

History Column

By Steven R. Moore

Part II

Benjamin Rex Moore worked up and down the Sacramento Valley in the early 1900's stringing overhead lines for the railroad and the telephone companies.

When he was in the Marysville area, he used to frequent the Columbia Café, the largest restaurant in Northern California. Early in the day and evening, the dress and atmosphere was casual and the customer base was working class and family oriented. Later in the evening, things were much more formal.

The "playboys" came at night. The restaurant had booths with curtains for privacy. The restaurant was close enough to the night life action down the street to attract the playboys, yet far enough away from where the ladies of the evening lingered along the second story porches.

Benjamin was not a "playboy" for long. The next article will be about how Benjamin's "playboy" life changed.



Circa 1903. Far left is Benjamin R. Moore, 17 years old and the "playboys" at the Columbia Café in Maryville, CA

Ted Barlow Golf Tournament

By David R. Moore

Forty Rex Moore employees, friends, family and suppliers showed up to Turkey Creek Golf Course in Lincoln to participate in the spring golf tournament. The course was in great shape and the weather held fairly well for the 4th of May. The tournament was a "best ball" scramble, which allowed for everyone to have equal participation and a good time.

The first place purse was taken by the Scott Northouse, James Strand, Dennis Henkle and Craig Armstrong team with a low score of 61. Second Place was secured by the Kevin Austin, James Burden, Mike Green and John Ashlock team through a putt-off competition with the John Haines, Bob Ito, Henry Peters and Steve Coelho team. Both teams had a score of 62. The competition was extremely stiff this year with many teams rounding up excellent golfers.

Keep an eye out for our fall tournament, which will be held in September. A sign up sheet will be placed in your paychecks in July.



Left: Steven Moore and Ted Barlow



left: Steve Brown and friends



right: Ted Barlow and Denny Elgin

Office Employee Of Month for April-May

Rachelle Perales was chosen for the Office Employee of the Month for the months of April and May. Rachelle has been on the Rex Moore Team for 5 1/2 years and a Service Coordinator in Fresno for several years. She does an excellent job.

Rachelle is always timely, organized and very accurate. She responds promptly when people have questions and she gives the extra effort needed to resolve problems when they arise. She has also been very helpful training Eren Loza in the Hayward Branch. Thanks for all your hard work

Team Excellence 1st Quarter

There were two Team Excellences chosen for the first quarter of 2003. Sacramento Service Team and the Sharon Heights Team in the Hayward Office.

The Sacramento Service Team deserves recognition for the changes they endured during the first quarter of 2003. Through it all, the transition was a success and everyone stayed positive.

The Sharon Heights Team in the Hayward office deserves recognition for a job well done and completing under budget. The Customer was extremely happy with the work performed.

Congratulations to both teams !

Bay Area Office News: Sharon Heights Country Club

Ernie Deuter and the Sharon Heights Country Club team did a top notch job on an extremely detailed project. Rex Moore has been receiving numerous compliments for the past three months from the general contractor, SJ Amoroso, the owners, the owner representative and the 300+ members. Ernie and his team have represented Rex Moore Electrical Contractors & Engineers as a premier company to 300+ Bay Area business leaders.

In addition, Rex Moore Electrical Contractors & Engineers coordinated the design for the custom light fixture package which was extremely customized.



Above: Frank Cavaz of Bacchus Glass is hand blowing a shade for the custom lighting built by Scott Lamp Co.

Rex Moore Rodeo in Fresno

Rex Moore conducted a forklift training class at the Fresno office on Saturday, April 26th. The training consisted of a workbook, a class room discussion, and a test. After that was complete the fun began, Rodeo Time! We had a great turn out, 35 people!

The rodeo was an obstacle course designed to test an individual's skill on a forklift. The course was set-up to minimize speed and maximize the measure of ones ability to operate a forklift properly. Each person was timed to see how fast they could complete the course. There were penalties for almost any mistake you could make. The penalties would add time to your run.

The people who had the best times were the smoothest operators. They had no penalties. The top three operators were, Dave Villegas 1st place, Paul Struffert, 2nd place, and Mike Clemons, 3rd. Their course times were: 1:33 minutes, 1:38 minutes, and 1:41 minutes. Everybody did well and everybody received a certification.

Prizes were given to the best; 1st place received an 18 volt DeWalt cordless drill, 2nd place received a nice jacket, and 3rd received hand tools. Also, we had a raffle for a ton of other gifts. Everyone walked away with a gift or two!

