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# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

By Ron McCloud

*Ron McCloud is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware – which dates from 1894.*

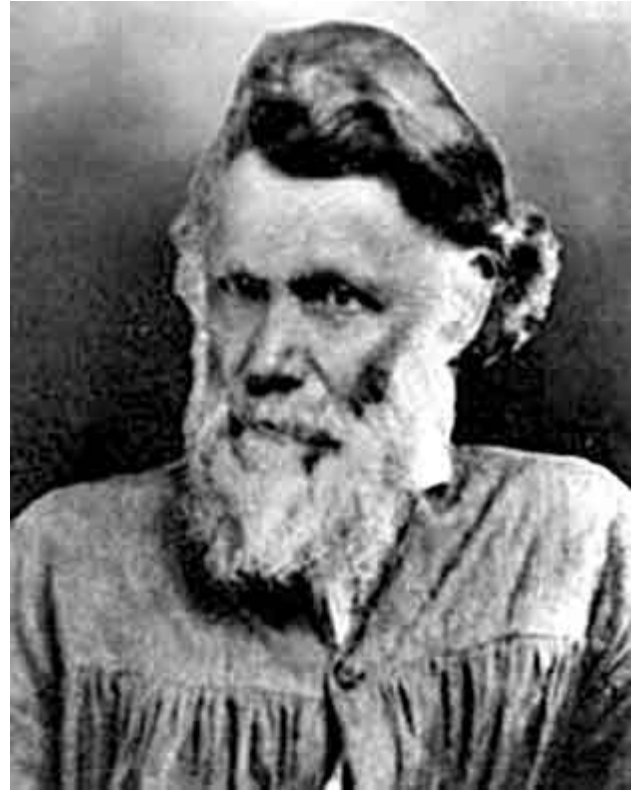
## Ewing Young and the Siskiyou Trail

It sounds like a John Wayne movie. The brash but humble young frontiersman brave, heroic, and unbending in his principals is moved by the plight of settlers in the wilderness who are desperate for help. He inspires his followers to join him in a rescue effort. With his frontier savvy he leads a trail drive through unexplored hostile Indian country. Despite the danger and challenges he successfully brings horses to those needy settlers and having proved that it can be done he repeats the feat with a herd of cattle, breaking the monopoly of the powerful Hudson's Bay Company and then rides off into the sunset.

Truth is – it actually happened - although with some differences - right here in the State of Jefferson. The year was 1834 and the young man's name wasn't John Wayne but was Ewing Young. While he was certainly brash and brave, it is a little questionable whether he was humble and heroic, or had strong principals.

Ewing Young was born in Tennessee in 1799 and worked as a trapper and trader in Arizona and New Mexico. He came to the Sacramento Valley in 1830 and trapped Northern California rivers including the Sacramento and its tributaries. When he learned that American settlers in Oregon's Willamette Valley needed horses, he saw the opportunity to make money. He set out with a group of fifteen of his fellow trappers, to take a herd of 154 horses and mules from the Livermore area to Oregon.

The story is almost unbelievable. The herd was driven north 600 miles following the Siskiyou Trail which would take them up the Sacramento River Canyon and through what is now Dunsmuir.



In a rare photo, Ewing Young looks like the adventurous mountain man that he actually was. Photo courtesy of [www.bsahighadventure.org](http://www.bsahighadventure.org).

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They passed through virtually unspoiled territory which had only been explored by Hudson's Bay Trappers a few years before. There were no roads, no bridges, no buildings, no railroad, and no signs of civilization; only virgin forest and rugged terrain. The trail followed the Sacramento River north from Redding, making numerous crossings of the river. To make matters worse, there was talk of mutiny in the group, an encounter with a malaria epidemic, and a constant threat of attacks by native people.

Ewing Young did not have a good record of favorable relations with native people. While trapping and trading in the southwest, he and his companions tended to have a "kill or be killed" attitude, which they still carried with them. Members of the group killed two Rogue River Indians and concealed their bodies on an island in the river, but the bodies were discovered and tensions rose.

Amazingly, the drive was successful but unfortunately, some of the horses which were brought by Young's traveling companions may have been stolen and this had been communicated by Joseph Figueroa the Mexican Governor of California to the Hudson's Bay Company in Oregon.

Young was not received as a hero in Oregon due to the accusations of horse thieving. Even though he denied knowing that any of the horses were stolen, the Hudson's Bay Company looked upon him as a criminal and refused to do business with him. The headstrong Young retaliated against this treatment by claiming a large parcel of land on the Willamette River in the middle of a settlement which was under the thumb of the Hudson's Bay Company. He became even more unpopular with the Company and the community of devoutly religious settlers when he built a still on his property and made sour mash whiskey which he sold to the native people in the area.

This tense situation went on for three years before a young Navy lieutenant named William Slacum was sent by the U.S. Secretary of State in Washington D.C. to report on the situation in the Oregon Territory. He observed that the Hudson's Bay Company had a monopoly on livestock and there was a serious need for cattle for draft animals, milk and beef. He learned of Ewing Young's success in driving a herd of horses and mules from California and proposed a repeat of the drive but this time with cattle. Slacum took Young and his followers by ship to San Francisco in 1837. Young bought 135 head of cattle himself and other investors provided more to make up a herd of 729; mostly heifers for breeding stock. He and his crew then drove the herd to Oregon, again following the Siskiyou Trail up the Sacramento River Canyon and through the future site of Dunsmuir.

The journals and memoirs of some of those who were with Young on this remarkable drive mention moving past "massive granite . . . Alps upon Alps," probably what we know today as Castle Crags. Progress was slow in this rugged part of the trek. One of the journals says, "The horses so weak that nearly all the driving was done on foot. Nearly every inch of progress has been gained by the use of clubs, sticks, stones and bawling."



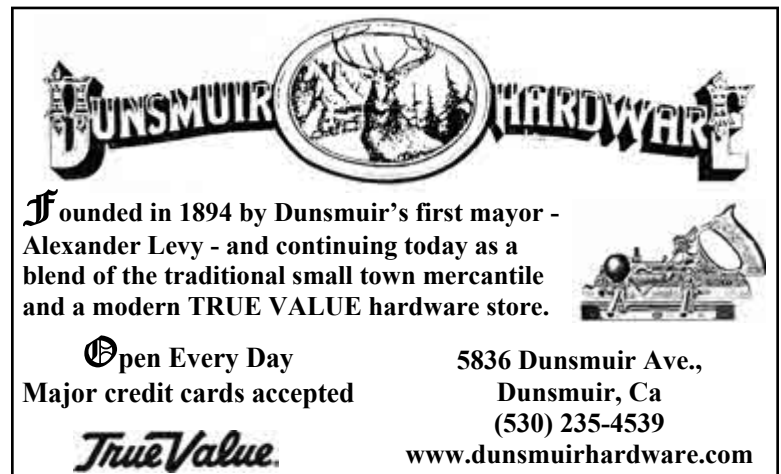
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Reference was made to camping near a spring that was "impregnated with ferruginous matter." This was most likely the soda spring near Tauhindauli Park in Dunsmuir.

Again, tensions with native people were high. The deaths of the Rogue River Indians on the previous drive were still remembered, and during a tense encounter in the Shasta Valley a shot was fired, killing an apparently friendly Indian. Several of Young's followers wanted to make a stand and fight a decisive end to the Indian threat, but he instead ordered a fast move to get through the trouble area. As the herd moved, Indian arrows killed a number of animals including Young's own horse.

