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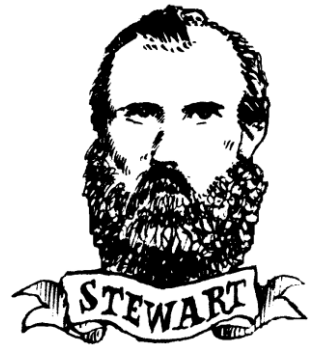
Chapter Ten

Wm. Bull Meek - Wm. Morris Stewart

"Orphans bless us, and the widow's heart is glad"

HEWGAG-MONITOR

"All the news that fits"



Joel Borstad

2022 Front Butt season at Scotts Flat Lake

NGH Les McMurry and his frolicking team of chapter officers invite you to our big Fall Overnighter Doin's. Scott Flat Lake road is just 5 miles outside of Nevada city (find the wheelhouse turn right, or if coming south turn left) drive a couple more miles to the gate. Proper ECV signage should be present.

The price for this traditional event is only \$70 . PBCs are \$105. Pre pay will include your shirt of the day. You can prepay at www.ecv10.com/fall-doins.

This event is an overnigher- The gate will be monitored and no early camping. The park has said all early camping will be at the other entrance. Friday morning when officers for Chapter arrive, you may register and pay to enter doing. **NO WOOD OR CHARCOAL FIRES.** Propane is allowed

All the usual NO-NOs apply, including very serious admonitions from the Grand Council about illicit drugs and guns. Only members of ECV in good standing allowed. Have your traveling card with you. Leave your dogs, bad attitudes, eggs and fireworks at home. No RV hookups at this site. Oh!! Did we mention... **LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME. THEY ARE NOT WELCOME! UNLESS YOU WANT THEM COOKED OVER AN OPEN FLAME.**

As usual, there will be one Hell-uv-a steak dinner, and late-night chili burgers as well as a Sunday morning breakfast with eggs made to order, hotcakes and ham. All this will be served by the Fantastic clamp chef Kenny G. Official Big and Little Slippery time is from 10:10 AM to 5:10 PM. Bring some \$\$\$ to buy

into our big, badass Raffle. The Raffle master has been scouring the back alleys and dingy gutters to get the best stuff for you to take a chance on. Winning numbers will be read and posted at dinner for your convenience.

Turn your PBCs over to our Fired up Initiation Team upon arrival, but no later than 10:10 AM. Once turned over to us, clean and sober, LEAVE THEM TO US. PBCs will receive a short history lesson on ECV and WBM/WMS Chapter Ten. The Initiation will leave them tired and dirty, but all will survive to Clamp another day! **Candle light Initiation candidates welcome, and they will be given special treatment (wink, wink)! Get them there before 10:00 am for best results.**

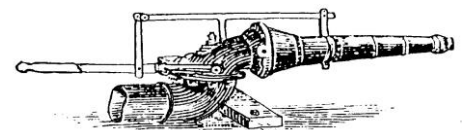
Send paperwork and Gold Dust to the Chapter Ten Gold Dust Receiver at the address below:

GDR XNGH Mark Sellards

P.O. Box 405

Nevada City, CA 95959

or go to ecv10.com for PayPal info and to print application paperwork beforehand



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall doins. Oct 1
Scotts Flat

Tri-Skin +1. Nov 4-6
Suckers Flat

Constitution day parade
Sept 18th Nevada city

Road cleanups

- Sep 25
- Oct 16
- Nov 13
- Jan 22

Family Picnic. Sept 24th
Western Gateway Park
Penn Valley

Meetings

- August 26
- Sep 30
- Oct 28

Short history of Clamper Square.



May 8, 1968, dedication of the first ever monument to the memory of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad. From left to right: Johnny Nolan, last master mechanic of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad; Bob Paine, the railroad's last freight and passenger agent; and NGH Dave Durand of Chapter #10,

It's about the size of a substandard city lot. At the intersection of Railroad Avenue and the Sacramento Street off-ramp from the Golden Center Freeway in Nevada City is a piece of surplus land deeded to the city of Nevada City by the California Department of Transportation. Its name honors an organization that has itself honored scores of historical sites, events and people by placing bronze plaques with brief histories of the honorees. The name was proposed by Nevada City Councilman Bob Paine to honor the ancient and honorable order of E Clampus Vitus, Chapter #10, Nevada City; the Clampers. It is called Clamper's Square and it began in 1968, when that group dedicated the first ever monument to the memory of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad near the site of its Nevada City terminal.

To some, Clampus Vitus, or Clampers, as members are called, may not be familiar; to others, a Clamper conjures up visions of a red-shirted male adult acting like a tipsy college fraternity member; to still others, a Clamper is seen as a guardian of local history, a member of that of inveterate, plaque-placing brotherhood.

