



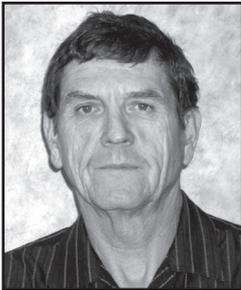
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A message from SACA'S President

Where does the time go? It's November already, brisk cool weather in the mornings and warm afternoons. I am sure October and November are my favorite months as far as the weather goes. As I read about all the snow back East and no power I wonder why anyone would want to live there and not in our great high desert region of southern Arizona.



Larry Saunders

By now the Golf Classic is over and I'd like to thank all the sponsors and players. Please mark your calendar for next year's Classic which is expected to be the first Friday in November. A lot of work takes place on the Golf Classic and thanks to this year's Chairperson Robbie Cane. He spent many hours to get things organized along with Wayne Gregan and the rest of the board and volunteers.

Please plan to attend our next general membership meeting on November 16. We have Cochise College president Dr. J. D. Rott-

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See page 8 for details

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SACA November 2011 Calendar of Events
General Membership Meeting November 16**Location: PDS Country Club, St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ****Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon \$15 at the door****Speaker: Dr. James Dale (J. D.) Rottweiler**

Dr. James Dale (J.D.) Rottweiler became the 11th president of Cochise College on July 1, 2009. J.D. comes to Cochise College with more than 15 years of community college experience, ranging from small, rural colleges to large, multi-campus, urban institutions. A first-generation college graduate himself, J.D. understands the importance of education in enhancing one's quality of life. J.D. earned a bachelor of arts in sociology with a Japanese minor in 1990, and a master of arts in sociology in 1992 from the University of Wyoming. In 2005, he earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy from the University of Utah. His dissertation, "Presidential Profiles: University Presidents by Institutional Type, Control, and Reputation," established mobility patterns for American university presidents. Prior to becoming president of Cochise College, he was executive vice president for academic services and professor of sociology at Central Wyoming College. He has served as associate dean of instruction at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, Iowa, and on the faculty at Ricks College, now Brigham Young University - Idaho, and was associate professor/chair of the Department of Sociology at Salt Lake Community College. He also is a consultant/evaluator with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. - J.D.'s wife, Melanie, is an elementary school teacher, and the couple has three children. J.D. is an avid sports fan, willing to travel long hours for a good football, basketball, baseball, or volleyball game. He loves to fish, camp, and spend time with his family.

Up-Coming SACA Events**Saturday, December 10, 2011 • Annual Meeting**

	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: Rough Men Revisited

President Obama has informed us that all our troops will be out of Iraq by the end of this year. This decision was taken despite the recommendations of his military advisors and commanders that a sizeable force should remain. Can we harbor any thoughts that similar decisions concerning Afghanistan are not far behind?

But never mind, a campaign promise fulfilled overrides tactical and strategic military and national defense considerations.

I am as glad as any that our armed men and women will be out of harm's way. Our nation and our allies may not be so blessed.

We've been here before. In August 2008, I shared thoughts about Rough Men with you. The potential dangers and consequences I was expressing then is still very real. We withdrew and forsook an ally before. I fear we are in the process of doing so again.

Those thoughts, revisited, from 2008: "People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."

America's Rough Men have stood on the lines and at the gates since the bridge at Concord. And we all are their beneficiaries. We were in the past. We are now. And we will be in the future. Those Rough Men using hard weapons and harsh methods have done the violence that, regrettably, becomes necessary occasionally to protect our Ameri-



Casey Jones

can way of life, our country, our families and indeed our national honor.

Rough Men, like all others, are mortal. The ranks of those who guarded our sleep during the Second World War dwindle to an ever decreasing few. If I recollect correctly, the last Rough Man from the First World War left us just within the last month or two. The remaining Korean War's Rough Men are in their eighties for the most part and their numbers too, are dwindling.

Barring those now engaged in Iraq, Afghanistan and the skirmishes between now and the time so many of us spent in Southeast Asia in the 1960's and 1970's, we are left with only Vietnam's Rough Men in any significant numbers.

Those Rough Men of Vietnam, like their predecessors and those who have followed, were called upon to do some really rough, hard and harsh things. They did them. They did them professionally.

They did them efficiently. They did them because they saw first hand and up close failure's consequences to our nation, their mates and their families. In Vietnam in their all too personal rough business, they prevailed. Only to have their efforts, sacrifices, and losses given away by craven politicians in Washington D.C.

Those Rough Men saw America abandon a worthy and noble cause. And as a result they saw hundreds of thousands uprooted, imprisoned, re-educated and set to sea in ramshackle craft fleeing for their lives. They saw millions massacred by a vicious regime that became empowered by America's abandonment.

