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A message from SACA'S President

One of the most important issues facing Cochise County is water.

We all use it and we all need it.

Fort Huachuca has been constantly bombarded with law-



Mike Rutherford

suits and court rulings to mitigate its water usage over the past several years. If you read the paper, you'll see that the conflict continues and is even escalating.

It's time for the community and local businesses to step up and support the Fort's efforts. Since the Fort is a vital part of our area's economy, we need to learn how to become a stronger partner to manage our water resources. The San Pedro River is an integral component of the tourism that comes to the county as well as an important waterway that supports an abundance of wildlife. Finding a common sense approach and balance to protect habitat while growing our community and businesses is key.

SACA's February membership meeting on February 15 will feature Pat Call, District One Supervisor and Karen Riggs, County Engineer.

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Member Profile: Sierra Vista Personnel

Sierra Vista Personnel has been a proud member of SACA for two years now and has been servicing Sierra Vista, Fort Huachuca, and all of Cochise County for over 23 years. With offices in Nogales and Tucson also, there isn't anywhere in Southeastern Arizona that we aren't able to provide any given company or contractor with the personnel that they need to get the job done.

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SACA February 2012 Calendar of Events

General Membership Meeting • February 15
 PDS Country Club, St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista
 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Luncheon \$15 at door

Speakers: Supervisor Pat Call and Engineer Karen Riggs

Pat and Karen will tell us about the recently awarded storm water recharge pilot project to Cochise County. It is a three year grant to analyze, design, construct and monitor a pilot recharge project in the Palominas area. The project will seek to address long standing flooding issues and also incorporate storm water runoff recharge and monitor the results to gauge possible long term effects of this and other potential recharge projects. They will also look at potential longer term projects within the Upper San Pedro watershed. She will also discuss our partnership with a new subdivision to increase beneficial use of runoff due to development.

Karen C. Riggs, a third generation Arizonan, has held the position of Cochise County Engineer since January 2011 and prior to that assignment was the Floodplain Engineer/Manager for almost four years. She has served Cochise County in various engineering positions since 1986, and alternately worked as a private sector engineer and land surveyor, ranched and developed a successful organic, grass-fed meat business while raising two wonderful daughters. She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in both Psychology and Civil Engineering and is a registered professional engineer and land surveyor in Arizona.

Pat Call is currently serving his third term as the District 1 Cochise County Supervisor. He is active in numerous committees and organizations that represent the interests of the county and charitable organizations, which include Rotary, C.A.N.T.E.R., Upper San Pedro Advisory Commission, Statewide Water Advisory Group, just to name a few. He is also the Chief Pyrotechnic for the Sierra Vista fireworks and hosts Friday Report, a weekly radio program. Pat has a BS in Biology and is married to Trish. They have two adult sons.

Upcoming SACA Events

Wednesday March 7, 2012 – OSHA Training – Chamber of Commerce, 9 a.m. – Noon
 March 23 & 24, 2012 – 2012 SACA HOME AND GARDEN SHOW at Buena High School

Government Meetings

Cochise Cty Board of Supervisors	Every Tues., 10 a.m.	County Buildings, Bisbee, AZ
Sierra Vista City Council	2 nd & 4 th Thurs., 5 p.m.	City Hall, 2 nd Floor
Benson City Council	2 nd & 4 th Mon., 7 p.m.	City Hall
Bisbee City Council	1 st & 3 rd Tues., 7 p.m.	City Hall
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The Way I See It: And here we go again!

Lots of things are coming down the pike at us.

BRAC is the biggie! DoD is requesting a new round of closures and reductions. It is going to be brutal as we evolve to the smallest national defense force since before World War II. I guess that's because the United States and the rest of the world is substantially less at risk now than at any time in the last 70 plus years!? We will be talking more about this.

For now though, allow me some personal thoughts and comments.

Sometimes I sit back and wonder at peoples' patience. I'm thinking here about you out there who have contended with reading these monthly opportunities of mine to share my thoughts with you. Some of you probably look at your issue of the newsletter, see my byline, think-"Not Again!," and turn the page.

And then there are those of you who do read the things; and the amazing thing about it to me is that we've been sharing or passing over these monthly exercises for 7 years. Sort of boggles my mind.

Over these years we've shared many things. Some were consequential; some were simply items of passing interest to me—and, hopefully, to you. Recently, I've been sharing with you my concerns about the spending habits of my 5-year-old grandson Zachary. I will continue to remind you



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of how Zach's doing from time to time.