The Narrow Gauge monument is of stone with a bronze plaque attached. It was placed and dedicated May 8, 1968, with suitable pomp and ceremony. Taking a central role in the dedication were Johnny Nolan, the railroad's last master mechanic and Bob Paine, the road's last freight and passenger agent. The Clamper chapter's Noble Grand Humbug (president) Dave Durand led the festivities, which included firing of much blank ammunition since no cannon was available to approximate the railroad's first dedication - which took place two weeks shy of 92 years earlier. Let's go back.

At that time, a cannon had been dragged to the top of Sugar Loaf and "boomed forth in noisy hilarity" preceding and during the festivities.

May 20, 1876, dawned cold and rainy in Nevada City. All the previous night, gale force winds accompanied by heavy snow had lashed the western county. The morning still brought small amounts of blowing snow to add to the discomfort of those who gathered for the scheduled ceremony. The Nevada City Brass Band entertained a shivering crowd, huddled under their umbrellas, with a program of old favorites.

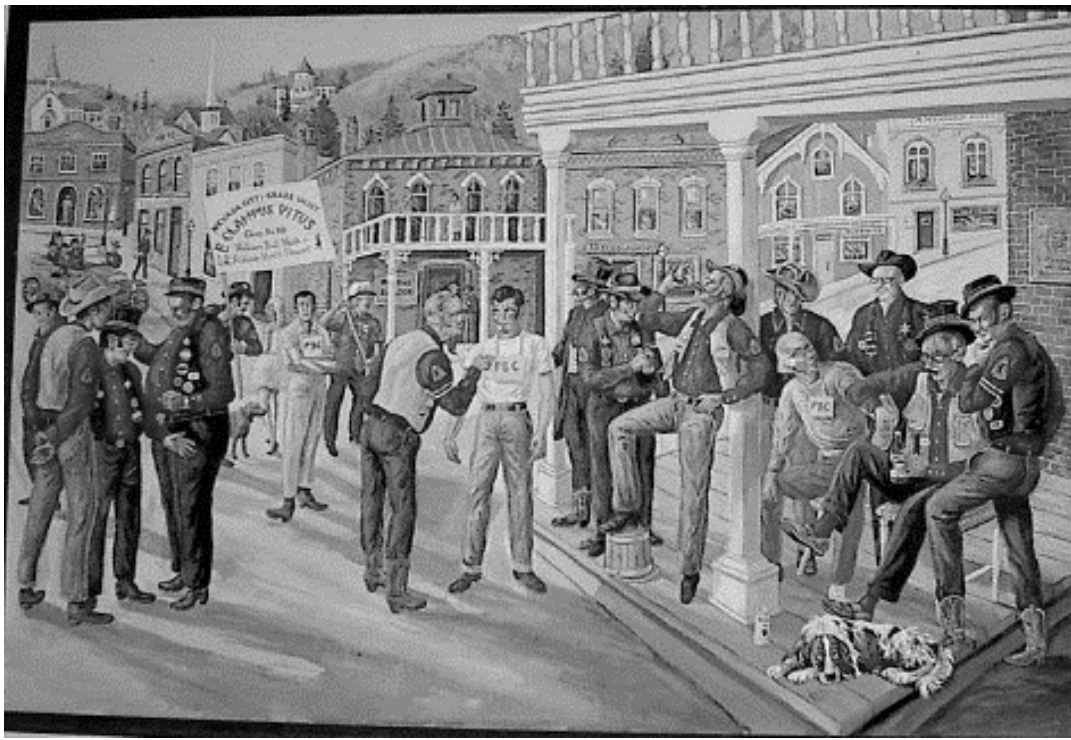
Driving of the last spike by county physician Dr. Robert M. Hunt marked the completion of the railroad and was followed by an oration by Judge Niles Searls, one of the original directors of the road, ending with these lines:

“We present you, fellow citizens, the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad as a Centennial gift (1876 was the United States’ 100th year). The magnitude of this offering cannot be realized today. We are willing to wait ... (for the second Centennial ... then shall the munificence of the gift be appreciated and the yet unborn orators of that epoch shall say ... they builded better than they knew.”

Unfortunately, Judge Searls’ optimism was not borne out by history and the little road lasted a scant 68 years, far short of the predicted “second Centennial.” In 1942, the Narrow Gauge became a victim of highway transportation. Shortline railroads had outlived their usefulness as freight and passenger carriers. World War II was raging, and the rails and rolling stock became part of the “war effort.”