When the herd arrived in the Willamette Valley, Ewing Young was welcomed as a hero since he had broken the Hudson's Bay Company's monopoly. 630 head of cattle survived the 600 mile drive which took three months. With 135 cows to start his own herd he established his ranch. He also built a saw-mill and became quite wealthy, but died in 1841 at only 42 years of age. He is buried near Newberg, Oregon. Today there are no signs of the herds of horses, mules and cattle that passed through the Sacramento River Canyon 175 years ago, but the trail roughly followed the path of the Interstate Highway. Next time you drive that road think for a moment on the amazing adventures of Ewing Young, 175 years ago.

*Ron McCloud is the co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of the town of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. He is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware which dates to 1894. ♦*



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There really are so many fun and interesting things to do in The State of Jefferson every month of the year! SOON: the Siskiyou Sled Dog Races are scheduled to take place off Highway 97 north of Weed, AND the Siskiyou Golden Fair Sportsmen's Expo will be held in Yreka. Both of these events are set to take place on the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day weekend of March 17-18.

The crew here at Jefferson Backroads had anticipated with great joy being a part of the Siskiyou Sled Dog Races again this season, but we had already made plans to have a booth at the Sportsmen's Expo that same weekend!

We are hoping that the snow we just got from this NICE storm of February 28-29 will give a new solid foundation for both the sled dog races AND the Mt. Shasta Ski Park's Snowboard and Ski Season!

A few years ago, we got to cook and serve our homemade chili and cornbread at the Pilgrim Creek warming hut at the sled dog races and it was one of the most amazing & fun weekends we ever had!

Last year, we also cooked and served our unique homemade Buffalo Chili and french bread at the Sportsmen's Expo and we had another GREAT time!

This year, Jefferson Backroads will be selling our State of Jefferson Adventure Stuff T-Shirts at the Sportsmen's Expo! See Page 30 for more information on our fun, locally designed and screen-printed T-shirts.

Why not plan to spend a little time at BOTH events this year! Take the family to see all sorts of cool outdoors stuff at the Sportsmen's Expo and then run out to the Siskiyou Sled Dog Races TOO !! Getting out there in the fresh air and messin around a little bit in the snow will SURELY make you appreciate our amazing and beautiful winter season!

Keep listening to KSYC 103.9 and checking the Sled Dog Races website: [www.siskiyousleddograces.com](http://www.siskiyousleddograces.com) to make sure what their exact schedule ends up like!

*You can check out the ADs for both events on Page 4 (Sportsmen's Expo) and Page 5 (Siskiyou Sled Dog Races) for all the contact information, times, and websites.*

*We are excited to be attending the Sportsmen's Expo for our 2nd year! See you THERE !!* -Editor

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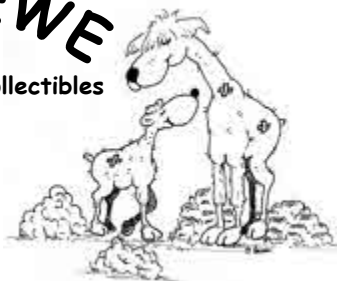
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*Continued from February, 2012 issue about Mary Stephens Waller's family who owned the Stephens store in Etna . . .*

Joseph Clifford Stephens (Mary's father) was born in 1890, raised in Etna and spent his life here, except for time in the Army and at college. Cliff played outfield on the Etna semi-pro baseball team for several years, served on the Etna Town Council, was one of the founders of the Etna Lions Club and at one time was a member of the volunteer fire department.

In his early years he drove the delivery wagon for his father's store, traveling as far as Sawyer's Bar. He rode horseback extensively in the Marble Mountain and Salmon River country.

On December 11, 1925 he married Lydia Harris, whose mother was a Finley. Lydia was better known as 'Heppie'. Mary said when her mother was a little girl, she would be asked, 'Are you happy?' and she would reply, 'Yes, I'm heppie' . . . and that's how she got that nickname!

Cliff managed the Stephens Store after his father's death in 1926 and in 1937 his mother turned the store over to him before her death. He continued to run it until he closed it in 1961.

Mary attended Chico State but had no idea what her major should be. Her uncle suggested Social Studies and she proceeded in that direction. She was very good at tennis and one day her PE teacher mentioned to her that she might consider becoming a PE teacher.

That sounded good to Mary, so she followed that course. After graduation, Mary taught in Petaluma for 8 years and Antioch for one year. Then she decided she really didn't want to be a teacher after all. She moved to Sacramento and took a job working for the government. Mary signed up for a class in Programming, taught by Ray Waller.

In August, 1961 Mary and Ray married and their lives included many moves following Ray's job transfers: Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Los Angeles. In 1964 Ray left Univac (Systems Analyst) and took a job with the State of Alaska in Juneau. Their sons Charley and Harry were born in Alaska.

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About 1991, with her father reaching over 100 years, Mary and Ray moved back to Etna to the little Stephens house built in 1932 next door to the original Stephens house (which had been sold long before).

And last July, Mary got that much longed for mailbox out in front of her home! We are happy they returned home to Etna. It always makes me smile to see them walking around town holding hands . . . ♦



Photo of Ray and Mary



Photo of Stephens Store in Etna (1957) - Cliff with wife Heppie and their delivery truck



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# On the Road to Stolen Loot, Buried Treasure & Lost Mines - Part 3 of 4

by Bob Pasero

Bob writes for the Sacramento Valley Mirror and we will be re-printing some of the fascinating articles from his column: "On the Road - Adventures in the State of Jefferson." Bob is also the State Chaplain for an organization called The Missing in America Project, a Veteran Recovery Program. Please go to [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us) for more information.

Editor's note:

I must be going crazy but the past two months I thought this story was only 2 parts... => Well it is indeed a 4 part story, so here is Part 3 and Part 4 will wrap it up in April! We hope you enjoy it!

California has had its share of 'colorful' people. California had a President who did not run for and was never elected to the office, and even a self proclaimed "Emperor. There were women of every walk of life and "road agents" who all called California home.

Following the Bear Flag Revolt General Vallejo referred to William Brown Ide as, "President Ide." Ide has been referred to as California's first, and only, president ever since. In 1859 failed San Francisco businessman Joshua Norton declared himself to be "Emperor Norton I." Emperor Norton was a much loved, colorful and eccentric character in an eccentric and colorful city.

In gold rush California women were generally broken into two categories; good and bad. Among the good were pioneer women, wives and entertainers like Lola Montez, Catherine Hayes and young Lotta Crabtree. With only 8% of the population being female there were also the "soiled doves," prostitutes who entertained miners in other ways.



Gold Panning Sculpture at the Entry into Auburn, California

The most colorful gold rush characters were the "road agents." The wild and free nature of early California lent itself to these highwaymen who took on flamboyant, devil may care personas. Joaquin Murrietta was, in reality, a rustler, murder, gang leader and robber but he was glamorized in the public's eye and became the kernel of truth behind the legend of "Zorro." The gentleman bandit, "Black Bart" was known as the "Po8" (poet) of the gold country. Black Bart left only two poems while robbing at least 28 Wells Fargo stage coaches. Interestingly Black Bart was afraid of horses and walked to and from the sites of his robberies.

Then there was the very successful, albeit but not as well known "Rattlesnake" Dick Barter. Rattlesnake Dick was born in Quebec, Canada. He came to California as a youth of 17 along with other family members and settled along Rattlesnake Bar in Placer County. He set up shop as a miner. By his early 20s he had transformed from an unsuccessful Argonaut to a successful thief.

