with the full extent of his accomplishments.

"Commander William Joseph Mellish, CEC, USNR (ret.) passed away on November 14, 2005. He had lived in Palo Alto, California for the past 56 years. He was 83, having been born on February 26, 1922. He was a naval officer of the line who served in World War II and Korea, returning to active duty for a third time during the Vietnam conflict from 1969 to 1971, with the Seabees. Between the wars, he was employed by the California Department of Transportation as an engineer, building and repairing highways.

As a youth he can best be described as a farm boy. He plowed the fields in western Pennsylvania with a team of horses. He hunted game every fall and played right tackle on his high school football team before the era of facemasks. He enrolled in Grove City College in western Pennsylvania in the fall of 1940. To pay his college expenses he worked as a driller, shooter and blaster in a limestone mine located Boyers, Pennsylvania. The tunnels he helped blast today are used as a national records storage center. The tunneling was so extensive that on a visit to the site, Bill had to drive two miles underground to reach his designated parking space.

He enlisted in the Navy as an apprentice seaman in the fall of 1942. In the spring of 1943 he was transferred to the V-12 program at Brown University in Providence, RI. In the fall of 1944 he was placed in the 22<sup>nd</sup> class of midshipmen at Columbia University in New York City. He was commissioned an ensign of the line on March 8, 1945 as a plank owner (a member of the original crew) to the heavy cruiser USS Columbus in the engineering department, electrical division. The ship set sail from Boston for the Pacific theater. Following a stop in Tokyo after the Japanese surrender, the USS Columbus spent the winter of

1945 anchored in Tsingtao harbor. The next stop was Shanghai where they spent the spring of 1945.

Upon his release in September 1946, Mellish returned to Brown University and graduated in June with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. A marriage, a move to the San Francisco Bay Area and the arrival of a son inspired him to seek employment. His career as a highway engineer began in December 1947 with the State of California and ended when he retired in September 1987 after 40 years of service. As a reservist he was recalled for Korean duty aboard the USS Missouri from January 1951 to January 1953. Following his release from active duty he changed from line to Civil Engineer corps to better match his civilian and naval careers.

In his later years he devoted time to the Naval Reserve scholarship program. Beginning in 1996 he sponsored nine annual Mellish Week family crises. More than 80 members of the clan attended the last, which toured the Great Lakes on a private yacht. His first wife, **Stella Lucille Hammack Mellish** is deceased. Commander Mellish is survived by his wife, navy Captain **Mildred Lucille Weeks Mellish, NC, USNR (ret)** one son, Markham, two grandchildren, Alan and Alison, all of Maple Ridge British Columbia. He is also survived by three brothers, **Eugene, Gordon and David** and many nieces and nephews going down four generations.

Bill was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on February 6, 2006 with full military honors.

**Anne Hohener** has been babysitting her daughter's bright beagle and another relative's small dog. Asked if she wanted a dog for herself, she replied, "No!" It would tie her down too much. Well, we'll see, these small dogs tend to grow on one. More later.

**Karen and Ed Coble** spend one day a week at least with their granddaughter, **Katherine**. The District 4 Quarter Century Club ladies at their monthly luncheon love to hear the latest Katherine doings and see the newest photos. **Jean Pappa** said her two young grandsons are growing up so fast that she's always amazed at how quickly they're learning. Jean and Karen would love to get the grandkids together for a play date.

People are beginning to think about planning their summer vacations. If you'd like to share what you're doing, drop me a line and I'll include it in the next District 4 QCC notes.

Speaking of vacations, my wife and our youngest daughter took their annual girls-only trip to Dallas, Texas after Christmas and over New Year's. They took in the Cowboys' last season game, the Mavericks' basketball games and country and western concerts. I stayed home and babysat the three cats.

Until next time!

— Paul Hensley

## The Haps in District 5

**H**ello! Spring is determined to arrive in spite of our weather. The flowering pear trees at the district office started to bloom after the warm spell in February, but the recent winds have not been kind to the blossoms.

Our big news is the departure of our director, **Gregg Albright**, in February. After debating the pros and cons of the move, Gregg has accepted the position of Chief of the Division of Planning in Sacramento. District 5 has benefited from his leadership, and we are very sorry to see him go. Cake-and-coffee parties were held at the DO and at the Atoll Building to give employees the opportunity to say good-bye to Gregg.

Until a successor is appointed, our acting director will be **Cheryl Willis**, from District 1. You may remember Cheryl when she came to the district as a Transportation Planner after receiving her Master's degree from Cal Poly. She transferred to District 1 in 1992, where she is currently Deputy District Director for Planning and Local Assistance.

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County recently saluted outstanding individuals and businesses for their efforts to improve transportation in their county. We are pleased to report that District 5 received three awards for transportation excellence.