In addition, Whitecap was there with tools offered at great prices and they gave away some terrific tools too! Other gifts were donated by United Rentals and RSC. Pizza and sodas was served for lunch. It was a great day and a lot of fun!



Ready...Set... Go!
And the clock is running!



First you must pick up the bucket of water



I said carefully



Everybody watches



Did I mention you have to drive backwards?

A lot of laughs

A lot of Fun

Great prizes donated by our vendors

And everyone got certified
(except Monty, but he really didn't try very hard)

Metro Chamber inducts Rex Moore Electrical Contractors & Engineers into Business Hall of Fame

Rex Moore Electrical Contractors & Engineers has been inducted into the Sacramento Metro Chamber Business Hall of Fame.

The Business Hall of Fame inductee for 2003 was honored at the Chamber's annual business affairs event, B'3 – Business Strategies 2003, on Friday, March 28, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

All Business Hall of Fame recipients are companies that have made the six-county region their choice for business operations for more than 50 years, bringing jobs for the workforce and contributing to the economic and civic well-being of the community.

“These companies help make the Sacramento region what it is today”, said Matt Mahood, Metro Chamber President & CEO. “The chamber takes this time to thank the owners, managers and employees for their years of dedication, and we honor their tradition of service to the community”.

Pre-Fab Shop

The Rex Moore prefabrication team "Prefab shop" has been building assemblies for many projects around the state. Lead by foreman John Thurman and based in the Sacramento warehouse, this team has been building panels, box assemblies, strut racks, control panels, bends, risers, wrapping 90's and most recently engraving phenolic plates.

The guys have been developing many new and creative assemblies to help save time and money in the field. The "Prefab shop" is an excellent facility to both train apprentices as well as create a highly efficient environment to mass produce highly repetitive tasks.

If you are interested in utilizing the prefab shop for one of your projects please contact either John Thurman, Kurt Odra, your PM and or a superintendent. Many items can be turned around in only a few days and even a few hours.



Left: Panels with homeruns for apartment units.



Left: New Phenolic plate machine for creating panel labels and such.

Insurance Discounts for Rex Moore Electrical Employees

Just a reminder that you can receive large discounts on your auto, home, or renters insurance through the Rex Moore Discounted Insurance Plan. Many Rex Moore employees have already accessed these savings and ended up with better coverage and much lower premiums. If you are interested in finding out which savings you qualify for contact Kimberly Brodie at Edward C. Brodie **You must have good credit and good driving record to access these savings!** Don't wait – call today!



North Bay Office News: Caneros Inn and Homes



Above: Caneros Inn, Napa, California

Art Shehan and his crew are currently completing the final phases of the underground joint trench for utilities. The Caneros Inn features "cottages" for its guests set in the middle of the Napa Valley's Caneros wine district with a unique agriculture theme.

The site was previously occupied by a mobile home / RV park and the county of Napa rejected the re-zoning of the parcel to allow for construction of a conventional hotel resort. In order to proceed with the project, the owners used pre-manufactured "mobile homes" delivered to the site on wheel sets which were then set on pre-poured foundations by crane.

The "cottages" feature fireplaces, private patios, and outdoor showers. A restaurant, recreation and reception buildings are also under construction. The project also utilizes its own water treatment and wastewater treatment plants.

Phase II plans call for individually owned courtyard "mobile homes" and a convention center.

Sacramento News: Sacramento City Hall

Sacramento's City Hall, one of the communities oldest, most visible and consistently used government landmarks, is getting a well deserved facelift. This is \$69 million project that consists of renovating the current building and building a new five-story, 200,000 square foot complex and a 67,000 square foot parking garage.

The new building will be located adjacent to the older building on the site that formerly housed the City Annex, with the combined site being called the City Hall Center

Unfortunately, work has been halted in parts of the excavation since Native American Indian remains were unearthed in late April.

Workers had been digging about 14 feet below street level when the remains were found. Cremated remains


of five individuals and three intact sets of skeletal remains have been discovered.

The remains are believed to be members of the Miwok tribe. Documents show that several Native American Indian tribes, including the Miwok tribe, are known to have lived in what was to become the downtown area as late as 1850.

Recommendations of an archaeologist have guided the project. The city has allocated another \$150,000 to Tremaine and Associates, Inc. of Dixon for additional archaeological services as a result of the discoveries.

Jerry Austin is the project manager for this project. It is scheduled for completion in the Spring 2005. We hope for no more delays or bones discovered at this project and that things run smoothly from this point on.

Fresno News: IKEA Distribution Warehouse

The Ikea Furniture Distribution Warehouse is located in Lebec, California.  IKEA is a Swedish Furniture and product manufacturer. The building is a 1 million square foot warehouse.