Much about Barter is shrouded in mystery. He and his siblings move to California may have been prompted by the death of his parents in 1850. His siblings seem to have returned to Canada while he stayed in California. How he developed his 'style' of robbery is also a mystery. Perhaps it was during a stint in prison following a wrongful rustling conviction. It may have been his association with notorious gold country bad man Tom Bell. Bell and Barter pulled off the first successful stagecoach robbery in California. After Bell was killed Barter formed his own gang with other gold country bad men, brothers George and Cyrus Skinner, Dolph Newton, Romero, and Bill Carter. Barter's death is also a bit of mystery.



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In the best documented robbery of his career Barter and his gang hijacked a Wells Fargo mule train carrying \$80,600.00 in gold. This particular robbery occurred in mid 1856. The gang stood up the mule train carrying gold from the Yreka mines and mines of the Klamath River region. The mule train was headed south along the Trinity Mountains.

The Wells Fargo mules were branded and would have been easily recognized. The gang realized that they would need different mules. Barter and Cyrus Skinner headed south to steal mules while George Skinner along with Romero, Newton and Carter transported the gold to a prearranged rendezvous point about 12 miles from the site of the robbery. There they were to wait for Barter and Cyrus to return with different mules. Several days later, when Barter and Cyrus had not returned, George became anxious. George buried \$40,000.00 and divided the remaining \$40,600.00 between Romero, Newton, Carter and himself. They left the area and headed to their hideout near Auburn not knowing that Barter and Cyrus Skinner had been arrested in Placer County for mule rustling. At the hideout a posse led by Wells Fargo detective Jack Barkeley caught up with them. While making the arrest a gun battle erupted. During the gunfight George Skinner, the only person who knew where the gold was buried, was killed. Romero was severely wounded and Carter and Newton surrendered. The posse recovered the \$40,600.00 in their possession but never found the balance. The treasure is somewhere on Trinity Mountain 12 miles south of the site of the robbery. The \$40,000.00 could be buried in either Trinity or Shasta County.

Rattlesnake Dick operated throughout the Mother lode and the northern mines. He had a penchant for the "big score." However, gold is very heavy. Managing that amount of weight on horseback is difficult making a safe getaway unlikely. He often buried the gold close to the site of the initial robbery.

Barter and his gang were suspected of two robberies in Siskiyou County along the stage road on the west side of Mount Shasta between Weed and Mount Shasta City. In these robberies the road agents stole over \$100,000.00 in gold. The gold was never recovered and it is believed to still be buried along the old stage road on the western slopes of Mount Shasta.

Law enforcement finally caught up with Rattlesnake Dick on July 11, 1859 in Auburn. Placer County Sheriff George Martin and deputies, Johnson and Crutcher tried to arrest Barter and a companion. In an intense gunfight Sheriff Martin was killed and Deputy Johnson and Rattlesnake Dick were both wounded. The gun fight started near the site of the Martin Park Fire Station in Auburn. Barter and his companion were able to escape but Barter's time was up. His body was found the next morning alongside the road a mile from the shootout. Barter did not die from the previous day's bullet wounds. Rattlesnake Dick Barter died from a single gunshot wound to the head.



See image of Rattlesnake's Grave above.

From that day to this it is unknown whether Rattlesnake Dick's companion shot him to make good his own escape or whether Barter, being wounded, realized he could not escape and faced a long prison sentence or a hangman's noose and took his own life. We will never know. The mystery of his death lingers on, as does the location of the loot from many of his robberies. Rattlesnake Dick's grave is in the Old Auburn Cemetery. He was 26 years old. Barter may never be as well known as Butch Cassidy, Billy the Kid, or Black Bart but Rattlesnake Dick Barter will always be a legend in the gold country of California.

I'll see you next time on the Road to Stolen Loot, Buried Treasure and Lost Mines when we will finish up our 4-part series and look for the "Lost Hawkins Mine" and the buried fortunes of two famous California pioneers; Peter Lassen and Granville P. Swift. ♦



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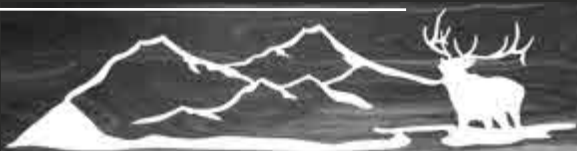
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## Discovering The State of Jefferson

by Gail L. Jenner

Follow along with Gail each month and enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas found scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

It's hard for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to comprehend how difficult it was for early Siskiyou residents to travel or get and send mail. The Pony Express, which ran from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Placerville, California, started on April 3, 1860, and lasted approximately two years. Before this time, mail arrived only monthly. As roads improved, however, stage and freight lines assisted packers in hauling mail in and out of the isolated mountain communities, a business that lasted well into the Twentieth Century.

To keep stage routes open, oxen were often quartered at the base of Scott Mountain to keep the route open during heavy snows. As reported on December 27, 1867, in the YREKA JOURNAL, "There is from 12 to 15 feet of snow on Scott Mountain which is completely blocked with snow. They have oxen at work opening the road on south side. Trinity Valley has from four to five feet of snow and oxen will soon have it open to travel. The telegraph is open over the Scott mountain, as far as the New York House and will soon be open to Shasta (Redding)."

And from the SHASTA COURIER (January 11, 1868): "The Trinity Center Stage driver informs that a heavy fall of snow has occurred on Trinity and Scott mountains the past few days and the roads are in horrible condition...Passengers and mail are being transported over Scott mountain in sleighs."

Mail had to be carried in by horseback from Yreka to Oak Bar and beyond. Gold dust made up the loads headed out to Yreka, but mail – and whiskey – were packed back in. Five-gallon kegs of whiskey were loaded, one on each side of a mule, and the rest of the load went on top. Supplies often hauled into the miners downriver included overalls and chewing tobacco. Chester Barton's father, while still in his teens, packed mail from Yreka to Oak Bar, two trips a week, two days over and back. He also packed mail to Scott Bar and back. Later he drove a Concord stage and "he took the first four-horse stage into Happy Camp...That was before any road over Cade Mountain. The road went over from Grider Creek to China Creek and then you crossed on either the Evans or the Gordon ferry...Then he went around Cade Mountain into Happy Camp from there. Dave Cudahy had the saloon and hotel in Happy Camp."

The earliest-built stages were the 'thorough-brace' type as they were built to withstand rough roads, supported as they were by heavy leather straps of several thicknesses. Mud wagons were also used, though they were not as comfortable as the larger thorough-brace stages. The Concord stage was a heavier and larger coach drawn by four or six horses. It held nine passengers and accommodated ten or twelve more on top and two alongside the driver. There was a leather-covered 'boot' for carrying mail and baggage. In 1883, L. Swan of Yreka built half a dozen new stages; iron work was done by P. O. LeMay, blacksmith, upholstery was done by Fred Ringe, and Jake Martin did the painting.





Stage Leaving From Sawyer's Bar. Photo Courtesy Betty Jane Young Collection.

Wagon making continued to be a lucrative business in Siskiyou County until after the turn of the century.

Driving freight wagons or stages was dangerous, but it was a critically important occupation in Western Siskiyou County. Drivers and teamsters were held in high regard by everyone and quickly became local heroes. According to J. Roy Jones, some of Siskiyou County's most colorful "jehus" or drivers included Dan Cawley, Al and Hank Giddings, W. L. Smith, Charlie Laird, Dan Haskel, Joe Bacon, John Mack and Frank Hovey. One tragic stage incident occurred in 1870 when Jerry Woods drowned after his stage overturned in "a swift running creek between Fort Jones and Callahan's Ranch. The four horses he was driving were also drowned, but the passengers escaped."