-**Nevins Sams**, Traffic Safety Engineer, was recognized for initiating numerous bicycle and pedestrian safety projects; he received enthusiastic praise from the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

-The Project Development Team, for the Airport Boulevard Interchange was recognized for managing multiple project alternatives, FAA requirements, addressing local business concerns, and ensuring that significant project milestones were met.

-The Prunedale Improvement Project project development team, which worked tirelessly to avoid delays and cost overruns to assure that the critical safety improvements on US101 were constructed as soon as possible.

If you're planning to travel south from San Luis Obispo, be sure to check the Caltrans webpage before departing. We now provide live traffic video from three locations along SLO-101 in Pismo Beach and also at Patterson Avenue on SB-101. You can find the video at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05>. I understand from our traffic folks that we will see additional camera installations in the future.

Recent retirements from Maintenance: **Carmel Montez** from Salinas, **Carolyn Reece** from Templeton, and **Sid Hudson** from Special Crews.

Thanks to everyone who has sent in their dues for 2006. Don't forget to check the label on your QCC to see if you are up to date.

The **Copelands** are looking forward to attending an Elderhostel program in Phoenix in mid-March that focuses on baseball and spring training. We'll attend three Giants games as well as lectures, tours, and films about the sport.

**Dick** and **Sandy Elliott** are putting the house back together after having the interior painted. Sandy says they enjoy visiting with family and taking the grandkids to Morro Bay to visit the museum and watch the sea otters.

**Bill Fieldhouse** volunteered as a marshal for the Tour de California, which passed through our district in February. If you watched the nightly broadcast on ESPN2, you may have seen familiar scenery as the riders traveled from Monterey down Route 1 to an exciting finish in downtown San Luis Obispo at the end of Stage 4. Stage 5 took them out



Broad Street (227) to Corbett Canyon, then through Arroyo Grande, Guadalupe, then across 101 to the back roads leading to Route 154 and into Santa Barbara. WOW—that makes me tired just thinking of it.

**Jerry** and **Pat Laumer** will visit the Scottsdale area in March to attend the World Baseball Classic and some spring training games.

**Vern Leseman** called to give us the sad news that **Bud Horton** passed away in Arizona on December 31 at the age of 92. Vern said that Bud's brother Bob is very lonesome after all their years together. Vern himself has been having some health problems and was possibly facing surgery after the Super Bowl.

**Bick Moe** always includes a cheerful note with his payment; he says this is his last check before reaching Honorary Member status. He and his sweetheart bride **Marilyn** are close to 60 years of happiness together. They still enjoy trips to the coast on the back roads and travel to Hume Lake a couple times a year. Bick, **Bob Treece**, and **Harold Rossier** still get together to celebrate birthdays.

We recently saw **Jon Patterson** at our local Von's store. He looks well and plays golf twice a week with **Ole Redden** and **John Nye** when his back isn't bothering him.

We're sorry to report the loss of three Caltrans friends in recent months. **John Tuohy** passed away December 22 following a battle with cancer. John and his wife **Marg** moved here from Minnesota in 1954 and raised their family in the "new" part of San Luis Obispo that was growing near Foothill Blvd and Cal Poly. While working as an engineer in District 5, John was very active in CSEA and served as president of Chapter 10. He retired in 1983 and then worked for Walter Brothers Construction as a project manager.

Sadly, **Marg** developed Alzheimer's, and John cared for her until her death in 2003. John's family suffered another loss when his son **Robert** passed away unexpectedly one month after John.

**John "JD" Wells** passed away January 25 at the age of 77. JD was born in Oklahoma and had lived in Grover Beach since 1947. He worked for

the district for 38 years and was known for his creativity and skill as a delineator. Long before the days of CADD equipment, JD was always ready to assist us with signs, displays, models, etc. He served on the Grover Beach Planning Commission and was treasurer for the South County Youth Foundation. JD was preceded in death by his wife **Dolly Mae**.

Another former delineator, **Pearl Melling** passed away February 25 at the age of 73. Pearl majored in art at Humboldt with a minor in engineering, and enjoyed working with oils. She was also a pilot and enjoyed the outdoors.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these special friends.

— Kathy Copeland

### Deadlines

**The deadline for material for the QCCer is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month in which it is published, although we prefer to get it earlier if we can. The next issue will be published in March. The final deadline for the next issue will be June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## The Haps in District 6

**Irwin Rosa** visited Fresno this winter and returned home to Hawaii in February. He says Fresno is too foggy and gloomy now that he's used to living in Paradise.

I talked to **Larry Luby** recently. He retired in 1983 but he sure didn't let any grass grow under his heels. He has lived in Washington, Oregon and California since. They lived in a motor home for seven years and traveled around the United States for an entire year. He's now in Cottonwood, south of Redding, on 10 acres of land with oak trees and a

lot of wild animals. He and his wife have deer, fox, skunks, raccoons and wild pigs, which are destroying his lawn.

