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# THE ROTARY CLUB OF AUBURN BULLETIN

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

## SCENES FROM CASINO NIGHT AT CERONIX

Photographs by Leonard James





*This is how the raffle works!*

*Wait a minute! Does this go here?*

*Don't we have too many bottles there?*



**A SUCCESSFUL CASINO NIGHT AND FUND RAISER FOR POLIO PLUS, HEART OF AFRICA, AND FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**

Final results will be disclosed after all the income and expenses have been received and accounted for: Have you turned in money for tickets you have sold—or bought?

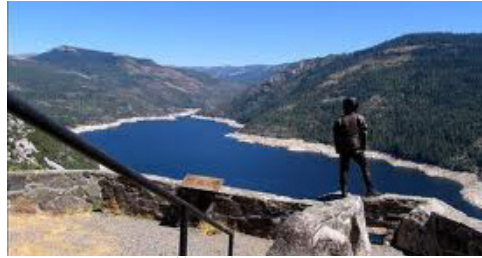


## PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY PCWA - MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT



*French Meadows Reservoir*



*Hell Hole Reservoir*

The Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project was built for \$115 million through a bond issued in 1963. The project is fully owned and operated by the Placer County Water Agency and includes French Meadows and Hell Hole reservoirs, seven dams, five hydroelectric power plants, and 21 miles of tunnels. It stores 340,000 acre-feet of water and produces an average 1 million megawatt hours of energy per year. And, it provides 120,000 acre-feet of water to PCWA.

At the 50th anniversary celebration on May 3, PCWA manager Dave Breninger said, "With increased demand for downstream water supplies, particularly exported from the Delta, the agency remains ever vigilant to preserve Placer County's "area of origin" water rights. The foresight and actions implemented by water agency leaders 50 years ago, who gave us those rights, will be forever protected by the agency." Barry Stigers will introduce the PCWA speaker/

### LAST WEEK: AUBURN ROTARY OUTSTANDING STUDENT-TEACHER AWARDS

Auburn Elementary  
Principal: Sam Schug  
Student Emma-Lee Dann  
Teacher: Cathy Gower

E. V. Cain  
Principal: Randy Ittner  
Student: Jordan Ferreira  
Teacher: Nate Swesey

Skyridge Elementary  
Principal: Jenn Lewandowski  
Student: Maheen Akhtar  
Teacher: Tim Murphy

Bowman Charter School  
Principal: Gary Yee  
Student: Ketzia Kogan  
Teacher: Kevin Rick

Rock Creek  
Principal: Suzanne Flint  
Student: Destiny Lohner-Collins  
Teacher: Susan Spence

St. Josephs  
Principal: Sister Anne Marie Miller  
Student: Elizabeth Hennessy  
Teacher: JoAnn O'Donnell

## AUBURN ROTARY "CLEAN WATER WORLD" BENEFIT RAFT TRIP Saturday, August 24, 2013

To help Rotary fund clean water for 3rd World Villages in dire need of a safe clean water source. Our assistance in funding safe fresh water will bring life's most sustaining element, and help for better convenience and health, hopefully enriching many of their lives.

Bob Santin and Bridget Powers are hosting this event along with many local "Rafters" donating their time, experience, equipment, and personal expense to make this fun day happen.

Thus we need your fairly firm commitment and \$85 deposit when signing up to join us (We're somewhat flexible for emergency cancellations).

Children can also go but we should personally discuss their maturity level and age first. Friends, family, and non-Rotarians are welcome too.

Contact Bob Santin: 530-637-4007 cell: 530-906-7524 or Bridget: 530-888-7976 cell: 916-835-4565.



### MORE WINNERS AT AUBURN ROTARY CASINO NIGHT



Phyllis Dunstan won a Tour and Dinner at the Placer County Jail. Bob won an abalone dinner for four that was donated by Brian Mishler.



Bruce Lundberg won a rafting trip down the South Fork donated by Bob Santin. Bruce and Carol can invite 2 other people to join them on their journey down the river.



Ernie Strobel (shown here with Warren and Connie Burns) won the big prize at casino night! A week's stay at Mitch Hanna's cabin at Pinecrest in Tuolumne County. Ernie and his wife Judy should have a very relaxing and enjoyable week there.