Frank Lloyd, a popular and experienced teamster and driver in the 1870s and 80s, felt fortunate to have never been held up, though he came close. Marcus Isaacs was another well-known teamster in Etna. Kate McCauley, who drove the Klamath River road, was referred to as the "Annie Oakley of the Klamath."

Marcus Isaacs was another early teamster who became postmaster of Etna and later opened a small variety store. He married Mary Young from Gazelle.

In the 1870s, Johnny Harris created a stir when he successfully carried mail over snow-packed Salmon Mountain taking it on his back while he rode skis (or snowshoes, as they were called then). In 1892, he and his brother were awarded the first contract to haul mail over on

the new wagon road from Etna to Sawyer's Bar. The two men purchased two Concord coaches and eight span of horses. Johnny and Edward Harris were so well trusted that they often "acted as purchasing agents for dress materials and shoes as well as fresh meat and vegetables for the housewives." When Johnny wasn't driving the Salmon Mountain summit road, he drove stage between Etna and Yreka. Johnny and Edward Harris also founded the Taylor Lake Mine in 1903. ♦

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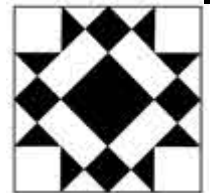
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## What IS The State of Jefferson ? By Gail Jenner



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He Lived April 13, 1743 to July 4, 1826.



*Lived Nov. 30, 1835 - Apr. 21, 1910*

*Samuel Langhorne Clemens, Pen Name:*

*Mark Twain - American Author & Humorist*

Quote:

"Government is merely a servant – merely a temporary servant; it cannot be its prerogative to determine what is right and what is wrong, and decide who is a patriot and who isn't. Its function is to obey orders, not originate them."

Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

The name Jefferson was selected after Yreka's local paper, The Siskiyou Daily News, ran a contest. J. E. Mundell of Eureka, California, submitted the winning name. A seal was created: a gold mining pan etched with two Xs to signify the double-cross by Salem and Sacramento politicians. Today the seal is still used on flags, banners, and State of Jefferson memorabilia.

Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as well.

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries.

*It is the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we love, proudly called The State of Jefferson.* ♦

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## HISTORY OF YREKA

by Claudia A. East

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California.

Feel free to read and follow Claudia on her blog at: <http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>. -Editor

The J. P. Churchill Building  
(Gone, but not forgotten.)

North West Corner of Main and Miner Streets, Yreka

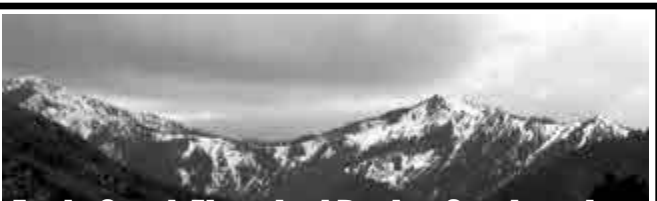
In 1851 while Yreka was in its early infancy, Jerome Churchill arrived at the "flats" and erected a general merchandise store in a tent on what is now the Northwest corner of Miner and Main. Almost everything constructed during that time was temporary -- merchants stayed in business as long as the miners came and money was to be made. Unfortunately Churchill's tent, according to research, burned twice during the first few years, so in 1855 he built a permanent structure from brick for his store on the corner of Main and Miner. In 1871 the "great conflagration" happened and the building was burned out. One third of Yreka burned that fateful day in July. The building was repaired from the walls and continued to be home to a general merchandise store for a number of years.

It is not known when the general merchandise store was moved elsewhere, but for several years the building was home to at least two or three different saloons. It housed the Last Chance Saloon, (not to be confused with the long established Last Chance Saloon previously in neighboring Hornbrook) and later the Branch Saloon (later renamed the Bella Union Saloon). It is roughly estimated that the building was home to the saloons between 1890 and 1915.

In 1919 a newspaper article said that the Electric Supply Company was busy moving into the building and that the back half of the building would become home to the California-Oregon Power Company (COPCO) for a repair shop. It was only two years later that the California-Oregon Power Company purchased the building from Churchill and occupied the entire structure. [If you have a copy of the book, *Yreka*, Images of America you can view a portion of this building as it appeared when owned by the power company on page 20.]

In 1933 the power company was getting prepared to replace the building with a newer more modern one that would be two stories high and sport a full basement. For several reasons this never materialized and the offices were moved. For a number of years COPCO was at home in the DeWitt & Peters Building (the current Elks Building) at the corner of Miner and North Oregon Streets.

In 1934 major changes were happening in Yreka. The State of California decided there was a definite need to widen Main Street a full twenty feet from city limit to city limit. Main Street at the time served as the State Highway 99 and the traffic had increased considerably from former days. To accommodate the new requirements twenty feet was slashed from property fronting Main Street.



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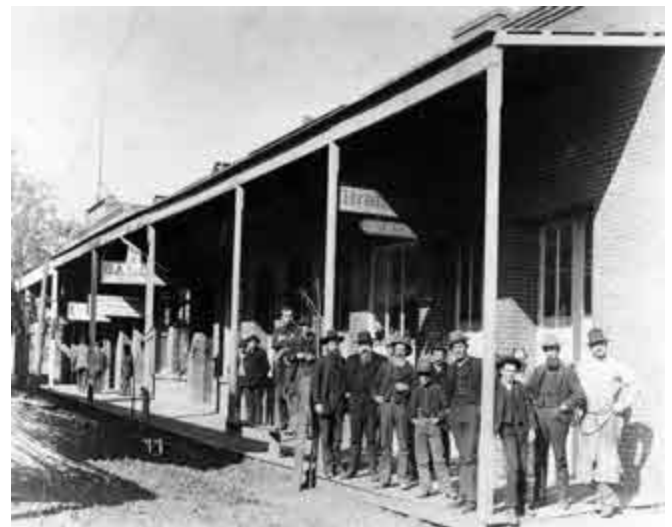
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In some blocks the entire twenty feet was taken from one side only, at other places it was half on one side and half on the other. The State wanted a straight shot through town.

Once the construction was finished, the Lot 1, Block 28 at the northwest corner of Main and Miner was an empty lot. The building had been razed and the J. P. Churchill Building was gone forever. The current building located at this spot was completed in 1937. Today this corner is home to the Miner Street Pub. ♦



The Branch Saloon, circa 1890, corner West Miner and Main Streets, Yreka. Photo from the Meamber Collection Courtesy of Yreka Preservation.



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## Where to Go - What to See - When to Do It

We invite you to check on every page of this publication for many other Community Classes and Events that are included. Deadline is 20th of the month for upcoming events. Thank You!

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**Saturday March 10th from 3pm to 12 midnight**  
**Downtown Weed, California**

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Scott Valley Grange will hold its Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday March 17th from 5 pm to 7 pm in Greenview at the Grange Hall on Quartz Valley Road. Price for a great dinner is: Adults \$10, Children \$5 (6-12 years of age) and under 6 and over 90 FREE. Call for info: Maury Tasem 340-3669.

