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**Contest Winners
Announced Inside!**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN FUN



As Birdy puts it, “Wow...what a great year for costumes in the Riel clan. I saw some of the most darling ones on Facebook and I am sure that the Riel Newsletter is going to be full of some of the very cutest seen in town. It certainly is hard to compete now that you have all of these adorable great grandkids in the crew.” But the competition is on and we will start with the adult’s category.

There certainly were plenty of entrants this year and we are very impressed with the great costumes everyone has come up with. We had Bob Listy and Birdy in full on Where’s Waldo outfits however As Birdy reports: “Wish I could have said that I came up with this theme but truth be told, we stole it from Listy’s school. It proved to be a great school spirit idea because we had about 50 Where’s Waldo’s walking around Parker. Even my stuffed animal mascot, Albert, joined in the fun! I think he deserves his own prize for the best dressed stuffed animal on Halloween.” Sorry Bird, only family members in this contest!

Next we have the super heroes (Kevin, Nicole and Blake) battling Michael, Ashley and Emily dressed up as Mike describes it “Peter Pan, Tinker-bell and Captain Hook who must be related because Riel Family members are all kids at heart and we never back down from a fight (Hope that wasn’t too much “Pan”dering for the judges).” We also have

ED and Jan with cat women, Nate as a bottle of French’s Mustard, a very cute Mummy-to-be (Michelle), Linus from Peanuts (Frank) and Grandma Edith as a Bingo Card!

We also have Carol who along with her coworkers, dressed up as the infamous “Rock, Paper and Scissors” Once again Birdy has some thoughts on





this: "I wanted to put in a vote for the winner of the Riel Newsletter costume contest. Carol and her wonderful first grade team dressed up as the popular game ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS. It was very clever and funny as a costume. However, I maintain that if Bruce can be deemed Superman without a costume, Carol can be crowned the ROCK of caretakers for mom. Now I know mom has a wonderful support system. Robert is the best money bags in town as he carefully watches over her funds and advises Mom on all of her finances. And Margaret never lets her down as a golfing buddy (even though half the time Mom forgets that she has even played). And let's not forget how Francie keeps mom's hair looking gorgeous each and every week; while Ed takes her for the healthiest walks that keeps her in tip top shape!



Yes, we have some amazing selfless folks in this family. However, Carol is the rock and we all know it. She calls mom daily, has taken on her medical care, shopping and errand running. She makes sure that mom is happy even when she is gone and has even stayed up until midnight getting Halloween costumes together. When it comes to the Bingo card of life, Mom wins everyday with the support she gets from this enormous family. But Carol, you are the rock. You are the one that mom calls her mom. She loves and appreciates all of her kids, but Lord knows that you will always hold a very dear part in her heart and the hearts of all of us who appreciate your efforts!"



Well as noted above this is quite a group and Birdy has made a compelling case for Carol... And we almost agree. So without further delay we are naming...





BOTH Carol and Grandma Edith as the winners!! And we have also decided that the prize money will be used to take both of them to Bingo at Viejas Casino! Now I could make it even better by saying we could go on the day after thanksgiving but that might not work for these two professional shoppers, after all that is black Friday!



Now on to the kid's category, again we have a lot of good contestants here as well. We have superman Blake, Mikey Mouse (Holden), samurai, Matt, ninja Corbin and as Ana tells us "20 years ago, I wore a homemade costume, painted myself white with stitches, and spray-painted my hair red to be a character from my favorite movie (but somehow

kept getting mistaken for a dead Native American). This year Josie is going as the same character with a store bought costume and looks way better! Happy Halloween from Sally!!"

Then Jessica sent in a photo of her three stars telling us "Although it was IMPOSSIBLE to get everyone to look at the camera together, I think you get the cumulative effect. Astronaut, star, moon, space shuttle, and the Milky Way. Mission Complete!" We also have Breadon as a spotted Leopard and Emily as Tinker-belle.





As always this was a very tough decision, after all Breadon the Leopard (maybe a Dalmatian it's hard to tell), or Astronaut Benny, how cute is that! But we must pick a winner... While everyone was so close that it was virtually a tie we decided to take into how well the kids fit their costume characters and after long consideration it was felt that Blake truly is a superman considering all that he has been through.

So there you have it, we would like to thank everyone for entering and hope you all enjoyed Halloween as much as we did!



