
MODESTO ENGINEERS CLUB FIELD NOTES

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Featured Speaker:

Join us on November 3rd for Kevin Swazas of West Yost Associates who will talk on 'Resource Constrained Construction'.

Save the Date:

Formal Lunch Meetings: First Tuesday of each month. Upcoming meetings: November 3, December 1st, January 5th, February 2nd. At 11:30am – 1pm at SOS Club, Mellis Room, 819 Sunset Avenue. Lunch features a buffet style meal. The main courses will vary each week. Please sign in and pay **\$10.50** to the treasurer, (half off for students). The beverage, tax and tip are included.

Informal Meetings:

Members regularly meet on Tuesdays, 11:30 am to 1pm at the Old Mill Café corner of 9th & F St. in Modesto for camaraderie. No formal program is presented.

Attendance at Last Month's Meeting: 26 members, 2 guests and 1 speaker.

Freeloader for November: Tom Delamare was pulled by Sergio Fuentes. The crowd instantly declared that the procedure was rigged but calm was eventually restored and the meeting proceeded without further incident.

Best Attendance for 2009-10: You have perfect attendance! Another official MEC year has begun. So that means that everyone that comes to the November 2009 meeting will have perfect attendance. We will separate the wheat from the chaff as the year wears on.

Presidents Message:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Modesto Engineer's Club! As you know we installed our newest officers this month, myself being your new club president. We had a great installation dinner out at the



Fruityard and also celebrated Al Kaufman's 90th birthday! I'd like to welcome Des Orsinelli as the newest officer – the club's Secretary/Treasurer and welcome Dan Machado back now as the club's Vice President.

Going into November, it is time to again start planning the Engineer's Day at the Mall.

This is one of our larger events and has turned into a successful tradition of the club. We will be seeking volunteers for planning the event, attending the event and donating supplies and prizes...so start thinking about it now.

Vice President's Editorial



Wait a minute.....How did I get here!? Last thing I remember was happily writing my last editorial when WHAM!. The Modesto Engineers Club Board hit me upside the head and said I have a few more months as Secretary. Seems our new Treasurer Des Orsinelli accepted

his new Secretary/Treasurer post with the understanding that he not take on the full workload of Secretary duties until he finishes some other obligations he has. I happily agreed to this arrangement. So I will be hanging on for a few more months.

Last month we held the Officer Installation Dinner at the Fruit Yard Restaurant. We had raffle prizes given and recognitions of our perfect attendance winners. Highlighting the event was Ross Campbell officiating with the installation of your new officers: President

Jennifer Pratt, Vice President Dan Machado, and Secretary/Treasurer Des Orsinelli.

Also in the news: our esteemed member Al Kaufmann had turned 90 years old that same week. The club sang Happy Birthday on key and a birthday cake was presented. Congratulations Al!

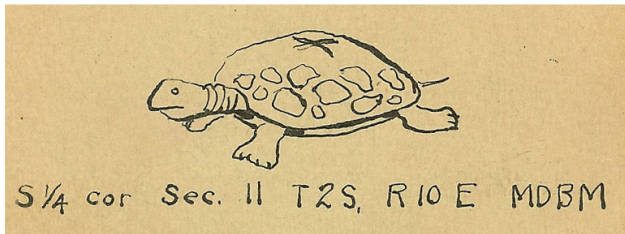
A reminder to our membership: it is our annual dues time! I will be sending out reminders soon but if you want to be ahead of the curve on this one, please send me your tax deductible annual dues of \$24 to:

**Daniel Machado
Modesto Engineers Club
816 Hampshire Court
Modesto, CA 95350**

Or you may pay Des Orsinelli at the luncheon.

From the Archives:

I found this little sketch of a benchmark among the clubs archives. Be careful what you set your instruments over.



'How To' of the Month: TRENCH SHORING

Wonder what HE makes an hour,
It can't be enough!



When shoring large boulders over your workspace:

- 1. Estimate weight of boulder.**
- 2. Place a couple wood prop's under it.
You are good to go!**
- 3. Have a couple more longer ones available when the trenching gets deeper.**
- 4. Don't worry, it will be ok. I mean don't even think about what could happen.**