Larry started in District 3 in 1954, working with **Cam Garbot** and it's through Cam that we owe getting Larry back into the retirees' group. Larry recalls working at Happy Camp and getting poison oak, not knowing what it was, and bringing it home to his wife. That's sure a good way to start out.

He also recalls **Grace Aitken** working as his secretary in District 6 and asked fondly about her.

**Frank Howell** passed away Monday, Dec 19, 2005 of cancer. He was the head of the District 6 Right of Way for many years and will be missed.

I would really like more info for the newsletter from you folks. Please give me a call at 559-431-8140 @ home or 559-974-3885 on the cell. I promise I won't talk your ear off, well maybe.

I've been running around way too much.

Since I retired I've been to Hawaii twice, Tahiti on a cruise, Canada, Idaho, Oregon, Las Vegas, China in a couple of weeks, and Italy in May. I've been taking stock and option investing as well as Bible Study Fellowship. I either need a secretary or a less busy schedule. This year the Spring Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Richard's, on Belmont just west of Blackstone. More information will follow in a flyer.

Also, for any of you who may not know, every Thursday a lot of retirees meet for coffee around 8:30 am at Country Waffles on the NW corner of Hemdon & Cedar.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

— Terry Littleton

## *The Haps in District 7*

THE QCCER did not receive a report from District 7

## *The Haps in District 8*

District 8 held its QCC Christmas party at the Gourmet at 12 noon on December 4, 2005. We were pleased to have QCC President **Butch Biendara** from San Diego and Secretary **Kim Yarbrough** and his wife **Pat** from Mariposa join us. Butch and Kim addressed problems and possible solutions facing the Quarter Century Club. Pat was a great help to our Secretary/Treasurer **Marsha Lotze** with our very successful annual raffle.

Those attending were **Erma Aldape, Evie Anderson, John and Kay Anderson, Jim and Jo Ann Balcom, Loren Barnett, Mary Bermudez, Judie and Gerald Brown, Roy and Marcella Cagle, Eleanor Campbell, Barney and Sue Chapman, Morgan and Glenna Choate, Gil and Jeanette Daab, Nick and Karen Davies, John and Doris Estrada, Don and Janice Feenstra, Bill and Shirley Feenstra, Carolina Gonzalez, Wes and Linda Grimes, Ed and Clarice Gritters, Dick and Louise Haight, Beverly Hines, Angela Hall, Margie and Jerry Hobbs, Carolyn Johns, Allan and Jane Kirst, Paul and Mary Kirst, Jack Lake, Pat Leatherberry, Hal Lee, Frank Lehr, Stan and Ina Lisiewicz, Marsha Lotze, Jim Landfried, Dick and Hazel Longstreet, Jim Miller, Maxine Nelson, Les and Barbara Nolte, Ken Olson and daughter Carolyn Cloud, Ernie and Kay Parks, Lloyd Patterson, Doris Peddy, Bob Redden, Virginia Reed, Donna Rodriguez, Rachel Roldan, Linda Salmond, Bob Sassaman, Taylor and Katie Smith, Ken Steele, Dick Stephenson, Grace Vinzens, Guy and Joan Visbal, Ron Wanee, Gary and Sharon Waters, Don Weaver** and our statewide officers, **Butch Biendara** and **Kim** and his wife, **Pat Yarbrough**.

Honorary certificates were presented to **Pat Leatherberry, Doris Peddy, Hal Lee** and **Ken Olson**. **Stan Martin** was unable to attend

because of problems with his knee. He had his right knee replaced on February 13<sup>th</sup> and is doing well.

**Alice Patterson** was unable to attend because of an unusual home accident. She slipped on a rug, fell against a doorway, and broke her neck. She is still wearing a "halo" to restrict movement of her head. She will visit her surgeon on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to determine if her neck is healing or if she will need surgery.

Better late than never, we received a Christmas letter just after the last deadline from **Evie Anderson**: "Greetings on this last day of November, 2005. I have a new address and telephone number, 11171 Oakwood Drive, F304, Loma Linda, CA 92354, Telephone: 909-478-1430. Loma Linda is between Colton and Redlands. I am just six miles from my former home. This is a senior gated facility for people 55 and over. There are approximately 900 residents here. I have a two-bedroom, living room, kitchen, and bath condo. It is like new. It has a vaulted ceiling that slopes downward toward sliding glass doors that open onto my balcony. I am three stories high on the balcony side, but on the other, I enter on the top level from a hall that goes out to my covered carport. I love it here. I am between the Loma Linda University hospital to the east and the Montecito Cemetery to the west. The hospital is rated on a par with Mayo Brothers' in Rochester, Minnesota. We won't think about the cemetery for now."

"In June/July I traveled to London and Scandinavia with eight relatives. We flew to Heathrow Airport in London. We stayed in London for five days of sightseeing. We left just a week before the bombs went off in the Underground and on the double-decker bus. We had been riding the Tube and also the buses. Whew!!!"