Back to 1968. The corner was landscaped with three giant sequoias. Each tree was named for a member of the immediate Kidder family: John Kidder, the railroad’s builder and longtime president; Sarah Kidder, his wife, who followed at his death as president of the railroad and was the first woman to head a railroad; and their adopted daughter, Sarah’s niece Beatrice. The trees were also to replace Nevada City’s giant sequoia that was felled in 1965, a scant 100 yards from the memorial, to make way for the freeway. After 36 years, the John Kidder tree is the largest and is followed in size by Sarah and Beatrice. The city of Nevada City maintains the landscaping.

This marker is the first of three placed by the Clampers to memorialize the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad. In Grass Valley, at the corner of Bennett and Kidder streets, is a marker locating the Grass Valley station and headquarters, placed in May 1977. In May 1976, at the old caboose memorial on Main Street, Colfax, is the third marker, jointly sponsored with the Lord Sholto Douglas Chapter #3 of Auburn. It marks the Colfax terminal.



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Noble Grand Humbug Les McMurry and the Board of Directors
are pleased to announce our Fall Clampout Doin's at Scott's Flat Lake
59th Fall Initiation and Doin's: Oct 1st - 2nd, 2022
At Scott's Flat in Nevada County, east of Nevada City

NGH Les McMurry, and his frolicking group of Officers and Directors of Chapter Ten are proud to present you with our traditional Fall Overnighter on Oct. 1st and 2nd at Scotts Flat Lake, east of Nevada City. (See inside for directions and GPS info.)

The price for this traditional event is only \$70 . PBCs are \$105. Pre pay will include your shirt of the day. These prices include CAMPING Friday and/or Saturday night and three meals, 2 on Saturday and Sunday Breakfast. No hookups available, but there are hot showers for the PBCs. All the usual NO-NOs apply, including very serious admonitions from the Grand Council about illicit drugs and guns. Leave your dogs, bad attitudes, eggs and fireworks at home. Oh!! Did we mention.... **LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME. THEY ARE NOT WELCOME! NO WOOD OR CHARCOAL FIRES. PROPANE IS ALLOWED**

Saturday's steak extravaganza will be served by Clamp chef Kenny and our superb Cook Crew. They will also have burgers and beans later and a big, full pancake, eggs, ham and coffee breakfast on Sunday morning. Official Big and Little Slippery time is from 10 AM to 5 PM. on Saturday only! Bring some \$ to buy into our big Raffle. Winning numbers will be read and posted at dinner for your convenience.

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Fill out the bottom of this page and make a copy of the back side of it for the Liability Consent Form. Everyone must fill out the Liability Consent Form.

For more info about PayPal, go to:
<http://ecv10.com/spring-doins>

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Don't forget to feed the Sick Jackass if you can't make it! It costs big bucks to get this out to you! \$5 will buy a lot of Jackass food! We regularly remove addresses from our mailing list for non-participation.

Get your payment to the Recorder by Thursday, Sep 29th 2022! Make checks payable to ECV 10.

Here's my (our) Advance Reservation gold dust for our Annual Fall Doin's Overnighter! Free camping!
: Clampers - \$70 PBCs - \$105

Clamper's Name _____ Chapter Name _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ ZIP _____ Phone (_____) _____ Email _____
Shirt Size _____

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Make your reservations on line with PayPal! Go to ecv10.com/fall-doins for details!
For PBC Applications and more info, go to ecv10.com and explore a bit.

(Copy the back side of this sheet for each person. Everyone must fill out the release form!)

EVERYONE MUST FILL OUT THIS FORM AND INITIAL AND SIGN WHERE INDICATED.

THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS®

Agreement and Release from Liability



1. I, _____ acknowledge that I voluntarily request to accompany the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus® for the purposes of raising funds for constructing and/or dedicating various plaques and/or monuments to major and lesser events of Western history, especially Nevada and Yuba Counties.

2. I am aware that the meetings of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus® sometimes occur in the wilderness, and that driving from my point of departure to said meeting (hereinafter referred to as "clampsite") my participation in the various activities at said clampsite and driving back to my point of departure are potentially dangerous and hazardous activities. I am voluntarily participating in these activities with the knowledge of the danger involved, and hereby agree to accept all risks of injury or death and verify this statement by placing my initials below.

_____ INITIAL HERE

3. As consideration for being permitted by the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus® to participate in these activities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus® or any of its officers or members for injury or damage resulting from negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, and by any member, agent, or officer as a result of my participation in or travel to and from the CLAMPSITE. I hereby release the Ancient and Honorable of E Clampus Vitus® and any of its officers or members from all action, claims or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may have for injury or damage resulting from my above-described participation at the CLAMPSITE.

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KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION

4. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS®, ITS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Releasor _____
(Signature Required)

Date _____

Address _____

Check here if this is a new address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I am an XNGH or NGH of Chap. _____

Email _____

I am interested in becoming an Associate member of Chapter Ten.

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I would prefer to receive the newsletter via email.



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