Some became disillusioned. Some were saddened. Some, as time passed, came to wonder in their quiet moments

if the things that had been asked of them and which they did, truly were worthy of pride and honor if, in the end, they ended in that last helicopter flight from Saigon and the ensuing horrors inflicted upon the people of Southeast Asia. They wrestle with that question even now more than 30 years later.

For the most part, as they wrestle with those questions from the past, they stand quietly and observe today's world. Past disillusionment and sadness sometimes, oh so slowly, transform to anger. The thoughts and deep wishes of those Rough Men are that America not, please God not, repeat the Vietnam disgrace. The signs are there again. The irresoluteness is there again. Our political process again offers that alter-

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Elections will be held during the Annual Meeting on December 10.

Customs checkpoint on State Route 90 near Huachuca City to be expanded to two-lanes

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection checkpoint on northbound State Route 90 near Huachuca City will be reconstructed beginning in late October to create a two-lane operation designed to shorten wait times for motorists, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

The project, which will be managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will include paving two parallel lanes through the checkpoint and constructing a canopy structure for the safety and health of agents who staff the operation.

The current checkpoint uses a single lane and creates longer-than-desired waits for motorists at peak traffic times.

Work is scheduled to begin Monday (Oct. 24) and construction is expected to be complete within four months. The checkpoint will be closed throughout the construction period, but CBP patrols will continue in the area.

Northbound SR 90 will operate normally during reconstruction with barricades restricting access to the northbound shoulder where work will be conducted. Periodic lane closures may be needed and ADOT will provide information prior to those travel

restrictions taking place.

ADOT advises motorists to proceed through the work zone with caution and be alert for construction equipment and personnel.

ADOT works to inform the public about planned highway restrictions, but there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Weather can also affect a project schedule. To stay up-to-date with the latest highway conditions around the state, visit the ADOT Traveler Information Center at www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1.

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At this popular presentation, University of Arizona Professor and Water Quality Extension Specialist Dr. Kitt Farrell-Poe will explain how a septic system works, how to inspect it, what to inspect it for, how to maintain the tank and how to manage the system. She will explain how water quality can be protected by having a well functioning septic system.

Septic systems are designed for the management and disposal of household wastewater, especially "blackwater". Blackwater is wastewater from toilets, kitchen sinks and dishwashers. Unlike "graywater" (bath, shower, bathroom sink, and washing machine wastewater) blackwater is not for

on-site reuse and must be directed to a wastewater system.

At present, all homes in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed outside city boundaries have septic systems. Considering there are over 10,000 people living in that area, that is a lot of septic systems. With recent developments, many systems are new but there are still quite a few older systems. New or old, septic systems need attention to work properly and to assure against groundwater contamination.

A poorly functioning system does not need to gurgle or clog to indicate a problem. Undigested septic material can move through the tank and into the drainage field potentially contaminating area wells.

A properly working tank digests the material before it exits to the drainage field for soil bacteria to further break down harmful microorganisms and other organic compounds.

A good rule of thumb is to keep all solids out of the septic system that have not passed through the human body. Garbage disposals are a no-no because the septic tank cannot digest the food particles.

Another primary cause of system failure is high water flows. It is easy to overload the septic tank by washing multiple loads of laundry in a short period of time, or with a succession of long showers.

You can reduce wastewater surges by diverting gray water from the septic tank to the landscape. Additionally, using gray water in the landscape will reduce the use of groundwater for irrigation.

Dr. Farrell-Poe also recommends that you do not use additives. Additives do not provide any treatment and some may actually harm your system. You should also be careful that you don't use too much bleach or antibacterial products as they can kill beneficial bacteria in the tank.

Having a septic system can be an easy way to manage household wastewater. But it is not a maintenance free system. Understanding your septic system can protect water quality, your family's health, and your wallet.

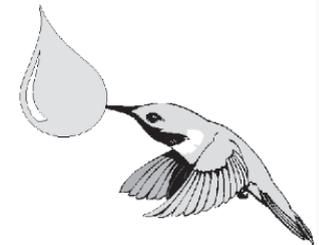
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Why do we have safety meetings? Safety meetings are an opportunity for management and your safety department to communicate to employees how they can do their jobs safer and better. Topics discussed in safety meetings may be topics that you are familiar with, or topics that you have limited knowledge about. If the topic is something that you are familiar with, it may be easy to tune-out and not listen to the safety information presented. Do yourself a big favor and listen to the information as if you have never heard before. You may just learn something new, about the newest protective equipment, or a smarter way to do your job. Information passed on in a safety meeting has a purpose - to stop you or your co-worker from being injured. Safety meetings also allow employees an opportunity to relay safety concerns or improvement ideas to their supervisors. Accidents result from unsafe acts or unsafe conditions. According to some experts, for a variety of reasons, unsafe acts typically account for 90% of all accidents. Safety meetings serve as a preventative measure against unsafe acts by educating employees on how they can do their job safely. If you're still not

sold, let's look at the potential cost of accidents. More specifically, how can accidents directly affect you?