## THE WILD “BEEMERS” ARE ON THEIR MOTORCYCLE TRIP ACROSS THE U. S. A.

Way back in January, Bart Ruud, Ron Martinez, and Jon Rubenzer were making their plans for a trip across America on their BMW motorcycles. The plan was to trailer their three bikes to Frisco, Texas, which is north of Dallas. From Frisco, they would be traveling to New Orleans, then to Mobile, Alabama; on to Daytona Beach, Florida and then to Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center. Then up to Atlanta, Georgia and to Rockfish Gap which is the southern entrance to Shenandoah National Park. And on to Front Royal Virginia and to Washington DC (War Memorials and museums; White House; US Capitol; Arlington, etc) and from our nation’s capital up to Niagara Falls. Down to Canton, Ohio to have a look-see at the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum. . . and onward. Other particular point of interest will be Vicksburg to visit the site of the Battle of Vicksburg. The total trip is estimated to be 7,856.8 miles—give or take a side trip here and there. Bart is sending interesting and timely messages and we will publish as many as we can. Enjoy.

May 16, 2013

We spent last night in Frisco, TX, a short distance north of Dallas, and yes, we were fortunate to not be endangered by the tornado that brought death and destruction SW of Dallas. Anyway, we pulled out of Frisco about 10:00 this morning and rode 457 miles to Baton Rouge.

It was crazy getting through the maze of Dallas freeways but we managed the challenge easily enough even though the GPS units once took us off track. Our bike to bike communication units are a big help in provision of guidance to one another. What a scenic and beautiful country we live in! Lush greenery, oak woodlands, pine forests, expansive agriculture, and so much more. I could easily live here, especially in eastern Texas.

I have been interested in the changing soil types, the variances in local climate and the inherent differences in vegetative cover. I’ve also been interested that we have seen very little wildlife other than birds, especially egrets and buzzards, and one squirrel. It was fun to see several 1/2 grown egrets late today in one of the bayous we passed. Oh, we have seen some road kill, including raccoons, skunks, possums or muskrats so these critters have not learned to be road wise.

We are no longer passing by County lines; now we’re seeing Parishes, but of course you knew that. We are also seeing city Corp boundaries rather than city limits. Speed limits are consistently 75 and the Beemers like that. They also like inexpensive gasoline. I have seen regular gas for as little as \$3.22 but we burn the high test stuff which in these parts is 93 octane rather than the 91 octane we see in California. I’ve paid no attention to what 93 octane fuels cost...

Churches, large and small are everywhere but I guess this is indicative of the south... Some churches are truly megachurches. Houses are most often brick and quite attractive but there are wood frame houses too.

Tomorrow after rush hour we will ride out of Baton Rouge and head into New Orleans. We plan a short visit to the French Qtr and to Bourbon Street before heading toward Mobile, AL. New Orleans is about one hour away, at most.

In short, I am having a blast and I think Ron and Jon are equally edified with all that we have seen.

Onward, to bed now.

## WHERE WAS OUR PRESIDENT BART FOR TWO WEEKS THIS MONTH?



Delicate Arch in Arches National Park. Petroglyph panel in Natural Bridges National Monument. The Great Panel in Horseshoe Canyon, Canyonlands National Park. A close-up of the group in the panel called “The Holy Ghost and His Family.”

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 21: Barry Stigers  
PCWA 50th Anniversary
- May 28: Mark Smith & Dave Horsey  
Placer High School Scholarships
- June 4: Ernie Strobel  
Julie Rodriguez: Special Olympics  
Director of Sports
- June 11: Steve Taylor/Randy Tooker
- June 18: Bart O'Brien  
Year-End Awards
- June 25: New Members Meeting

## COMING EVENTS

- Rotary District Conference at John Ascuaga's  
Nugget: May 16-19, 2013
- Board meeting: May 21, 2013 - 7 A.M.  
Gold Rush Chevrolet meeting room
- Demotion of President Bart O'Brien  
Saturday, June 29, 2013
- Auburn Rotary Barbecue  
Friday, September 20, 2013

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