### SCULPTOR WORKSHOPS

Wednesday Evenings from 7-9pm - at St. Marks Preservation Square in Yreka. Call Don at (530) 340-5587 for more info

**SAT/SUN MARCH 17 & 18**  
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SEE PAGE 4 FOR STORY & AD  
**SISKIYOU SLED DOG RACES**  
SEE PAGE 5 FOR STORY AND AD

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# ELK IN THE STATE OF JEFFERSON



## RMEF Habitat Improvement and Project Funding for California 2011

by Ralph Fain

2011 was a great year for wildlife and habitat improvement in the State of California thanks to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, its members, volunteers and all those businesses and individuals who so generously contributed to the organizations goals.

And a heads up, the Siskiyou Chapter of RMEF will have a booth at the Siskiyou Sportsmen's Expo March 17 & 18 with banquet information, memberships, raffle tickets for a Shasta Valley elk hunt, raffle tickets for the Les Schwab gun raffle and raffle tickets for the Siskiyou Banquet progressive raffle. They will also be heralding the second annual "Camo Golf Tournament" to be held on August 25, 2012 at the Lake Shastina Golf Course. So come on out and enjoy the Expo and meet your local RMEF committee members! Here is a quick overview of the work performed by RMEF in California during 2011.

### Permanent Land Protection Projects

**Willow Foothill, Siskiyou County** - RMEF purchased 640 acres of land that provides critical elk fall & winter use.

**Eel River Project, Mendocino and Humboldt Counties** - RMEF worked with several partners to secure a Conservation Easement on the Preston (7,904 acres) and Lawrence (640 acres) Ranches to permanently protect the wildlife values on these Ranches.



### Stewardship Projects

**Elk Ecology in the Marble Mountains, Siskiyou County** - This project provides funding for 6 GPS real-time collars where data are transferred from collared elk to biologists via satellites and email at pre-determined intervals, and additional VHF collars. The collars will provide reliable information on Roosevelt elk movements in the Marble Mountain unit, population levels, habitat use and opportunities for improvement and hunting.

**Willow Foothill Juniper Removal, Siskiyou County** - RMEF volunteers removed junipers from the Willow Foothill property to improve forage habitat and stop the encroachment of juniper into critical fall and winter elk habitat. Spring enhancement will occur on two springs during 2012.

**Harlow Meadows Restoration, Shasta County** - This project restores a 6 acre meadow by filling an existing gully and redirecting the stream into a historic channel. The restoration technique employed is generally referred to as the "pond and plug" strategy.

**Burney Gardens Meadow and Aspen Restoration, Shasta County** - 1,200 acres of aspen and meadow habitat will be restored by thinning conifers, filling the existing gully and redirecting the stream to the historic remnant channel. This will raise the water table and improve the meadow and surrounding area.

**Crowder Block VIII Burn, Modoc County** - This project treats 1,000 acres of large ungulate habitat with prescribed fire. The fire prescriptions would be designed to improve forage quality and quantity by revitalizing herbaceous forage, browse species such as snowbrush, Prunus and snowberry, and reducing encroachment of conifers.



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| 3/24/12 | Klamath Falls, OR | Ron Hamilton     | 541-882-6258 |
| 3/31/12 | Medford, OR       | Matt Dunbar      | 541-727-1154 |
| 3/31/12 | Woodland, CA      | D J Sambucetti   | 530-681-0804 |
| 4/7/12  | Susanville, CA    | Gordon Ponting   | 530-262-2768 |
| 4/7/12  | Fortuna, CA       | Dennis Crozier   | 707-764-3363 |
| 4/14/12 | Bend, OR          | David Fuller     | 541-447-2804 |
| 4/14/12 | Weaverville, CA   | James Burgess    | 916-623-2029 |
| 4/21/12 | Eugene, OR        | Judy Kennedy     | 541-895-3710 |
| 4/28/12 | Chico, CA         | Allen Thompson   | 530-345-2686 |
| 5/12/12 | Alturas, CA       | John E. Dederick | 530-233-3257 |
| 5/19/12 | Burney, CA        | David Smith      | 530-335-2208 |
| 5/19/12 | Yreka, CA         | Denise Weikert   | 530-842-2021 |
| 5/19/12 | Reedsport, OR     | Kirby Boyd       | 541-269-9431 |

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**Fredonyer Aspen Restoration, Lassen County** – This project is designed to remove junipers from an 11 acre aspen stand which is experiencing severe juniper encroachment.

**Lack's Creek Meadow Restoration, Humboldt County** – This project is designed to restore and maintain 60 acres of grasslands and oak woodlands which provide critical foraging areas within Roosevelt elk habitat.

**Hidden Valley Prairie Restoration, Humboldt County** – 40 acres of foraging habitat, critical to Roosevelt elk will be maintained by restoring this prairie and the historic apple orchard.

**Frenchman Work Center Aspen Restoration, Plumas County** - This project restores 275 acres of aspen stands that are currently being converted to conifer stands due to lack of fire.

**Payne Ranch Riparian Restoration, Yolo County** – RMEF and BLM volunteers fenced areas along Bear Creek to protect newly planted native vegetation. The new vegetation was planted to help restore a functioning riparian habitat.

**Grizzly Island Telemetry Project, Solano County** – The elk distribution on Grizzly Island has changed and in an effort to determine the extent of the new distribution CDFG is proposing to radio collar up to 21 elk. The information gathered will provide information on where to improve habitat and setting hunt quotas.

**Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) Yellow Star-Thistle Control, Monterey County** – RMEF and FHL are working together to treat yellow star-thistle on 1,145 acres in an attempt to control the spread for the invasive weed and minimize the impact to elk habitat.

**Fort Hunter Liggett Guzzler Project, Monterey County** – FHL will install a 1,200 gallon, big game drinker and collection apron capable of collecting annual rainfall to fill the tank to provide permanent water.

**Conservation Education, Hunting Heritage, RMEF Publicity**

**Butte Valley Rifle Association, Siskiyou County** – Purchased target grade single shot 22 rifles for the California Hunter's Safety Program. Approximately 20 youth participated in the program this year ranging in age from 9 – 12 years old.

**PBR Rider Sponsorship, Shasta County** – Funds were used to purchase prizes (Red Bluff) for PBR riders and other local dignitaries, and to promote RMEF. Approximately 80 adults will participate and 200 spectators will watch the event.

**Susanville Spike Camp, Lassen County** - Assisted in the purchase of jackets, prizes, and T-Shirts for the 5th annual Susanville Spike Camp and youth outdoor day. Approximately 450 youth ages 3 – 17 participate. Activities include SAFE shooting, archery range, BB gun range and other outdoor activities.

**Trinity Chapter Hunter Safety Class, Trinity County** – The Trinity Chapter will host a Hunter Safety class. Approximately 50 students will get their Hunter Safety Certificates.

**Wounded Warrior Hunt, Fort Hunter Liggett, Monterey County** – RMEF, Fort Hunter Liggett and a generous donor provided an elk hunt to a Purple Heart soldier. Additional funds from the State Grant funds will provide the ability to have the hunt filmed by a professional videographer. Film footage can be used by RMEF for marketing, banquets, fund raisers, sport shows or any related event. One wounded warrior plus the possibility of 7,500 individuals viewing the film.

**COHA General Membership, Statewide** – Provides RMEF with membership in an organization dedicated to the preservation of our outdoor heritage and to curb growing threats to outdoor traditions by working with all levels of California government.

