

History Column

By Steven R. Moore

Part III

Benjamin Rex Moore (known as Rex) met the love of his life in Arbuckle, CA. Rex was 26 and Lelah was 29.

They were married on July 8, 1909 in a Lutheran Church. They settled in Sacramento, CA and lived at 709 8th Street.

Rex went to work as an electrician working for local electrical contractors; one that was in business until 2003, George Foss Company.

On June 13, 1914, Rex and Lelah had their first and only child. His name was Vivian Rex Moore, (known as Rex, Jr.)

The family moved from 8th Street to the outskirts of Sacramento and built a house at 616 San Antonio (located behind the Mercy Hospital 39 & H Streets).

The home would later become the birthplace of the Rex Moore Electrical Company.



Ward Family
Lela and Rex Moore center

A Day in the Life of an On-Call Service Technician

A Service Technician works a standard 8 hour shift, but is dedicated enough to take any call after hours for an entire week when scheduled. He may never receive a call during that week he is scheduled to be on call, but if and when he does, he is ready.

Here is an example of one such after hours call. The time was 1:30am on a Tuesday morning. His on-call phones rings and he was dispatched to a care facility in Folsom. Their power was down and they were running on a back-up generator. On the drive over to the job site, he started to trouble shoot in his head trying to give himself the edge when got to the job site.

When he entered the parking lot, all the lights in the facility were out and he did not hear a generator running. He met the facility manager and started to assess the problem. He concluded it was a faulty main switch for the building. The main switch that was broken was older than the Service Technician was and he had a hard time locating a replacement switch. The Service Technician made numerous calls to see if he could order the part that was needed. The Service Technician located a switch in Los Angeles. This company said they would also perform the installation of this switch.

In the meantime, he also needed to find a way to keep the facility running on power until they could get the new switch delivered. The technician hooked up auxiliary generators to keep the kitchen going in the building and miscellaneous power that was not hooked up to the generator previously. In the middle of all this commotion, he still managed to keep the customer calm during the ordeal, as well as completing many other tasks that were necessary at the time to keep the facility in temporary power.

By the time the service technician was completed with the service calls, six hours had already passed. He now needed to get back home and get ready for another regular 8 hour shift of working as a service technician for Rex Moore Electrical Service Team.

Office Employee of the Month for June - July

Johnnie Gonzales has been chosen for the Office Employee of the month for the months of June and July.

Johnnie has been with Rex Moore for over 12 years. He is the Tool Supervisor in the Sacramento office.

He is extremely organized and very dedicated and we are happy to have him on the Rex Moore Team.

Team Excellence 2nd Quarter

Fresno Service Team has been chosen for the Team of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2003.

This team also won Team of the Year last year.

The team deserves the recognition because three things:

- Quality
- Profitability
- Consistency

Bay Area Office News: Avignon Apartments

Avignon Apartments is a 315 unit apartment complex over a post tension slab and parking garage. It is four stories high and is framed similar to a bomb shelter in order to meet stringent earthquake requirements. Instead of the normal 6x6 walls, the walls are 4x10 and 4x12 walls. Each story is like a different building. The second story is almost completed and two more stories still need to be completed.

When the project is complete, it will be a very high-end apartment complex in the crowded downtown San Jose area.

This job has been a real challenge for Tony Lambert, PM; Dave Landon, foreman; and the whole crew. They are determined to get the job done on time. Good luck to all of you. Keep up the good work!

Semi-Annual Ted Barlow Golf Tournament

The next semi-annual Ted Barlow Golf Tournament will be on Sunday, September 14, 2003. Please keep an eye out for a stuffer in your paycheck to sign up. If you do not receive the stuffer or have misplaced it, please feel free to call David Moore at 916-372-1300 ext 132. Remember, this tournament fills up very quickly, so sign up early to make sure you get a spot. Have fun and happy golfing.

Sacramento Annual Company Picnic

Although it was 106 degrees outside on Saturday, July 19, we all had a great time at the annual Sacramento Company Picnic.