Due to the size of this project, it is impossible to miss while driving on the "Grapevine" from I-5.

This is a design/build project with Mahendra Singh as the lead designer.

This fast track project has a 6-month schedule for design and construction.

There are 1,000 high bay light fixtures and over 80 dock doors. Also, a full fire alarm system with over 60 pairs of smoke detection devices.

The team is doing a great job keeping on schedule. Dave Villegas and his crew will have the project completed in July 2003.

Company Picnics and Holiday Parties

The Sacramento Company Picnic this year will be in the Sacramento Area. Employees from all offices are invited. It will be held at **Hagan Park**, located at **2197 Chase Drive** in Rancho Cordova on Saturday, July 19. We will provide food and drinks. There is a swimming pool, a softball diamond, kids play area, free petting zoo, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, and a foot path to the American River. There will also be free train rides from 1-3pm. Bring your swim suits, softballs, softball mitts, and tennis rackets if you would like to use any of these amenities. Watch your paychecks for further information on the picnic. Dates for the Fresno, Cotati and Hayward company picnics will be announced when more information is available.

The Sacramento Office Holiday party this year 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.

No dates yet for the North Bay office. We will keep you posted when the information is available.

In the News

Wally Masters is getting married to Kim on June 14, 2003. Here's to a beautiful new path in your life.

Rex Moore Electrical would like to thank a few special people from the Sacramento Office who donated their own time on Sunday, June 1st from 7:30 - 12 noon for the KVIE (public television) Pledge Drive. Kevin Austin, Marilyn Houston, Lisa Horne, LeeAnn Blanke, Barbara Larson, her husband Victor, and her granddaughter, Melissa, Thanks a bunch. They helped answer telephones for the Pledge drive which made \$10,000 during the shift they volunteered. Way to go! Read on. We have another opportunity for you to volunteer for the next KVIE pledge drive in August.

Pete Adair, in the Sacramento warehouse would like to say to his girls, Pamela and Monica, that he is very proud of both of you for getting a 3.8 GPA this semester. Way to go.

David Moore and his wife, Vanessa, had a baby girl, Olivia Grace Moore on May 21, 2003 at 9:27am. She was 7lbs 1oz and 19 inches. Mom, Dad and Olivia are doing very well. Congratulations to the new parents.

Mike Sullivan and his wife, Chris, had a baby girl, Claire Elizabeth Sullivan on June 7, 2003 at 7:41 am. She was 7 lbs 13.5 ozs and 20.5 inches. Mom, Dad and Claire are also doing very well. Congratulations to the new parents.

Jim Lyons also sends a congratulations to his daughter, Rachael, for graduating the 8th grade from Placer School with awards in Honor Roll, Outstanding Language Arts Award, Outstanding Citizenship Award, and Physical Education Special Recognition Award. Her classmates also voted Rachael "Most likely to have her work in a museum". Dad and Mom are very proud.

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 at d.swanson@rexmoore.com so we can put it in the next newsletter!



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Field Employees of the Month

Sacramento ~	Chris Anderson
Fresno ~	James Ferdolage
Hayward ~	Mike Musick
North Bay ~	Jim Christian

KVIE Channel 6 Sacramento Pledge Drive: Volunteers Are Needed

ATTENTION ALL REX MOORE EMPLOYEES

Volunteers are needed for the 2003 Summer Pledge Drive for the public television station KVIE Channel 6.

The date volunteers are needed is for Saturday, August 10 from 7:00pm to 12 midnight. The service you will be performing will be volunteering for the phone banks. You will help answer the phones and help take pledges for new membership or for pledges for KVIE Channel 6.

I am sure most of you watched Sesame Street when you were or kid, or even the much proclaimed, Antiques Roadshow. Without public television, we would not have this sort of quality programming. So please, if programming like this is important to you and to your family, call Dawn Swanson at 916-372-1300 ext 123 to sign up for the Pledge Drive. Show your support for Public Television

*Perform Community Service. Support Public Television
 See yourself on TV. Great Team Building Activity*

Important Dates to Remember

Sacramento Company Meeting	<i>July 9</i>
Fresno Company Meeting	<i>July 16</i>
Bay Area Company Meeting	<i>July 23</i>
North Bay Company Meeting	<i>July 30</i>
Company Picnic (Sacramento)	<i>July 19</i>
Company Picnic (Hayward)	<i>No Date Yet</i>
Company Picnic (North Bay)	<i>No Date Yet</i>
Company Picnic (Fresno)	<i>May 26</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>