**COHA Caucus Shoot, Sacramento County** – A trap shooting event to provide a forum for California's State Legislatures and their staff to shoot with COHA members and leaders from the conservation

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The Ides' come about nearly every month but we only seem to remember them in March. It was part of the Roman calendar and signified the full moon and a special way of counting the days between moons that kept the calendar on track. When the calendar turns over to March it seems to make the winter nearly over and springtime just around the corner. It was first written in the old English texts that springtime was both the source of a stream and the act of leaping. In 1398 the word "springtime" was used to denote the season when the world leaps to its feet and new life springs from the ground. I am ready!

This time of the year we begin to look for a change in our diet and lighter foods come into focus. Chicken the all purpose staple sometimes needs a new flavor. The Cuisine of Persia lends itself to a nice change and adds nuts and fruits to make it healthy as well as tasty!

### Moroccan Chicken

Spice Blend: (double the recipe and use half for the marinade and half to flavor the salad and save the rest for using again)

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

½ teaspoon ground cumin

1 Tablespoon ground turmeric

¼ teaspoon chili powder

½ teaspoon salt

4 Chicken breast cut into small cubes

Canola oil or olive oil

2 Granny smith apples chopped into small pieces

(do this right before the chicken is sautéed so they do not turn brown.

- Place one batch of the spice blend and 1 Cup Canola oil or 1 cup of Yogurt in a zip loc bag and marinate overnight.
- Place 2 tablespoons olive or canola oil and 2 tablespoons butter in large sauté pan and place over medium high. Remove the chicken from the bag and quickly sauté the meat and remove to a dish. Dispose of the remaining marinade.
- In the same pan add a little more butter and quickly sauté the chopped apples, remove from pan and cool.

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**Salad:**

- ½ bag dried cranberries (4oz. bag)
- 1 cup of celery chopped (use the heart complete with leaves)
- ½ cup walnut halves roughly chopped
- 1 bunch green onion (chop only the greens)
- Bacon bits (store bought or browned bacon bits)
- 1 cup Greek Yogurt
- 1 cup Mayonnaise

- Mix 1 cup of mayonnaise and 1 cup of Greek yogurt together. Add 1 Tablespoon of the spice blend and adjust the seasoning. Mix all of the cooked chicken and apples into this mixture and taste, adjusting seasoning again.
- Add all of the salad ingredients: cranberries, celery, walnuts or nutmeats and green onions. Taste and adjust the seasoning. This just gets better as it sits in the refrigerator.
- Place a scoop of the salad on several romaine leaves and sprinkle with some of the bacon bits. Serve with hot crispy bread sticks. ♦

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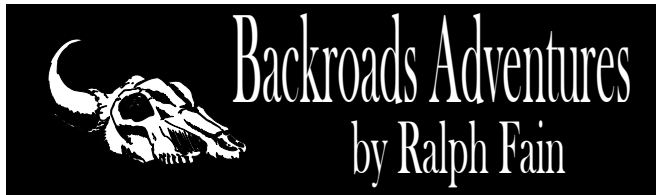


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## “KITING THE BACKROADS WIND”

We are all familiar with the old adage: March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. With that thought, what visions enter your mind? I see big, loud, gusting winds. Rain, sleet or snow with driving winds. I envision large, billowing gray clouds racing across the sky chased by raucous winds. Trees bent to the opposite direction of the coming storm, last years' leftover tumbleweeds bounding along the fields with the wind at their heels. And lastly, calm warming breezes carrying light rain bringing April showers. I see, hear, taste and feel the spring winds. Nothing tastes better than fresh made air!

What? Taste air, you say? Sorry city slickers, if you have never tasted fresh made air then you have never stood on a windswept beach, facing the Pacific Ocean, you have never stood at the peak or ridge tops of our mountains facing into the wind, you have never abandoned yourself deep within our forests, you have never removed yourself from machines, gadgets and cities and just stood quietly, breathing deeply. Only then will you taste the fresh made air.

So what comes to mind for outside adventure when you picture yourself out in the March winds? It is the tail end of ski season. It is almost time to launch the rafts and kayaks. Too much wind and rain for a good motorcycle ride. Steelhead are at the end of their run and hunting season has come to a close. How about simply going out and flying a kite?! Huh? Kite flying an adventure, you say? Jeez, some of you folks need to learn how to get away from your data phones occasionally and seek REAL adventure!

Everybody I know loved to fly the old paper kites we had as kids. Today's kites are evolved WAY beyond kids' toys. I'm talking about stunt kites. I have a small stunt kite with a two foot wing span. I recently flew a large version with an 8 ½ foot wing span! I met a fellow at the Brookings Harbor who was flying two of these large kites in unison, one in each hand. I learned he was Gary MacEachern, world record holder of flying the most kites at one time: three sets of 16 kites for a total of 48 kites flown at one time by one person!

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Awesome photo from Gary's website. Check out [www.oregonkites.com](http://www.oregonkites.com)

Gary let me fly one of his kites. Wow, if that doesn't bring out the kid in ya, your inner child has long fled your bones! The kite was 8 1/2 feet - wing tip to wing tip - with two 100' lines, one held in each hand for maneuvering/flying the kite. I had a blast! You get quite a tug from a kite this large so you have to hang on and pay attention. The response from the kite is amazing; it is like a living creature. It zips, turns, dives, loops and responds immediately to your every touch of the line.

Launching was simple. A couple of steps back while giving two quick tugs and the kite jumped into the air. An easy pull from my left hand and the kite sailed left, an easy pull from my right hand and the kite sailed right. Pull harder and the kite takes a kamikaze dive in the direction of the hand you pull from. A quick pull from the opposite hand and you save the kite from destruction. Pull down with both hands and the kite climbs to its peak and floats stationary like a seagull on a bed of air. Take the kite beyond its peak and it will stall and begin to fall like a leaf out of the sky. A gentle pull and the kite recovers into the wind.

As with everything these days there is a kite for everyone whether you want a stunt kite or decorative kite or anything in between. The price ranges from under \$100 to thousands of dollars. The stunt kites similar to what I was flying are in the \$200 range. They come in a variety of shapes and colors, something for any level of experience and depending on the kite can be flown in winds as light as 1mph up to 35mph. I am unaware of anybody locally who sells these kites (if anybody out there builds and sells stunt kites, let us know as we would love to have you in our publication!) but the internet, as always, has an array of vendors. The nice thing about this hobby is that after the initial investment there is little other expense unless you crash and burn!

So now you have an adventure with those March winds! The State

of Jefferson has an unlimited area to go fly a kite and the Shasta Valley is a prime example! Matter of fact, if anybody from the Montague Balloon Festival is reading this, how about combining a kite festival with your event!? These two activities go hand in hand, balloons in the calm of the morning and kites during the breezy afternoon! More people, more activities, more color, more fun! Heck, I might even be interested in volunteering to help set it up!

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# Press Release: Blame Sally Concert

“Blame Sally” returns to the 2012 “Scott Valley Bank at the Avery” benefit performance series. (see AD on Page 17)

Scott Valley Theatre Company and Scott Valley Bank are proud to announce the return of San Francisco’s Blame Sally to Etna’s historic Avery Theatre on March 31st. The “Sallies” are the first of four 2012 “Scott Valley Bank at the Avery” benefit performances.

Blame Sally - a Bay Area phenomenon - combines lush electric and acoustic instrumental textures with sensuous harmonies along with intriguing original compositions. These four velvet-vocaled ladies have somehow laid claim to the modern pop-folk sound while at the same time remaining fresh and inventive.