- **DEATH** - The ultimate unwanted result. Where does this leave your loved ones?

- **FINANCIAL COST** - Lost pay or reduction in pay. Who pays the bills? Are you the sole income producer in your household?

- **PAIN & SUFFERING** - An obvious detriment that no one desires.

- **DISABILITY** - A life changing experience. Now you're not able to do what you use to do. Maybe now you can't cast that fishing rod? Ride that bike, hug your wife, lift your child, or simply see? Or perhaps you're confined to a wheelchair. Good bye career.

- **COMPETITIVENESS ON BIDDING JOBS** - Other than payroll and benefits, worker compensation insurance and accident costs may represent the bulk of a company's operating expense. When a company's operating expense increases, they are then less competitive to bid jobs. If your company is not awarded jobs, where does that leave you?

- **YOUR CO-WORKERS SAFETY** - Perhaps you and your co-worker have been working together

President continued from page 1 weiler as our speaker. SACA and Cochise College are working on a plan to get more construction trade classes, to better help our youth prepare for construction related careers. Anyone wanting to be involved with a SACA and Cochise College committee please let the SACA office, myself, or Alma Hunt know. We would welcome any input you might have.

Coming up December 10 will be SACA annual meeting and dinner. Anyone that would like to donate a raffle item please give a board member a call or drop it by the SACA office. Please watch for an email giving the details of this great event for SACA members, guests. We welcome

anyone that would like to attend to spend the evening with us. This is another fundraiser to help offset SACA expenses throughout the year.

We always welcome suggestions for speakers at the general meetings. If you have a subject you'd like to hear about, give the SACA office a call and we see what we can do to find a speaker for it.

Are you interested in serving on the SACA Board? The office is taking notations for the upcoming Board of Directors election at the annual meeting. Please submit your name with a brief resume to the SACA office before end of November.

for sometime now. Chances are you may spend as much time with your co-workers than possibly your own family. Thus, you obviously do not want something bad to happen to them. Watch out for their safety too.

Safety meetings are a perfect opportunity for you to communicate any safety ideas or concerns that you may have.

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Page 8 Casey Jones continued from page 3 native and option. The Rough Men, past and present, see all this, and they are increasingly angered and frustrated.

We must think serious thoughts, about serious things as we go through this election season. Much is at stake.”

That’s the way I saw it in 2008. Substitute Iraq/Afghanistan for Vietnam and we have today—2011.

That’s the way I see it.
Casey Jones

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Oct 2009	19	Year to Date '09	160

Photo enforcement cameras in Sierra Vista

Beginning October 10, photo enforcement cameras installed at the intersection of 7th Street and Fry Blvd. began a 30 day operational warning phase. This is the first of five intersections slated for red light and speed photo radar enforcement in Sierra Vista. The other intersections which will come on line in the near future include: SR92 and Avenida Cochise; SR92 and Foothills Drive; SR90/92; and SR90 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive/Charleston Rd.

In the last five years, an average of 22% of the TOTAL accidents, and 19% of the injury accidents occurring City-wide each year have been at the five intersections planned for photo enforcement. The City is 21 square miles and has 45 signalized intersections. Having nearly one quarter of the total accidents at only five places in town indicates a problem that must be addressed to help keep our residents safe. Officers cannot be at these locations all the time, which is why it is essential to find additional ways in which traffic laws can be enforced.

The City has partnered with a national vendor, REDFLEX, to operate the cameras at our most dangerous intersections. These cameras are utilized in many cities across the United States and have proven to create safer communities by significantly reducing the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths. The Arizona Department of Public Safety estimates the cameras save at least three lives a month in our state, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in unnecessary vehicle damage. Red light cameras are supported by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration.

The photo enforcement cameras are another resource to assist officers in keeping our community safe, and are not intended to replace what our officers do, but rather enhance their effectiveness. Traditional police enforcement is intensive and high risk. Officers cannot be everywhere. When a violation is observed, it is not always safe to stop the violator because the risks to the officer and the public are more serious than the violation itself. In addition, for economic reasons, the City has not been able to increase the number of police officers in our community in 5 years. The use of technology to enhance overall effectiveness is something that makes sense in virtually all sectors, to include law enforcement. Radar, 911 and Reverse 911, computer-aided dispatching, and e-citations are just some of the examples of how the City has incorporated technology to improve response and service to our residents over the years.

The initial investment for the cameras is funded by the vendor, and law abiding citizens will not be affected. All locally-retained fees for photo and non-photo enforced citations go to the Cochise County Justice Court, who serves as the City’s municipal court by agreement. A recent state law added \$3 to all tickets, which must be returned to the originating police department for the purchase of equipment.

To view a video explaining how the photo enforcement process works, or to get more information, visit the City’s website at www.SierraVistaAZ.gov.



SACA

Annual Meeting

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5:00pm—9:00pm

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Dinner—6:00pm

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