"We crossed the English Channel on a luxury ferry from Dover to Calais, France. We had time to eat lunch and shop at the duty-free store on this ship. In France we boarded our coach and met our guide. These transported us and looked after us for the next eleven days. We toured Brussels, Belgium, Frankfurt, Germany, Copenhagen, Denmark, Stockholm, Sweden, and Oslo and Bergen Norway. Between, we saw fjords, waterfalls, rivers, lakes,

canals, glaciers, mountains, farmland, etc. What beautiful countries! We spent three more days in London then flew to LAX."

"I have taken other short trips this year to attend weddings of relatives, reunions, going out to dinner, and just the usual happenings. I treated myself to a new computer for Christmas. I am on the air Monday through Friday on Armed Forces Radio, which goes all over the world and on independent radio stations in the USA. This stint is on disc jockey Todd Michael's show. I also talk on Rick Dees' Top 40 weekend radio show. I appear now and then on Leeza Gibbons' radio talk show at her request. I guess I have turned pro. I either tell a joke or an actual amusing happening that I dredge up from my vast memory. My health continues to be good. I look forward to hearing what you have been up to this year. I wish you the best of health, prosperity, and love. Happy Holidays, or as we used to say, Merry Christmas. —Evie"

Former District 8 members **John and Ginger Steger** have moved to Fort Ludlow, Oregon. They report a lot of rain since they have been there.

**Bob Pond** has completed his relocation to Novato to be closer to his daughter and family. His address is 8 Monterey Court, Novato, CA 94945-2211, Phone 415-892-0135. He reports that he is already well acquainted with Kaiser's facilities in San Rafael and Novato.

**Jean Moloney**, widow of **Ed**, was recently honored for her two decades of volunteer work at the Friends of the San Bernardino Library. She has done everything from shelving books, distributing fliers, recruiting book donors and booksellers, to actual sales—not bad for an 84 year old.

**Tom Powell** (construction) took a month long journey down under with grandson **Bryson**, traveling to New Zealand and Australia by way of Hawaii for four days there during December, then off to New Zealand for 10 days, including a week near Auckland at Taupo for fishing, hiking and rainforest exploration, then to Coolangatta just south of Brisbane for snorkeling, surfing, fishing and a visit to the Australia Zoo to see Steve Erwin, the "Croc Hunter", as well as the creatures at the zoo, then to Sydney for a few days before heading home

thru Hawaii once more.—sounds like the trip of a lifetime for Bryson, and great fun for granddad Tom. **Bonnie Powell** stayed home to keep the lid on things while the guys did their thing..

**Harry** (planning) and **Darlene Sawyer** write from Minnesota that December had high temps in the 12 degree range, lows in the -19—too cold for your reporter, but agreeable to the Sawyers given the fishing during the better months of the year. Harry once again was featured in the local paper for getting not one but two record-setting fish.

**Jim Miller** (construction) traveled to Arizona for a weeklong golf school . . . remains to be seen how much it will help. He and a number of Caltrans folk including **Gary Waters, Les Franz, Dick Althouse, Dave Lahti, Dick Longstreet,** and **Lyle Gustafson** can usually be found poking the little white ball around the San Bernardino Golf Club each Thursday, and at other courses on Tuesday with a traveling tourney.

We regretfully learned that **Margaret Findley**, former District member **Bob Findley's** wife, passed away in November in San Diego.

Long-time QCC member and supporter, **John Woolard** passed away in late January. John spent most of his career in Right of Way Utilities. He was a civil engineer who retired with 39 years of service. He was the District QCC Secretary in the mid 70s. He was an outstanding father, grandfather and a friend to all.

Two long-time Maintenance employees also passed away recently; **Robert D. Hubbs** and **Richard M. Adams**. Robert was a maintenance manager and Richard Adams was an electrical superintendent when they retired. Both had many years of service with Caltrans.

We also learned that **Martha Norris** passed away in late October, 2005. Martha had worked in San Diego and transferred to our district many years ago before retiring. She was a delineator with our drafting services department.

—Marsh Lotze

## The Haps in District 9

**N**ot much to report this time around. I've been having computer problems—therefore email problems also. The video signal went out on the main desktop then the hard drive failed on the replacement. So I am struggling to get this sent in. I had saved some email info to be included in this report but those files are on the desktop without the video and unavailable. Sorry about that. I will include that information in the next newsletter.

**Bob Marsh** had shoulder replacement surgery the end of January. Bob went to Carson City for the operation. He is doing OK and learning to adjust with limited use of his right arm. Get well soon Bob.

**Jim Kemp** reported that he went golfing in Death Valley and Pahrump, NV with **Dave Oldenberg** and **Lou Wadsworth**. Jim said they had a good time and that it was a good place to golf.