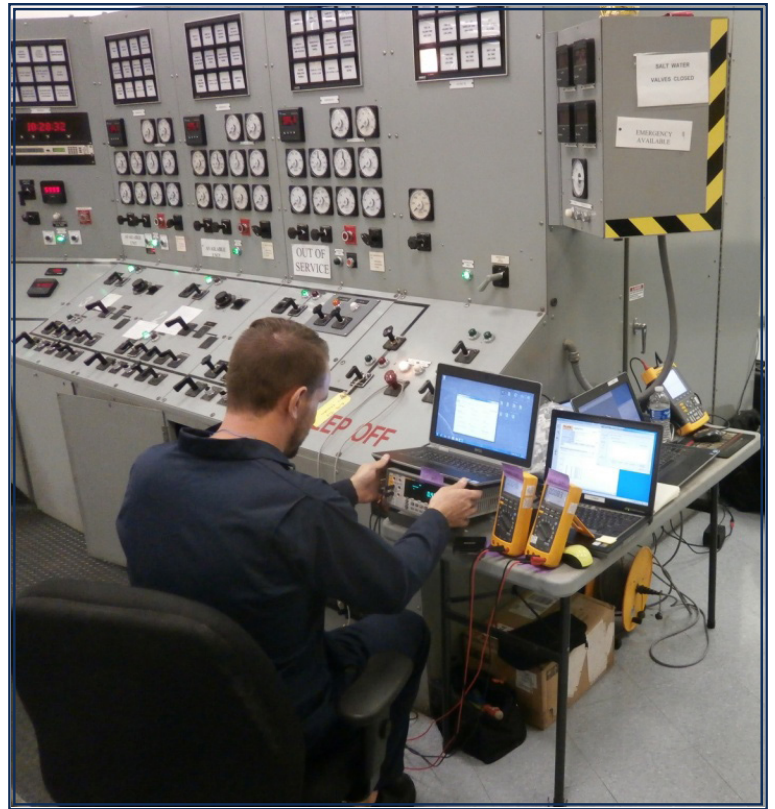
Nerds keep the wheels of progress turning!

By Bruce Hartman

We have quite a few computer nerds in the family but did any of you know that Craig Hartman is probably one of the biggest nerds of all?

Although Craig got his start as a heavy truck mechanic he quickly rose through the ranks and moved to the commercial side of the Caterpillar business where we work on a multitude of applications including mega-yachts, US Navy ships, fishing boats, tug boats and generators of all sizes. It wasn't long before Craig became the go-to-guy on the power generation side of the business here at HawthorneCat. Craig has devoted tons of his personal time into furthering his education and Hawthorne has also invested heavily in continued training opportunities for Craig. His idea of fun includes hacking smart phones, playing with computers, servers, alternate operating systems and Raspberry mini computers etc. (what a nerd!)

Today we send Craig all over the world to work through some of the more complex issues that others struggle with. His most recent project landed him back on the island of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. Kwajalein is a very small island measuring 2.5 miles in length and 800 yards wide at its widest point. It is a military base operated by the Army Corps of Engineers and its primary function is as the main radar array (of three arrays) making up the Ronald Regan Strategic Missile Defense Site, better known as "Star Wars." This site watches the skies over the Pacific and



Craig in control room operating the 3.3MVA load bank (giant toaster) tuning dynamics and collecting data.

keeps us safe from ICBM's while also filling the need as a strategic fuel reserve for the Pacific fleet...a big gas station in the middle of the Pacific Ocean!

Hawthorne was awarded a \$15M project to overhaul and convert three of their Caterpillar diesel generators to the latest-greatest electronic technology and also replace two of their diesel generators with the latest emission compliant electronic packages. Craig's role in this project has been the "startup and commissioning" of the completed generators. This is generally a two



to three week proposition per engine wherein all wiring , safeties, protective systems, SCADA Integration (supervisory control and data acquisition) and HMI (human machine interface) systems are tested and calibrated prior to starting a \$2M dollar overhaul or a \$4M new engine. Surprises are not something we like to see at startup!

The purpose of his latest trip in October was to gather data on the new six cylinder engine we sold and installed that doesn't want to play nicely (electrically) with the other six (Vee16) cylinder engines. Craig spent 10 days on island testing and collecting data to

work with the generator manufacturer (Kato) engineers to correct an instability issue at a specific load point. His time on island proved that the issue is not originating from our supplied equipment, but rather, it is introduced by power plant influences and harmonics. This has been huge for Hawthorne due to the significant financial exposure that included the threat of replacing the \$4M dollar engine.

