

March 17th, 2011

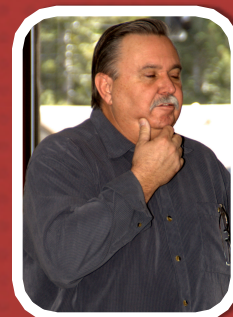


# ROTARY SCOOP



## PROGRAM

March 10th  
Hap Hazard  
395 Update



Mono County Supervisor, Hap Hazard gave a presentation on the Digital 395 project. This effort is a public-private partnership that will spend a combination of Federal stimulus monies and Public Utilities Commission funds to create a fiber optic backbone stretching from Barstow to Carson City. It is possible the project may extend to Reno as well. The project will lay 583 miles of a 243 strand fiber-optic cable at a cost of \$101M. For the most part the route will follow Highway 395. Supervisor Hazard stressed that he thought long and hard about how to best secure this badly needed resource for the Eastern Sierra. His strategy was to focus on law enforcement and other public service providers. This relatively isolated area of California (and Nevada) may lack the population numbers; but we do have the same health and safety needs as the rest of the state.

Digital 395 encompasses a partnership including the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, China Lake, the Marine base, local hospitals, libraries, courts, local government, and tribes. The contractor, Praxis, will deliver the digital backbone between August 2011 and July 31, 2013. A number of vendors will be the "last mile" providers, hooking into nodes in the backbone to bring blazing fast digital service to our small communities. This project will bring all things digital to the Eastern Sierra including the internet, phones, and television at speeds far exceeding what is currently available.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 17 - MHS Drama, "The Wizard of Oz"

March 24 – TOML manager -

March 31 – Sandy Hogan, Mobility Commission

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Kathy Copeland and Cara Leonard gave a presentation on Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra's (DSES) upcoming Slide-a-thon on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This is an on-the-hill event that showcases what Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra does every day. Individuals can come and participate by themselves, or they can form teams of five to take part in geocaching, an all-mountain scavenger hunt, the consecutive chair challenge or the poker run. There will also be an Expo tent where participants can try out any of the disabled sports equipment. Normally, this equipment is not available to the general public. This fundraising effort helps with scholarships and other DSES activities. Individuals can register for \$200. Or, teams of five can register for \$1,000. For more information contact DSES at 760 934-0791.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Don Sage 5<sup>th</sup>  
George Booth 24<sup>th</sup>  
Neil McCarroll 24<sup>th</sup>  
Robin McKay 27<sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARIES

None



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APRIL 23RD  
LAKANUKI'S**

**Contact Janine for more info.**