We see **John** and **Shirley Nacken** bowling on Wednesday nights along with **Jim Kem** and **Earl Franks**.

— Lance Hinek

## The Haps in District 10

**S**ome New Year's resolutions from District 10 folks:

**John "Cappy" Richards** says, "Return to Ireland in the Fall of 06'.

**Bill Sieji**- "Try to make all of the breakfasts each end of the month."

**Ron Lesan's** New Year resolution "I promise to finish the window this New Year."

Message to **Bill Seiji** from **Laine Sevy** in Utah: "Hi Bill—Nothing new to report from here—survived the first part of the holiday season.

Give my best to the guys at Denny's and wish them a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Laine."

**Al Wells - Dennis Smith** and I had a good elk hunt in Montana the last of November. Shot an elk on Thanksgiving Day. **Anne** and I head to Caribbean for a cruise the second week of January.

**Virginia Evinger**- Three weeks in Tucson with no rain. Beautiful! Came home to RAIN! Lots of parties, restaurants and people.

On February 26th **Stan Randolph**, an avid NASCAR fan attended the California 500 race in Fontana California, earplugs and all. Stan has always loved racing and became hooked on NASCAR about 5 years ago. Lap speeds on the two-mile oval were in the 170 miles per hour range but when passing in front of you they look a lot faster. Stan attended the races with his son and grandson who is attending Claremont McKenna College in Claremont California, about 10 miles from the racetrack.

Besides being a fan of racing and sports in general, Stan is an active Civil War reader and has visited almost all of the Civil War battlefields since retiring in 1992. He belongs to the Civil War Preservation Trust, which is dedicated to acquiring land within battle sites to prevent their development.

His interest in genealogy has also resulted in two trips to the midwest and east (Wisconsin and New Jersey) resulting in information and books tracing his ancestors in the United States back to 1630 in Massachusetts.

From **Bob Biffle: Bob** and **Ardyth** and son **Brad** along with daughter **Bonny** will cruise through the Panama Canal in May. They will celebrate Bonnet's 50th birthday and anything else they can think of.

Another message to **Bill Seiji** from **Laine Sevy** in Utah: "Another month has slipped by and we are still dry here in Southern Utah, although the weather man has promised some moisture tomorrow—guess he doesn't know Tuesday is Golf day—May have to dig out the umbrella and rain suit."

"I received an e-mail from **Ron Lutz** last night- He and **Rosanna** are heading for Egypt and Israel for a couple of weeks. They travel a lot- and to some places that I would shun."

Our weather has warmed up—finally—been in the low 70s for a couple of days. I'm still playing golf twice a week and enjoying the game still—even though most all the shots are getting much shorter."

"We have spent quite a bit of time back in Panguitch this winter—even had to shovel snow a couple of mornings, something that I haven't missed.

"If you make it through the water, and get to Denny's tomorrow—give all the guys a big hello for me. We plan to be in California in June for a grandson's high school graduation but don't know if we will make the trip to Stockton from Lancaster—depends on both our health and stay-awake signs,"

**Richard Harold Morris**, 77, passed away January 2, 2006 at his residence in Stockton. He was born May 28, 1928 in Nevada. He was employed by Caltrans for 37 years. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was the husband of the late **Mary Ramirez Morris**. Father of **Susan Morris** of Novato and brother of **Robert Morris** of Modesto. Services were held at DeYoung Shoreline Chapel in Stockton on Thursday, January 5, 2006.

— Brian Young

## *The Haps in District 11*

The February ROMEOs breakfast on February 15 saw the bright and friendly smiles of **John Barnes, Butch Biendara, Joe Bramante, John Buechner, Dean Brown, Earl Brydon, Jack Cramer, Bill Dillon, Bill Dotson, Bob Findlay, Chuck Gaunt, Hank Kreft, Rick Kramer, Ralph Loveland, Tarbell Martin, Jack Perry, Howard Pray, John Reeder, Rocky**

**Rockwell, John Sage, Dave Schiedness, Carl West, Dave Wiess, and Bob Young.**

See how many of your friends you might have talked to at one time? Not all of them are current QCC members but they may be candidates who are interested.

The word from **John Rieger**, Project Manager of the new district office building is that the now officially named **Waddie P. Deddeh** building will have its official opening on Wednesday April 5, 2006 from 2 to 4 pm. Meet in the front of the building where the ceremony will officially begin with a color guard at the flagpole at 2 PM and guests will then be hosted to finger-food refreshments and self-guided tours. When I first came to San Diego in '77 the 'new building' rumors were hot but in time I came to doubt it would ever happen. I now admit the error of my view. See what just 29 short years can bring.

This is an early reminder that the District II QCC, retirees and friends annual picnic will be held on September 9, 2006 on the request of **Gary Darr** who always has to miss his birthday to be in attendance. And it wouldn't be the same if he were not there. My how that guy can cook.