Occasionally, I've had folks comment to me in person about what I put down here. The single piece which has been most often remarked upon to me personally also happens to be the one of which I am fondest.

So, here we go again, down Highway 90 past Milepost 296.

"It happens every time. We're driving home, late, from a trip; on the way back from a Wildcat basketball game at McKale Center or maybe we just spent the day with Hannah and Ethan and their parents in Tucson. It's on Highway 90 coming down from I-10. Past Milepost 296, but not yet to 297. Just a twinkle off in the distance at first, then almost like magic, there it is spread across the horizon at the base of a black mass that we know are the Huachucas.

Lights sparkling in the night, Sierra Vista is spread out before my eyes. It

happens every time and every time I look forward to it and get that deep down in the gut feeling – That's my town! That's Sierra Vista! Once again, I'm almost HOME! That initial hit me in the gut feeling doesn't last long, but the sensation can be savored until I pull into our driveway. The road dips and rises as the miles pass, the lights recede then pop back into sight. As I get closer the panoramic sense lessens and it's almost as though the lights, as they get closer, reach out and embrace the car. Then as I make that long sweeping left south of Whetstone and drop down across the Babocomari into lower Huachuca City the breadth and scope of the panorama are really gone. But that's okay. Because I'm coming HOME.

I love that feeling. I hope all of you have or will feel such a coming home experience. Because home is what it's all about. In Sierra Vista, we have a very special place to come home to. Some time when you're maybe feeling a little low step outside, look up at the Huachucas and let their being and serenity soak in a little bit. Take a trip down to the San Pedro; be in awe of the birds flashing through the air and the gentleness of the wind sloughing through the cottonwoods. Venture down to the crest of the Huachuca's in the Coronado National Monument and allow yourself to hear the clink and clank of the gear of Coronado's soldiers as they trudge up those hills, through our val-

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A message from the Building Inspector

Dear Contractors and SACA Members:

First of all, I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. I hope everyone is off to a great start and that you have a very successful 2012. The main reason for this message is to let you know that the 2012 International Residential Codes (IRC) along with their Code Commentary have just recently been published and are now available through ICC.

As you know, The City of Sierra Vista decided not to adopt the 2009 IRC due to specific state mandates and a tumultuous economy. We thought it would be in everyone's best interest to hold off and wait to see what happens in the 2012 codes, es-

pecially with the sprinkler requirements. The code language requiring sprinklers is in the main body of the 2012 IRC code book. However, I want to make sure you know there will be no requirement to provide fire sprinklers in new one and two family dwellings as we move forward with adopting the 2012 IRC. Also, as most of you probably know, the state Legislator has passed HB 2153, mandating a direct restriction on residential fire sprinklers, which was then signed by the governor on March 9, 2011. It states: "*a municipality or county shall not adopt a code or ordinance or part of a uniform code or ordinance that prohibits a person or entity from choosing to install or equip or not install or equip fire sprinklers in a single family de-*

tached residence or any residential building that contains not more than two dwelling units." A sprinkler requirement for one and two family dwellings would have been a significant code change for the construction industry in the area. Although there are many other changes in the upcoming 2012 IRC, these changes will seem relatively small compared to having to install sprinklers in every new home.

If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming changes to the code, I would recommend that builders and contractors consider purchasing a copy of the 2012 IRC as well as a copy of the book by Stephen A. Van Note titled, "Significant Changes to the International

Residential Code 2012 Edition." This publication provides the background and reasoning behind the changes with great illustrations.

We are still in the early stages of the code adoption process and with some of the I-Codes still unavailable I just wanted to give you early notification that this is the direction we are heading. I would like to adopt the new codes as early as June or no later than the end of August. If you have questions or concerns regarding the adoption of the 2012 codes, please feel free to contact me.

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Plaque presented to past president

Wayne Gregan, at right in the photo, SACA Vice President, presented a plaque of appreciation to Larry Saunders, KE&G, at the January 2012 meeting. Larry has served on the SACA Board of Directors for many years, and held the position of President for the past two years.



SACA's Online Member Directory

Take advantage of SACA's free marketing on the web by updating your information on the SACA website. If you haven't created an account, now is the time. It's easy and takes just a few minutes. Upload your logo too, for branding purposes.

This directory will be directed to the consumer, so if you have services or products you want to highlight,

please let Laurinda know. We want to launch this page in March, so don't delay in reviewing your current online information or open an account today.

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Business card winner

Here's how it works: At each SACA general membership meeting, members drop a business card in the container provided. At the end of the meeting, one card is drawn and that winner receives a free lunch for the next month's meeting.