Left:
James Burden
and
Vince Ferraro

Below: Steven Moore, Greg Hall, Mike Sullivan, baby and his wife



Left to Right:
Ernie Deuter,
John Lathouwers
and Kurt Odra



Above:
Alicia Airey and Larry DeVore

Updated Employee Benefit Plan Booklet

The updated Employee Benefit Plan booklets were mailed out in July. If you did not receive your new handbook please contact Mary Anne Bates at 372-1300 x 141.

Two additional benefits were added to our existing plan. First, preventive care benefits for well baby visits were increased from \$400 to \$1,000 per year effective January 1, 2003. These benefits apply to all eligible newborns from birth to age 2.

Second, benefit increases were made to cover organ transplants. Transplant coverage was increased to \$500,000 per lifetime. In addition, we added the Safeco Transplant Program that will provide additional benefits to transplant patients. Please see your new handbook for details.

We encourage all employees and spouses to review the revised Employee Benefit Plan booklet. Understanding the plan design and benefits could save you and Rex Moore a considerable amount of time and money when accessing your medical benefits.

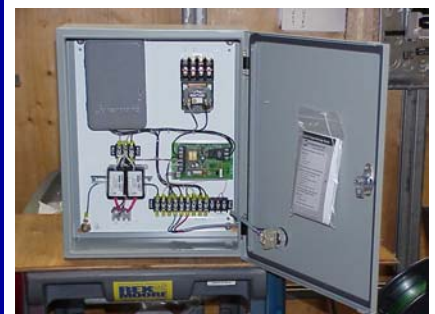
Pre-Fab Shop - Lighting Contactors and Controls

Our pre-fab shop has been running for approximately two and a half years now. We are currently building lighting contactors, motor starter cabinets, and various other equipment. To fulfill the Title 24 requirements of energy management, we are building relay cabinets for lighting using a lighting delay switch (LDS). These give the capabilities of selecting an over ride length of time, 5 minute warning before lights go out and over ride switching capability. An intermatic programmable time clock is used for time lock function per Title 24 requirements.

In conjunction with the LDS switch, we are using a self contained contactor - Tork TRP 1, which has a noiseless operation and completely enclosed contacts. Owners like these enclosed contacts because there is no contact chatter, less maintenance due to less dust and dirt, and the capability of adding a motion sensor to the system if it is wanted and/or needed.

By having all lighting control cabinets built the same, our Service Technicians can carry less parts with them and resolve lighting issues quicker than unconventional cabinets.

If you have any questions regarding the function of the system or need one built for your job, please contact John Thurman at (916) 825-5102 Nextel 122 or Kurt Odra at (916) 825-6998 Nextel 54.



North Bay Office News: Napa County Juvenile Facility

The North Bay Team recently broke ground and started the underground phase for the new Napa County Juvenile Justice Facility. At \$2.4 million, it is currently the North Bay's largest project under contract. Steve Tuccelli, from Sacramento, has accepted the opportunity and challenge as foreman and will be teaming up with Flintco Construction, of Sacramento, as the General Contractor. The Rex Moore team will be working with several subcontractors, including Livermore's Norment Security Systems and Emeryville's Intrepid Electronics Systems, (Fire Alarm).

In addition to all the special systems required, we will be teaming up with Powelrite Solar Electric Systems of Berkeley to install the 83.8 KW photovoltaic system covering over an estimated 10,000 square feet of the roof area. The project will provide new holding cell facilities and administration facilities for the Napa County Juvenile Justice and Probation Departments. The project is scheduled for completion in October of 2004.

Sacramento News: Monterey Trail High

The Sacramento Branch is currently working on the Monterey Trail High School located in Elk Grove, CA. John Haines is the foreman and the lead men are Scott Taggart, Joey Gines and Paul Camargo. At the job's peak, there were 30 electricians working on the project. The contract amount for this job is over \$6 Million.

The job will be completed in August of 2004, nine months earlier then projected. This job is also on budget at this time. Way to go guys. Keep up the good work!

Fresno News: Lowes Home Improvement Service Contract



The Central Valley Branch office has recently completed the first of its "West Coast Low Profile Resets" for Lowes Home Improvement Centers throughout the Western United States.