God bless the computer Nerds! Without guys like Craig that are truly engaged and love what they do, we would have to rethink taking on complex projects of this magnitude. Companies like Hawthorne and Robert's company, Dynalectric, are lucky to have one or two guys in their ranks that compete at this high level. ...And the best part is that Craig continues to be the humble Craig he has always been rather than the more typical Prima Donna, holier-than-thou, know-it-all technician that we have way too many of! Bet you didn't know this stuff about Craig, did ya?



Inside the power plant. (6) 16-cylinder Caterpillar C280-16 generator sets @ 4.4 MW each (7000 hp @ 900 rpm) 350 gallons of diesel per hour per engine. Plus (1) 6-cylinder Caterpillar C280-6 – 1.8 MW (2700 hp @ 900 RPM)

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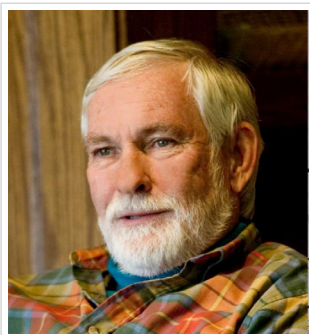


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Hugh “Bud” Mehan, PhD



Hugh Mehan is Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Education at University of California, San Diego, an appointment that links his commitment to research and practice. He started the Teacher Education Program at UCSD and directed that Program from 1972 until 1998, when he became the founding director of The Center for Research on Educational Equity, Access, and Teaching Excellence (CREATE). CREATE coordinates efforts at UCSD to improve the academic preparation of under represented students through partnerships with K-12 schools and The Preuss School, UCSD's on-campus model charter school.

From the time he received his PhD in sociology from University of California, Santa Barbara in 1971 until 1995, he studied challenges to educational equity manifested in classroom interaction, educational testing encounters, tracking practices, and the distribution of access to computers in schools. For the past 20 years, he has helped build equitable educational environments (The Preuss School, Gompers Preparatory Academy, and Groundwork San Diego in Southeastern San Diego) while documenting the processes of organizational change in those institutions.

He has authored seven books and edited an additional four. His most recent book, *In the Front Door* discusses his research on the political origins, culture, and organization of The Preuss School and Gompers Preparatory Academy.

On Saturday November 8th, Bud Mehan was awarded the University of San Diego "Remarkable Leader Award" for 2014 for his career-long efforts to increase equity of access to college for students from underrepresented groups. He was instrumental in the design of two award winning schools, The Preuss School UCSD and Gompers Preparatory Academy. As the founding director of UCSD's Teaching Education Program (now Education Studies) and CREATE- Center Research on Equity and Teaching Excellence - Bud's career has been dedicated to giving children a chance to overcome the inequities of birth through better education.

Family members attending the award ceremony included Edith, Margaret, Megan, Jeff & Carol. A number of good friends, Greg Cooper and Barbara Miller, and one of his first students, John Cotter, and many colleagues were also there to share in the celebration. Bud's picture and professional biography will be hung on the walls of Mother Rosalie Hall on the USD campus to inspire students who attend or visit USD.

FAMILY SHORTS



Kevin Riel was speaking at (and helped organize) the Third-Annual Poetry Reading and Art Show at the Claremont Graduate University on October 24th 2014. His title was Editor in Chief for the event but we can't accurately describe his duties. However, if you ask him (and you should) we're sure he will give you all the information you ever wanted to know.

10 short years ago, Dustin was still in college at UC Santa Barbara and his lacrosse team had just won the National Championship. Now of course he is married, has a family and a great job. Isn't it amazing how things can change in such a relatively short time?



The storks are on the runway! Next month assuming things go as planned we will start another round of new babies starting with David and Michelle's 2nd baby. Then in January Dustin and Lauren are expecting baby number two, after that it's also Seamus and Kristy expecting baby number two. As the song says "Get ready cuz here I come"



May 31, 2015

Not only is May 31, 2015 Bob Gillingham's 60th birthday, but it's also the date of the 18th running of the Rock and Roll Marathon. Bob has signed up and has challenged all members of the family to sign up as well. He will be throwing a huge party after the race for all family members who run. So get signed up and start training!