All of the members cards are then deposited into another container and saved for the grand prize drawing at the SACA annual meeting, held each year in December.

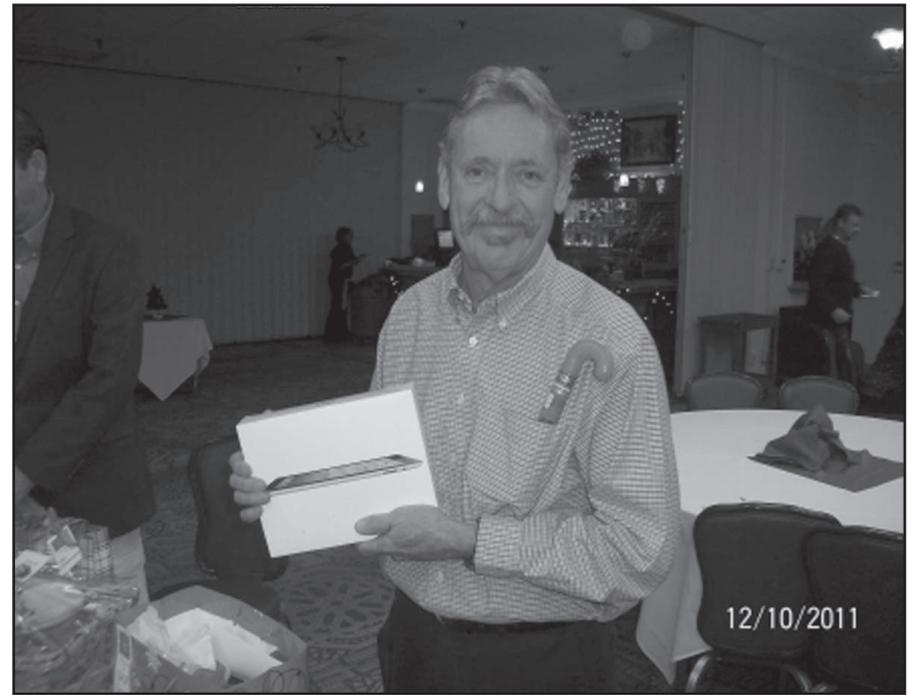
During the SACA annual meeting, all of the collected cards are eligible to win the grand prize. There are only two rules: your company must be a SACA mem-

ber in good standing and you must be present to win.

Ask Jerilee Mattingly, Wendell Gilbert, Kevin Jorgenson or Charlie Appelin; they have all won the grand prize by simply bringing a business card to the monthly meeting and then being present at the annual meeting and had their name drawn.

It is easy, only costs one business card per moth and you must attend the annual meeting. Join in; you just might be the lucky winner in December!

Shown at right is Michael Cerepanya, the winner of the business card drawing at the annual meeting, 2011.



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Ladder safety, rung by rung

A ladder is an essential workplace tool for anyone working above ground level. However, each year more than half a million people are injured while using ladders. Anyone who uses the wrong ladder for a job or uses it inappropriately is courting trouble.

Don't become a statistic. Remember these ladder safety tips:- Select the correct ladder. Why waver on the top rung of a stepladder when you can use an extension ladder? Never use a metal ladder if there's any chance of contacting

electricity.

- Never assume a ladder is safe. Check it for unsafe footing, broken steps, bent legs, bent supports, cracks, worn or slippery step treads, and worn or missing rubber feet. Don't use it if there's a problem.

- Set the ladder up on flooring that is dry, even and clear of obstacles. Never lean the ladder against anything unstable (such as a stack of boxes) or place it in front of an unguarded or unlocked door.

- Follow the belt buckle rule when using a stepladder, making sure your

belt buckle goes no higher than the top step of the ladder. Climb the ladder only after ensuring the frame is locked securely in place.

- Follow the four-to-one rule when setting up an extension ladder. Place the ladder with its base one foot away from the wall for every four feet in height. Secure the ladder to a stable object at the top and then lock the extension securely in place. Never stand on the top two steps of an extension ladder.

- Ask a spotter to hold the base of the ladder while you climb and be es-

pecially careful when climbing a ladder on a windy day. Remember to fasten the top of the ladder securely to prevent it from tipping.

- Ascend and descend the ladder facing the rungs with both hands on the edges. Hoist tools and materials only after you have reached the top of the ladder.

- Take precautions to prevent a fall. Use both hands when climbing and lock a leg around a rung when you need to have one hand free. Never climb onto a ladder that's already supporting one person.

