

The Joshua Tree

June 20, 2023

2 DAMS AND A DRY RIVER

Returning to speak at the Rotary Club of Victorville this week was the Senior Hydrologist for the Mojave Water Agency, **Tony Winkel**. This time Tony shared information on the Cedar Springs Dam, the Mojave River Dam and how they work to provide water to our Mojave River.

The Cedar Springs Dam maintains a constant reservoir level for State Water Project purposes, has control gates, plus all watershed runoff entering Silverwood Lake is released to the Mojave River Dam as soon as possible—typically



within 24 hours. Silverwood Lake also plays a big role in this. Silverwood Lake is a large reservoir located on the West Fork Mojave River, a tributary of the Mojave River with 23% of the water coming from Silverwood Lake, 10% coming from the Mojave River Dam (also known as West Forks), and 67% from the Cedar Creek Dam (also known as Deep Creek).



The Mojave River Dam attenuates storm water pulse

events, does not have control gates and all stream flow below the attenuating threshold passes through immediately into the Mojave River. The excess stream flow is impounded and released as soon as possible.

The Mojave River's source is one of the Transverse Ranges, above Hesperia - San Bernardino. The West Fork of the Mojave flows into Silverwood Lake, formed by Cedar Springs Dam, which overflows in the Mojave River Forks Reserve area. On occasion, the lake releases water into the river. Downstream, Deep Creek meets the West Fork, forming the Mojave River immediately upstream of the Mojave Forks Dam, which provides flood control. Downstream of the dam, the Mojave River flows north and east, underground in most places, through Hesperia, Victorville, and Barstow.



Near its terminus, the Mojave River flows out onto a large inland delta called the

Mojave River Wash at the western edge of Mojave National Preserve. During heavy flows, the river reaches Soda Lake

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Bill Edwards |
| Flag Salute: | Donna Wells |
| 4-Way Test: | Don Lager |
| Fine Master: | Jon Hove |

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ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Tony Winkel for once again coming out and sharing more information about the work of the Mojave

Water Agency to our region. We look forward to your next visit with additional information.



This weekend is my Demotion Party at the home of Dan & Kris Dever. If you plan on attending, please make sure you let Steve Murray know so we have a good head count. This is a free event, and family and friends are invited. There is a swimming pool, D.J. and more!

Margaret Cooker shared that if you aren't a Paul Harris Fellow, you should have received an email about it last week. Incoming President Steve Murray wants our Club to be a 100% Paul Harris Fellow. Presentations will be made by Past District Governor Stew Anderson at the Demotion Party.

Movie Night at the Hove's is coming on August 19th at 6:00pm and the movie has been selected! This time it will be the 1958 film "Auntie Mame" starring Rosland Russell and Forrest Tucker. Jon and Linda are looking for attendees to sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.

Please join us next week for my final meeting as Rotary President as Donna Wells and I will give a recap of my Rotary year and a budget presentation on where the Club is financially heading into Steve Murray's presidency.

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Tony Winkel

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near Baker at the north end of Wash, and has reached Silver Lake, even further north, in historic times. For example, during the unusually wet winter of 2004–2005, the Mojave River flowed on the surface to Silver Lake and filled both Soda and Silver Lakes to a depth of several feet.

The water in the river is mostly underground. The channel at the surface remains dry most of the time, but extreme flooding is possible. For example, during a heavy El Niño in the Mojave Desert, rains caused the Mojave River to overflow onto overpassing bridges on February 22, 1993, the most damaged being on Bear Valley Road, where Victorville and Apple Valley are separated. The water comes to the surface only in areas with impermeable rock, such as the upper and lower narrows near Victorville and in the Afton Canyon area northeast of Barstow.



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Big Blue Dice



*Bill Edwards had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, and did it!
Bill walked away \$400 richer and will have a great week!
We will start again next week with 14 Dice and \$200 for the
lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

Raffle

At this week's raffle **Terry Saenz** gave away more ICR goodie bags that were won by **Chris Ackerman** and **Donna Wells**. Donna also went home with a dog biscuit baking kit from **Bill Edwards**, while Bill donated some Cinemark gift cards that will be used by Terry, **Linda Hove** and **Mike Johnson**. Mike brought a DCB charging block that Terry took home, as well as a Victor Valley Transit phone holder. Chris also donated a Micro-link expandable water bottle that **Jon Hove** will enjoy.

Rotary Guests

This week we again welcomed **Pat Thomasson**, the new VP of Sales for El Dorado Broadcasters, who attended as a guest of **Arsalee Morales**. **Linda Hove** and **Harrison Hove** attended with **Jon Hove**, as did Robar Enterprises staff member **Lori Clifton**. We were also reunited with former Club member **Gary Dobney** who was in town visiting family and hosted our hunters last year in Sheridan Wyoming. We were also joined by **Karen Diaz**, representative for Senator **Scott Wilk** and **Kyle Vizzo** attended once again with **Bob Basen**. Joining speaker **Tony Winkel** was the Public Information Specialist for MWA, **Kenny Sousa**.

Our Stand-ins this week was **Terry Saenz** for **Robert Lovingood** and **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

Fine Session



Jon Hove was our Fine Master and began by presenting **Bob Basen** with a new Blue Badge, which came along with a \$25 fine. **Mike Page** also received a \$25 penalty for interrupting speaker **Tony Winkel** too many times with leading questions. **Mike Johnson** left with \$10 less in his pocket due to interest rates not lowering and **Bill Edwards** received the same for getting free promotion from **Terry Saenz** at ICR Staffing (see "Spoon" below).

Finally, **Chris Ackerman** received a \$10 fine for being the program last week, but not this week; whatever that means.

Spoon of Exception



Terry Saenz, Stand-in for **Robert Lovingood**, had the Spoon again this week, and shared how ICR Staffing encourages staff members to work with area non-profits. So much in fact, that they allow employees to work with them during work hours. Recently, they had **Bill Edwards** come in and talk about the Rescue Mission and Terry encourages any area non-profits to contact her to come and speak to employees at ICR. Please email Terry at terry@icrjobs.com.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$16.00

Collected to Date: \$19,787.52

Total equals: 100,563 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville

Make-up Days and Locations

MONDAY:	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
TUESDAY:	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
WEDNESDAY:	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m. Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

- June 24: Demotion Party**
4:00pm • Home of Dan & Kris Dever
13166 Waco Road, Apple Valley
- July 10: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm -Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA
- Aug 19: Movie Night at the Hove's**
6:00pm • Home of Jon & Linda Hove
Film: Auntie Mame
*Please sign up to bring an appetizer,
side dish, or dessert*

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Upcoming Programs

- June 27:** Arsalee Morales and Donna Wells
TOPIC "Club End of Year Update and Celebration" (Page)
- July 4: DARK: HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

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