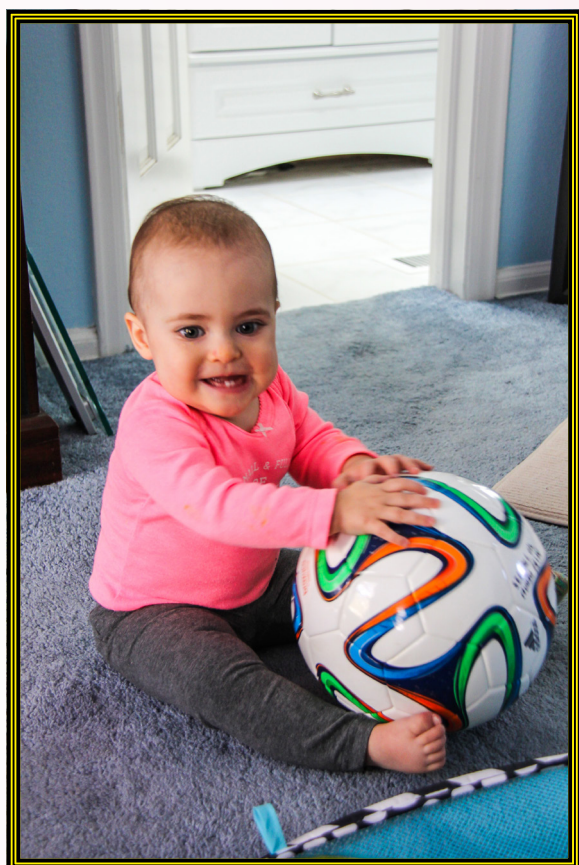
*The Extended Riel Family
Thanksgiving Day Celebration*

November 27th, 11:00 am

**Margaret
and
Bud's
Home**



Visit with Michael, Ashley and Emily!



Emily turns 9 months old and with this development comes all sorts of new skills and talents. She is very intentional, reflective and curious. Best not to wear earrings as ears have captured her attention along with other features of the face. She is studying those she knows and sorting them out from those who are beyond the edge of her expanding social world. We were thrilled to see that our monthly visits places us on the inside of her world boundary.

And what fun to be with her seeing her discover new things and figure out what to do with them. It was fun to watch her see a soccer ball and spin her body around so she could angle a kick with her foot. We don't need a crystal ball to see soccer in her future.

It is hard to really share how different she is now other than to say how intentional all of her actions are. She is much more fun to be with as she has her own agenda and doesn't need or want you all the time like she did as an infant. She

has things to do, places to go and people to meet. She is always planning her next move. In fact, she is working on crawling. She has perfected the army crawl but



she knows that getting up to the hands and knees is going to give her speed. And she is finding that the more she jumps the stronger those legs are for getting her to a new plane—full of new things to explore.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving when we will have all of the family here and be able to share that joy with all of you!





Riel Bowl Fantasy Football

With only three games left until the playoffs one thing is for sure (well two actually), Nate (naterade) is in the playoffs and Brett (Band Wagon Robbers) is out. Only the top 8 teams after week 13 will advance to the playoffs which places Mike (Deadweight) and Chris (Cool Brees) on the bubble with Robert (Charger Bob) and Bryce (Broadway Bro) 1 game back.

Standings	Schedule	Playoffs	All Time	Current Standings ▾				
Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pts For	Pts Agnst	Streak	Waiver	Moves	
*1	naterade	9-1-0	1220.10	1085.64	W-1	12	12	
2	Frank 'N Berries	6-4-0	1255.02	1128.32	W-4	11	10	
3	Big Daddy	6-4-0	1226.58	1141.76	L-2	10	23	
4	Ah nice marmot	6-4-0	1187.74	1019.82	L-1	9	20	
5	Shadynasty	6-4-0	1064.48	1016.86	L-1	8	20	
6	BeneschBowl	6-4-0	1030.86	1051.76	W-2	7	49	
7	Deadweight	5-5-0	1131.38	1151.18	W-1	6	9	
8	Cool Brees	5-5-0	1040.72	965.26	W-2	5	21	
9	Charger Bob	4-6-0	1196.70	1234.58	W-2	4	7	
10	Broadway Bro	4-6-0	1018.02	1137.32	L-2	3	14	
11	AZ Devils	2-8-0	1204.22	1293.54	L-5	2	4	
12	Band Wagon Robbers	1-9-0	917.30	1267.08	L-3	1	5	

Last standings update: Tue Nov 11 02:12am PST * = clinched playoff spot

Alan (AZ Devils) basically needs a miracle and most likely will be eliminated this weekend. The remaining 5 teams are all bunched up at 6-4 and with 3 games left anything can happen. The next two weeks will separate the contenders from the pretenders. Will the Benesch boys come on strong again like last year? Only time will tell. Be sure to check back next issue to see who is in and who is left behind!