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They will present a program about a recent pilot project for recharging storm water. The grant funded project is a 3-year grant which will analyze, design, construct, and monitor a recharge program in the Palominas area. There are also longer term projects in the Upper San Pedro Watershed to consider. I encourage you to register for this lunch online at www.saca-az.org and bring along a guest to hear this important presentation. Lunch is \$15 at the door. This issue affects each one of us personally as it also impacts our businesses.

In March, Col. Timothy Faulkner, the Garrison Commander at Ft. Huachuca will be our speaker on Wednesday, March 21. Col. Faulkner will report on the recent cuts to the military and how this directly impacts the missions on post. Plan to attend this meeting as well to stay well informed about what's happening with military cutbacks and the challenges

Ft. Huachuca faces. Membership meetings are also excellent opportunities to get to know other members and bring along a prospective member. The Board continues to work diligently to increase our influence and promote the construction industry in Cochise County.

If you haven't registered for the 2012 SACA Home and Garden Show yet, don't wait. Exceptional discounts for SACA members are available and we want this to be our best show ever. The show will feature pipe and drape for all booths, which is additional perk for all vendors. Booth space is filling up, so don't miss the best marketing opportunity of the year. It's a great venue to show off and get a list of prospects that will keep your sales staff busy for awhile.

We have a lot of activity coming in the next couple of months, so don't miss any of it. We're helping you meet the challenges, but it's up to you to take advantage of the opportunities.

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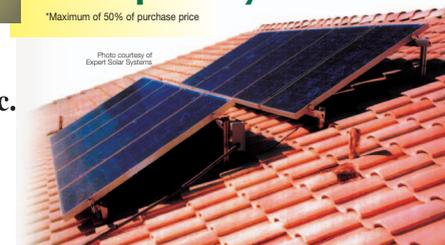


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Pellet stoves

Pellet stoves were first introduced in 1973 during an oil crisis, and they remain a popular alternative for heating to this day. A pellet stove is an electric appliance that burns compressed wood or biomass pellets. Biomass is living or formerly living material such as plants that can be used for fuel.

A pellet stove has a storage area called a hopper that slowly feeds pellets into the burning area. It creates a constant source of heat. Unlike a wood-burning stove, it requires very little maintenance.

Pellet stoves can be free-standing or they can be inserted into an existing fireplace and chimney system. They are usually self-starting, using a thermostat to control when it turns on and off just like a regular furnace. Pellet stoves are equipped with fans to circulate heat and also heat sensors that will trigger an automatic shutoff if the stove overheats, malfunctions or becomes unsafe.

Pellet stoves are considered safer than wood-burning stoves because burning wood creates creosote, a greasy by-product that is the cause of many chimney fires. When the pellet fuel in a pellet stove burns, it leaves behind only a fine ash and the higher grades of pellets leave very little behind. Lower grade pellets are less expensive but require the stove to be cleaned out more often.

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ley and into the pages of history. And if all that isn't enough to restore your spirits, I challenge you to stay less than optimistic and reinvigorated after sitting quietly among Ramsey Canyon's hummingbirds as they dance through the air in their wooded canyon.

Today this is our home. So it may be tomorrow, and all those to follow. Tomorrow it will be home to more of us. I once read that by the year 2020 the population of the Phoenix area would have increased by 60% and that of Tucson and environs by 40%.

Seeing what's happening, it wouldn't surprise me if those numbers are reached before 2020. What wasn't included in those projections was what Sierra Vista could expect. It doesn't take too much of a stretch to conclude that while Phoenix and Tucson were booming all the people coming to Arizona were not going to stop in those two places. Some of them are today and will tomorrow be coming to Sierra Vista. They're coming, some, including many of us, are already here. We'd better get ready for them.

All who live here are in an enviable position. Ours is not just the pleasure of living here. We are the ones who are designing and building the "manscape" part of our environment. We can insure that steps are taken to allow us to trod as lightly as possible on that which nature has given us. There will be impacts as our population grows. But they do not of necessity have to be the disaster and catastrophe that some among us announce almost daily. Our plans can and should embrace the values and sensitivities of

conservation. Our implementations, if careful and thoughtful, can respect and enhance our area's natural attributes. It will be a challenge. It will also be rewarding. It's a challenge we must heartily accept.

As we accomplish these great things in the coming days and years Milepost 296 will still be there, welcoming us as we all, once again, come home."

That's the way I see it.
Casey Jones