**Elbert Covalt** passed away December 3, 2005 just after the last issue had gone to the editor. The Feb 25 edition of the Union Tribune had the obit for **Howard Winn** who was the leadworker on the District Paint Striping Crew and a member of the QCC. He had worked in District II for more than 40 years. Previous to that, he had served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Before leaving Caltrans in 1985, he worked in construction and finished his career working in the office engineer.

**Elbert** is survived by his wife **Ruth**, their three children and five grandchildren. The family hosted a Celebration of Life at Trinity Presbyterian Church December 9<sup>th</sup> in Spring Valley.

We also note the passing of **Jean Parks Moore**, the wife of Guy Moore, who passed away in 2003.

— *Butch Bendara*

## *The Haps in Central*

I am laboring to meet **Gene Berthelsen's** March I newsletter deadline on a spring-like day in February—a day much like December 12 when about 90 Central District folks met for a holiday luncheon at the **Buggy Whip Restaurant**. This year, the more formal atmosphere of past holiday dinners was traded for the convenience of a daylight luncheon. Most who attended thought it worked well.

As always, it was so good to spend time with many friends including Statewide Secretary/Treasurer **Kim Yarbrough and his wife, Pat**. Director **Gary Bush** presented Honorary Life Membership certificates to **Fred Campbell, Norm Lambeth** and **Larry Wieman**. A fourth recipient, **Heinz Heckeroth**, was out of town. And many lucky raffle ticket holders left with gifts including those thoughtfully selected by **Julie and Gary Bush**, a beautiful hand-carved wooden bowl donated by **Fred Jackson** and nice wines donated by **Rudy and Liz Hendriks**.

Thanks to those who shared the following news and (now belated) holiday wishes:

**Ron and Margaret Lemmon** – “Traveling this year has had to take the back seat to other activities. Next year will probably be the same. After that—it's on the road again! Nice to see the turnout for a luncheon this year.”

**Ileen Jellison** – “Went to Disneyland with a one-year old granddaughter and three-year old grandson—it was great! Also traveled to Greensboro, NC last May.”

**Bob and Naomi Grout** – “We are still enjoying our great trip to France in 1984. The excitement continues to go on!!”

**Dave Crane** – “Went to the Pacific northwest this summer for a couple weeks and had good weather. Surprise!! Then drove to Colorado for Thanksgiving with daughter Lori and family. Had great weather again. Had a couple inches of snow on the way back and that desert country is very pretty with snow. Merry Christmas.”

**Peggy Sweet** – “Planning a trip to Boise for Christmas and then South America with five couples from our tennis club. It’s a cruise from Buenos Aires, around the horn and up to Santiago. Should be fun with a group. If I don’t blow away, you’ll hear about it at the next outing.”

**Earlene and Jim Borden** – “How wonderful to see such a good turnout at this luncheon. So good to see and visit with friends. We were in Hawaii for a week in September. Not nearly long enough. Did find out that after 15 years Earlene could still snorkel. Looking forward to the holidays and being with our family.”

**Jane and Chuck Pivetti** – “We had a few trips this year: Cancun in April; Michigan in July; Tanzania in September; Vermont in October. Chuck did a bicycle tour in August. Jane plays bridge every day when we’re home.”

**Ellen and Jack Derby** – “Ellen did a trip to Southern Europe in October. She traveled with a girl friend and visited France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey, etc. Jack stayed home and went fishing. Jack received five new bypasses in November to replace old ones that had clogged up. He’s doing well but can’t ski, hunt, fish or hike for another two months.”

**John Canfield** – “It’s great to see so many familiar faces at the Christmas luncheon. The big name tags certainly help to identify these familiar faces. Neva and I were pleased that our son, Kevin, a new QCC member, was able to attend his first QCC function with us. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!”

**Chuck Chenu** – “Celebrated my retirement from 54 years at Caltrans and DOH with a wonderful trip to Thailand and Cambodia.”

**Janel and John Hebner** -- “Celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary in Kauai in October and had a great time flying across the canyons on a zip line.”

**Derwin Davis** – “Eleventh year in ‘retirement’—still enjoying work as a right of way consultant!”

**Sharon and Glen Rosander** – “Christmas greetings to all! Nothing exciting in our household. Everyone else has lots of grandkids, but all we can

brag about is that our daughter got a new house. Hay in, fertilizer out.”

**Pat and Ed Kress** – “It’s wonderful to see so many of the ‘ole team’ again. This is one of the few get-togethers we have been able to attend since retiring 12 years ago. We travel in our motor home about half the time each year but still retain our home in Davis. We’re leaving for our annual winter sojourn to Arizona next week. Happy holiday greetings to all.”