The contract was landed by Tristan Hankla and included traveling through nine western states remodeling the Lowe's "Fashion Lighting" and "Home Decor" displays. Our technicians worked on 34 different stores in 7 different states during a 6 week schedule. Hats off to our two technicians Ron Torres and Jose Cabrera for meeting the schedule and maintaining a new client.

If anyone is interested in joining the Fresno Service team please contact Tristan Hankla or Ty Barber for more information.

Holiday Parties

The Sacramento Office Holiday party will be something new this year and will be at the **California State Railroad Museum** located at **111 I Street in Old Sacramento** on Saturday, December 6. Once again, all employees from all offices are welcome. There will be a strolling dinner, strolling magician and a comedy show. We will also have music for dancing at the end of the night.

The Fresno Office Holiday Party will be on December 12 at the **600 Club** at the Fresno Grizzlies Stadium located at **1800 Tulare Ave** in Fresno

The Hayward Office Holiday Party will be on December 12 at **City Beach** located at **4020 Technology Place** in Fremont.

In the News

Joel Bensen got married on July 19 to Jamie. Best wishes to your new future.

Chad Leger married Brandy on July 26, 2003. Congratulations!

Joe Baeza married Jeannie on May 26, 2003. Here's to you and your new bride.

Frank Castaneda married Elaine on June 7, 2003. May you have many wonderful memories made.

Wally Masters married Kimberly on June 14, 2003. To a life of happiness.

The following employees have passed the State of California Electrician Certification Exam: **Curtis McCullough, Richard Hodges, Tim Frees, Dennis Fitzwater, Oscar Rodriguez, Ford Krivanec, Jason Johnson, Gheorghe Ursu, Kirk Schwinn, Chris Boyd, Sr., Scott Shields, Steve Wade, Kevin Carnahan, and David Schwartz.** Congratulations! Have you scheduled your test with the State of California? Don't wait until the last minute!

The following employees had babies the past few months: **Jose Diaz**, baby girl, Alexis on June 19. **Richard Townsend** had a baby girl, Faith Marie on June 17. **Jesus Baez** is a proud new father also. **Brent Iseman** had a baby girl, Courtney Page on July 18. And **Gordon Dollar** had a baby boy, Alexander Gordon on July 25. Congratulations to all the new proud parents.

If you have something you want us all to know, such as an engagement, a marriage, a new baby, or even a milestone, please let Dawn Swanson know at 916-372-1300 ext 123 or by email to [d.swanson@rexmoore.com](mailto:swanson@rexmoore.com) so we can put it in the next newsletter!



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Field Employees of the Month

Sacramento ~	Richard Ross
Fresno ~	Mike Biscay
Hayward ~	Levi Durano
North Bay ~	Vanessa Dixon

Please Welcome the New Rex Moore Office Employees

<u>Sacramento Office</u>	
Amy Alonso ~	Receptionist
Eric Schottgen ~	Project Coordinator
Jason Blum ~	Design/Build Estimator
Larry DeVore ~	Project Manager
<u>Hayward (Bay) Office</u>	
Robert Weagle ~	Project Coordinator

Brian Raimondi Fire Alarm Specialist

Rex Moore has recently hired Brian Raimondi to help with Fire Alarm Planning and Installation.

Brian was formerly with Greater Alarm and worked as a Fire Alarm Technician for the company.

Brian has been hired to help with any pre-planning, installation advice, troubleshooting and pre-testing. He will get involved at the beginning of the project as another start-up tool to help you. He will help with anything needed through the duration of your project. He can meet with the project manager, the fire alarm crew and help with any special terminating of devices.

He is here to help you. He is a tool to help with any job. You may call him anytime at 916-870-5624. Nextel number 78.

Important Dates to Remember

Sacramento Foreman Meeting	<i>August 13</i>
Fresno Foreman Meeting	<i>August 20</i>
Bay Area Foreman Meeting	<i>August 27</i>
North Bay Foreman Meeting	<i>September 3</i>
Holiday Party (Sacramento)	<i>December 6</i>
Holiday Party (Hayward)	<i>December 13</i>
Holiday Party (North Bay)	<i>No Date Yet</i>
Holiday Party (Fresno)	<i>December 12</i>
Santa's Breakfast (Sacramento)	<i>December 13</i>