Advance Tickets are \$12.00 (\$15.00 at the door). Advance tickets can be purchased at Scott Valley Bank branches in Siskiyou County, Redding and Medford, Oregon. Advance tickets are also available at the Yreka Chamber Of Commerce, Nature’s Kitchen in Yreka and Wildwood Crossing in Etna.

The Avery Theatre (home of the Scott Valley Theatre Company) is located on Main Street (next to Scott Valley Bank) in the historic gold rush town of Etna and comfortably seats up to 275 people. Etna is nestled in the foot hills of the Marble Mountains in beautiful Scott Valley.

In 2011, Scott Valley Bank and the non-profit Scott Valley Theatre Company launched “Scott Valley Bank at the Avery” to bring exciting benefit concerts to Etna’s historic Avery Theatre. “At the Avery” performances promote cultural events while benefiting both the theatre and other non-profits that provide service to either youth, seniors, the needy, or the general community good in the way of arts, family entertainment or beautification.

Here is a list of the 2012 “Scott Valley Bank at the Avery” benefit performances:

Blame Sally – March 31st – to benefit the Avery Theatre

Acoustic Night – April 28th – to benefit the Avery Theatre

Cowboy Poetry & Music - November 3rd - to benefit Valley Oaks Seniors Food Pantry

Christmas Concert – December 1st – to benefit the Etna Volunteer Fire Department

While “Scott Valley Bank at the Avery” performances are designed as fundraisers and will have an entry cost - tickets are modestly priced to encourage the widest possible attendance. To suggest a Scott Valley area non-profit that may participate as a beneficiary of one of the events, a form is available at the Etna and Fort Jones branches of Scott Valley Bank and also at the Avery Theatre.

For more information about: the Blame Sally concert, the Scott Valley Theatre Company, or the Avery Theatre contact Rick Anderson at 530-467-4181 or email: [rick@broadcastsolutions.com](mailto:rick@broadcastsolutions.com). ♦



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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT NEWS & EVENTS

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society has agreed to house a camera and equipment for trainorders.com, a web-site, to provide a trackside video camera to view passing trains in Dunsmuir. The Dunsmuir and Sand Patch systems capture almost 75 to 100 trains per day.

The previous Dunsmuir trainorders.com member contacted the Depot Society if they'd be interested in taking over housing the video camera operation. After working out initial problems with the internet provider, the trainorders.com Dunsmuir site is up and running. Go to trainorders.com and click on video camera Dunsmuir for still images of recorded video clips which can be viewed by trainorders.com members. For a small membership fee in trainorders.com, full motion video clips of passing trains can be viewed.

Train buffs can discuss twelve different train subjects, such as western railroads, model railroading, etc., on the web-site. ♦

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community to increase their knowledge of the work being done by these organizations. The shoot drew approximately 160 participants to this event.

**CWA Hunting Heritage Program, Statewide** – Funds were used to partner with CWA in support of teaching outdoor and hunting skills. In all, sixty events will occur statewide. Approximately 1400 youth will participate in the program this year with family and friends attending events.

**Green Diamond Resources Elk Survey, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties** – Funds were provided to support the Green Diamond Resources Company yearly elk surveys. Green Diamond donates a Klamath Bull Tag for RMEF to use in its statewide drawing every year. Survey results set tag numbers for the Del Norte, Big Lagoon and Klamath hunt units which take place on Green Diamond properties.

**San Luis NWR Headquarters Elk Bronze, Merced County** – Funds will support the funding of a life-size bronze Tule elk sculpture at the entrance of the newly constructed San Luis visitor's center and administration complex 10 miles N/O Los Banos, CA. Approximately 200,000 visitors are expected to visit the facility annually. RMEF will be recognized by name and plaque adjacent to the sculpture.

**Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, Solano County** – Funds were used to help provide for logo Concrete Picnic Tables, logo framework for hoisting elk and gravel area for equipment and processing. Clean area to provide a better appearance for camp spots and processing area so that successful hunters can clean their harvested animals. Approximately 10 hunters, plus their companions, per year plus an additional 100 people of various ages tour the area. Tours include children, parents and teachers.

**Fort Hunter Liggett Youth Trout Fishing Derby, Monterey County** – A trout fishing derby organized by Fort Hunter Leggett for youth under the age of 16 years. Approximately 120 youth participate, with family and friends attending.

**Chimeneas Apprentice Elk Hunt, San Luis Obispo County** – RMEF helps to introduce a young hunter and his family to elk hunting and hunter education. Approximately 20 people participate, including one youth hunter, family and friends.

**California Youth Shooting Sports Association, Statewide** – Supported the CYSSA's first US Open Youth Trap and Skeet Championship in Las Vegas. Funds were provided to purchase awards and trophies for participants. Approximately 500 participants, representing 30 high school team's attended, with approximately 750 family and friends in support of the shooters.

Additionally, RMEF contributed to numerous high school trap and shooting teams throughout the state supporting over 300 young adults in the shooting sports.

Total investment into wildlife habitat and projects in California by RMEF during 2011 amounted to over \$4.3 million dollars benefiting over 105,500 acres. Considering RMEF works hand in hand with cooperating government agencies on many of these projects where the agency also provides funding, the total dollar amount invested amounts to many times over what is provided by the RMEF.

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## HISTORIC LOG CABIN RESTORATION PROJECT IN DORRIS, CALIFORNIA

The old log cabin located at our Museum site on the south side of Dorris was donated to the Butte Valley Museum in 1989. Built in 1875, it was moved to the Museum site in 1989 from the (then) Kern Ranch on Richardson Road near Sam's Neck/Meiss Lake Road. It was the old Dysert home from the McClellan-Varnum-Dysert Ranch. Jim Dysert at age 14 worked at the Bray Sawmill. He then moved to Dorris where he met & married Erna Varnum. They made their home at the McClellan-Varnum-Dysert place.

The log cabin was built with hand-hewn beams and are tongue and grooved together. The dwelling had a second story loft for sleeping quarters.

Currently, the museum has contracted with a cabin restoration company to repair areas that are beginning to sway, install windows & doors and furnish the inside like it was in its day. The Museum Society plans to put some type of plexi-glass and wrought iron over the windows for the public to view this wonderful piece of history.

To accomplish this restoration properly, the cabin must be taken down, beams cleaned and repaired where needed. Then concrete footings need to be laid under the perimeter of the structure and reconstructed so it will last another hundred years. This feat will cost the museum approximately \$50,000. We are seeking a grant and welcome any donations towards this effort. Donations are very much welcomed. Our contact information is at the top of this page. Thank You Very Much !! ♦

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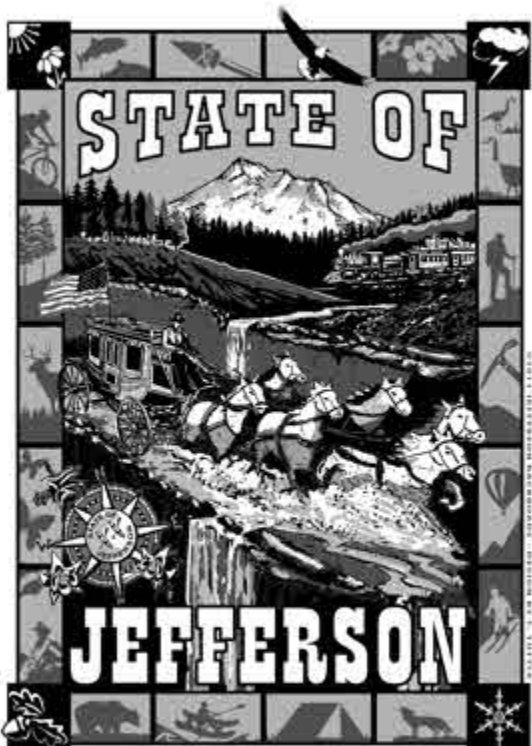
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By Bob Pasero, MIAP National Chaplain

Since my happy association with Jefferson Backroads I've received inquiries about the MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT (MIAP). The publishers have provided this space to allow me to explain what MIAP is and what we do.