**Marge and Chuck Paulsen** – “Are glad to be back with the group as we’ve missed a few get-togethers. Aside from two back surgeries, a hip replacement and a broken ankle, things have been fairly quiet. We plan to take a real honeymoon next May. Otherwise it’s SIRS, an occasional QCC gathering and dance classes. Our last trip was on the upper Mississippi River over a year ago. Have enjoyed visiting with long-time friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Hanukkah and Kwanza to all.”

**Adele and Merle Larrabee** – “Our group gathered at 11:30 am; **Glen Rosander** poured the water (until it ran out). In mid-October **Adele** and I accompanied a group to New York City for three days as a preliminary for a cruise. The three days in NYC were a washout. It rained every day! We only got in a few soggy things we had planned. The cruise was one week to Bermuda and return to NY (Bayonne, NJ actually) and was great. Good weather and interesting. Bermuda is a very expensive place to live if you are not staying and eating on a cruise ship. A 1500 square foot house is \$1.2 million; gasoline \$6.40/gallon. Great to see everyone at the luncheon today. Merry Christmas to all.”

**Bob Wilson** -- “Great to see all the older faces. We still travel, mostly around the States. Went to Glacier Park and Canada this year.”

**Harry Valentine** – “It is so grand to see all of our old friends. My wife recently passed away. I am doing some traveling and work as a docent at the California Railroad Museum.”

**Gene Berthelsen** – “Busy doing publicity for the Sacramento Jazz Festival and playing music with my jazz band. Other than that, I have a sycamore tree, which takes up the rest of my available hours.”

**Jim Gordon** – “Merry Xmas and a good New Year!”

**Shirley Weber** – Lots of fun matching names with faces after 10 years as editor of the Cue See Seer! Happy New Year.”

Moving to sad news, **Charlie Zell** called on New Years day to say **Evelyn** passed away on December 28, 2005. **Evelyn** worked for the Division of Highways and Caltrans for more than 32 years as a secretary. Before retiring she worked in the executive unit. At work she is remembered for her smiling face and professional standards. **Evelyn** took an early retirement so she could spend time with her mother. **Charlie** told me **Evelyn** died three days before their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Theirs was an office romance. She traveled to many countries with **Charlie** and enjoyed riding on trains. *Our thoughts are with you, Charlie.*

**Results of Questionnaire** – Many responded to the questionnaire soliciting opinions on future Central District activities. Following are the results based on the majority of responses.

**Thanks to all who shared your views:**

- We should continue to meet three times each year with a spring luncheon at the Dante Club; a late afternoon/early evening BBQ in September; and a holiday luncheon in December.
- There is little support for additional events throughout the year.
- We should continue having speakers at the spring luncheon. Suggestions for possible speakers and topics include PERS, employee organization and senior issues; Caltrans and transportation-related projects and activities; and general subjects related to history and music.
- Socializing should be the focus of the holiday event. Special entertainment would be good if provided by members and does not interfere with conversations.

Please don't forget to mark your calendars for the **SPRING LUNCHEON** at the **DANTE CLUB** Wednesday, May 3, 2006. See you there!!

— Nancy Benjamin

## Foundation Matters

### MEMORIAL FOR CALTRANS WORKERS

Each year in April, Caltrans honors employees who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The California Transportation Foundation is a proud sponsor of this tribute. At last year's ceremony held at the State Capitol's west steps, Director Will Kempton stated, “We will never forget the men and women of Caltrans who have lost their lives while working for the safety of others and while serving the traveling public.”

The foundation is also there to assist Caltrans employees and their families in times of need throughout the year with its *Worker Memorial and Assistance Fund*. This fund was established to provide support and assistance to transportation employees and their family members at a time of medical emergencies, disasters or death.

Your help is needed to continue to assist in funding these and many other important grants, programs and scholarships. Your special tax exempt donation can be designated for a particular fund or grant program, or it can be undesignated and used where it is needed most through the general funding program. The foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation with tax exempt status. Contributions may be sent at any time to: California Transportation Foundation, 581 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento CA 95864. To learn more about the organization and its grants and programs, visit CTF's website at:

[www.transportationfoundation.org](http://www.transportationfoundation.org).

### 50<sup>th</sup> Interstate Anniversary

The Caltrans Public Affairs Office in Sacramento is looking for people who worked at Caltrans or related agencies during the mid 1950s to serve as honored guests for a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Federal-Aid



Highway Act of 1956, which created the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. Caltrans wants to collect "interstate stories" from its current and former employees, and the general public. The stories could be of fond or significant memories or events regarding the interstate.

June 29, 2006 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System. To celebrate, AASHTO and its member departments will retrace, in reverse, the 1919 military cross-country convoy, which began in Washington, D.C and crossed 11 states. In that year, the First Transcontinental Motor Train, which carried Lt. Col. Dwight David Eisenhower--the father of the Interstate Highway System--followed the partially unpaved path of the Lincoln Highway 3,250 miles from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco to demonstrate the need for good roads. This 56-day trip, which Eisenhower described as a journey "through the darkest America with truck and tank" inspired the future president to build a nationwide system of highways.