The purpose of the MIAP is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains ('cremains') of American Veterans. This goal is accomplished through the efforts of private, state, and federal organizations, as well as individuals nationwide. MIAP provides honor and respect to those who have served this country. We secure a final resting place for these forgotten heroes and provide Military Honors Memorial Services for them.

The first MIAP Memorial Service was held on November 9, 2006 in Boise Idaho for 21 Veterans and 1 spouse. In just over 5 years MIAP has:

- Visited over 2,242 funeral homes.
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MIAP is the only nationally recognized Veterans' recovery organization. It is completely volunteer driven, and is a federally recognized, nonprofit organization. Our goal is monumental. We have volunteers in virtually every state working to identify and verify the cremains of our Veterans.

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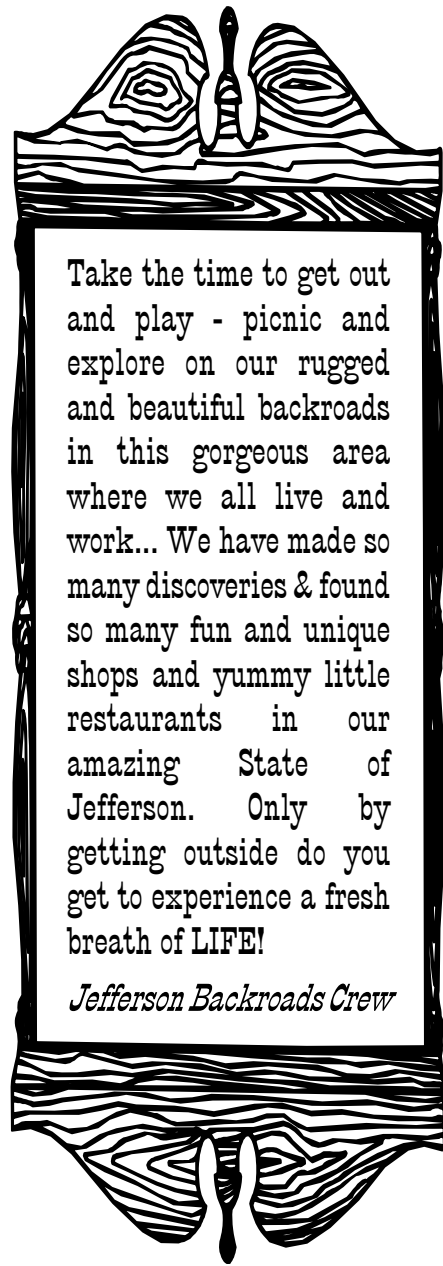
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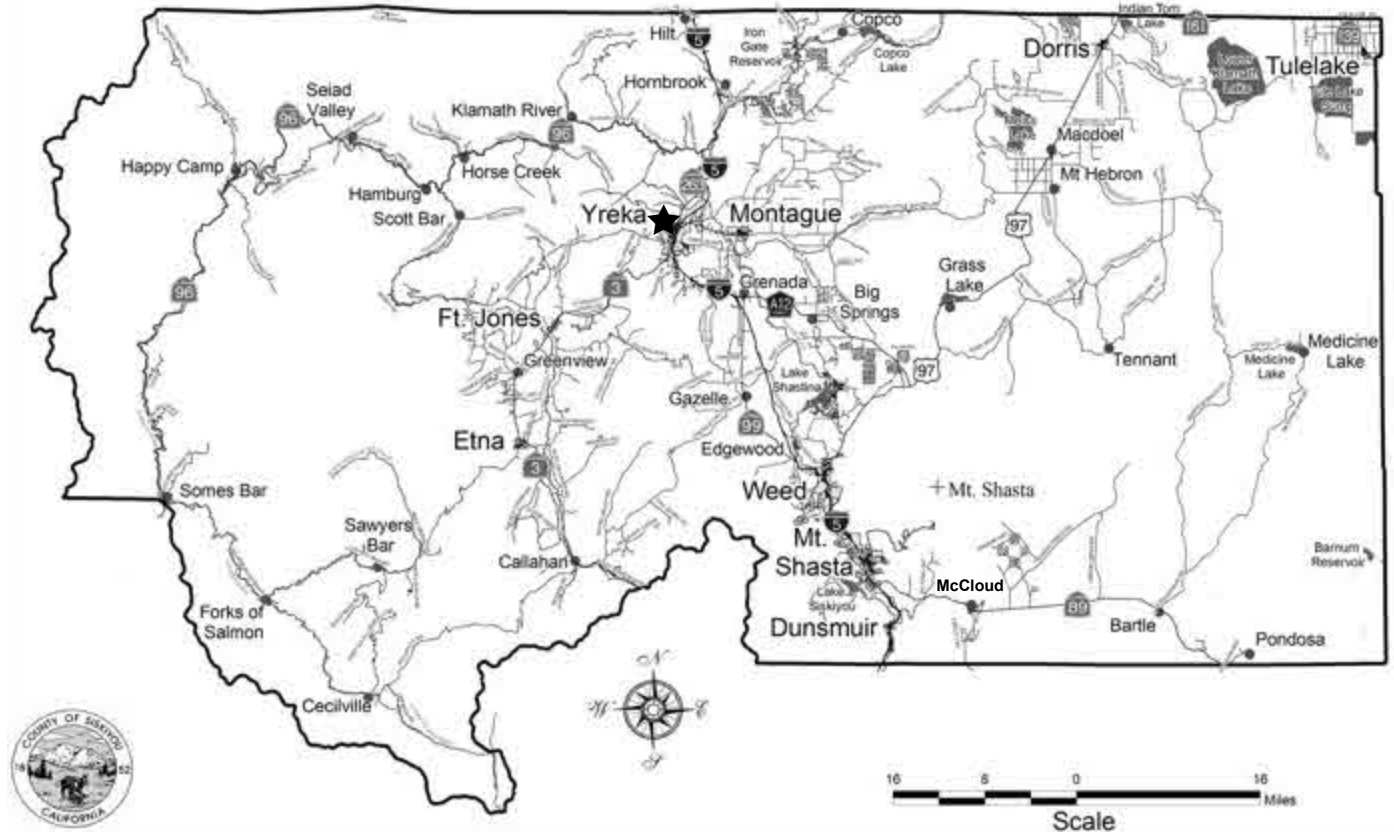
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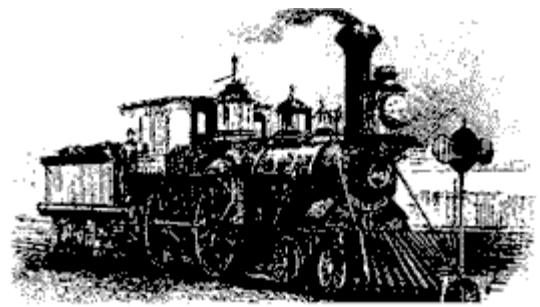
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