In June 2006, convoy participants plan to travel the route Eisenhower took, this time along the Interstates, from San Francisco to Washington. On June 16 a media event to kick off the convoy will take place in Lincoln Park in San Francisco.

AASHTO has invited all 50 states to join in the convoy. AASHTO anticipates participation from RV clubs, antique automobile associations, state and local officials, and others along the way,. AASHTO is also working to make this a joint effort with other national organizations that can enlist their members in the event.

For more information, please contact Lesa Saville at (916)654-5467 or [lesa.saville@dot.ca.gov](mailto:lesa.saville@dot.ca.gov).

## In Memoriam

*We extend our sympathy to family members and loved ones of our fallen colleagues in their time of loss*

Name	District	Date
Albert Carlson	1	December 22, 2005
Jackie Rollins Trainor	1	November 19, 2005
Irven E. Azbil	2	1998
Frank Covington	3	November 2005
William F. Hawkins	3	January 2006
Lorene Gandy-Boyenger	3	February 13, 2006
John Mabry	3	February 20, 2006
Margaret Van Dalsem	4	July 10, 2005
John Ongaro	4	December 11, 2005
Bud Horton	5	December 31, 2005
Pearl Melling	5	January 25, 2006
John Touhy	5	December 22, 2005
John "JJD" Wells	5	January 25, 2006
Frank Howell	6	Dec 19, 2005
Richard Adams	8	January 6, 2006
Margaret Findley	8	November 2005
Robert Hubbs	8	December 24, 2005
Martha Norris	8	October, 2005
John Woolard	8	January 3, 2005
Richard Harold Morris	10	January 2, 2006
Arturo Aquitania	11	February 20, 2005
Elbert M. Covalt	11	December 3
Lenore DuVall	11	December 14, 2005
Margaret Finley	11	November 2005
James A. Jespersen	11	February 9, 2005
Jean Parks Moore	11	Unknown
Jim Starrett	11	January 8, 2005
Allen C. Becker	Central	April 2005
Marian Hoover	Central	October 2004
Janice Redmond	Central	February 9, 2006
Evelyn Zell	Central	December 28, 2005
Margaret D. Lark	Central	December 2005

## Events

**Got a group that meets regularly? Let your editor know and we'll add it to the event calendar.**

### District 1 - *No Contact*

**CT retired ladies**, second Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm at various locations. Call Marilyn Hernandez at (707) 442-1135 or E-mail [ahartin@cox.net](mailto:ahartin@cox.net)

### **Retired Highwaymen and Road Agents**

meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 11:35 a.m. at the Hometown Buffet at the Bayshore Mall in Eureka

### District 3 - *No Contact*

**Breakfast at Perko's** Yuba City at 7 am third Wednesday of every month  
**Annual Placerville Spring Luncheon** is scheduled for April 20, 2006  
**Spring Get Together** Sunday, March 19th at the Family Moose Lodge

### District 4 *Contact: Ed Coble, (650) 941-5156*

E-mail: [edcoble49@worldnet.att.net](mailto:edcoble49@worldnet.att.net)

The **Caltrans Lunch Bunch** meets on the second Tuesday of every month—contact Ed Coble.

The **North Bay Caltrans Retirees** meet on the second Tuesday of every month—contact Kearn Lee at (707) 538-3484

### District 6 *Contact: Ralph Tritch, (559) 535-4295*

The **Caltrans Retiree Breakfast** meets at noon on the third Wednesday in March and September at Green Valley Restaurant at Olive and J Street Porterville

**Informal Coffee** at 8:30 am at Country Waffles at the NW corner of Herndon and Cedar.

### District 7 *Contact: Tom Fera, (818) 896-9377*

The **Monthly Luncheon Club** meets on the second Wednesday of the month in Los Angeles—contact Tom Fera for information.

### District 9 *Contact: Lance Hinek, (619) 873-3885*

**Lunch at Whiskey Creek** meets on the first Friday of the month in Bishop—contact Lance Hinek for information

### District 10 *Contact: Stan Randolph (209) 957-1278*

**Lenny's Huddle** meets at 7:30 am on the last Tuesday of the month at Denny's, I-5 and March Lane, in Stockton

### District 11 *No Contact*

**ROMEOS** (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meets at Denny's, Navajo road, at 8:30 the third Wednesday of every month

### Central *Gary Bush— (530) 642-8208*

**SPRING LUNCHEON** at the DANTE CLUB Wednesday, MAY 3, 2006.

**Here's a good trick: Next time you have an event, take a pad and pencil with you. Pass it around among the guests and ask them to write a squib about what they've been up to lately, then E-mail it to the QCCer. Great way to let us know what's gong on.**

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