

# Retirees newsletter

April 2005

## Come to Our Retreat In Denver OCTOBER 10 TO 13, 2005

We are pleased to announce and invite retirees to a special fall retreat in Denver. Corporate has agreed to sponsor and host the retreat at our new Denver campus. Details are being worked out, but Corporate will help pay for the retreat, including Denver events, local transportation, and meals.

Last month when Harlan Moyer had the great good fortune to talk to Ralph Peterson and David Miller about the next retreat being in Denver, they enthusiastically endorsed the idea. They felt it would be best held this fall, offered Corporate funding, and proposed that each attendee be given formal written history of the firm (which is scheduled to be released this year).

We're just getting started on logistics, but here's a general idea of what we are planning:

1. The event will take place October 10 (evening) through breakfast on the 13th. We plan to kick off the retreat with a welcome dinner at, and tour of, our new Denver campus. The dinner coincides with a quarterly Global Operations meeting, giving us a chance to interact with the firm's current leaders.
2. October 11 and 12 will be filled with various tours and sightseeing events that are sure to make you want to pack up and move to the Rockies (if you don't already live there). Destinations may include such highlights as the Wildlife Experience Museum and iMAX Theater, Coors Brewery, and Foothills Water Treatment Plant (which CH2M HILL designed), among others.
3. On the morning of October 13, we plan to have our traditional farewell breakfast.

Before we can get locked into certain events and/or costs, we need an approximate headcount. So... what we need from all of you is an idea of who might want to attend this event. Would you please fill out the **Information Form** on page 5 and return it to Judy Mueller at 2300 NW Walnut Boulevard, Corvallis, OR 97330, or contact Judy by email [Judy.Mueller@ch2m.com](mailto:Judy.Mueller@ch2m.com), or by phone 541-768-3234 and let her know if you would be interested in joining us.

If you plan to travel with a companion/spouse, please let us know that. Also, if you have any special travel needs such as wheelchair ramps, ground floor hotel rooms, etc., we'd really appreciate knowing that as well.

Once we have an idea on the number of guests, we'll get back to you with regard to hotel costs/arrangements and other details. We estimate that we'll have this information in about a month so keep your eyes open for a special May mailing.

*It might not be Springtime in the Rockies but it'll be Fall in the Rockies for the 2005 CH2M HILL Retiree Retreat! Hope to see you there!*

## Where Are They Now

### AND WHERE HAVE THEY BEEN

Rick Reid

#### Doesn't he look younger after 30 years?



*Rick - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
2002 Unlimited*

Many of you have read the Milestones section of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2002 Unlimited about Rick's retirement. A picture of him in that article is shown here at left. We also have a clip from our March 1973 CH2M HILL Newsletter (see below). That was smiling Rick with his thick rimmed glasses. Doesn't he look younger now? Or at least he hasn't aged a bit!

#### MECHANICAL DISCIPLINE ORGANIZATION



RICK REID (CVO) is the new firm-wide Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering. He has been with the firm for eight years, starting in May 1966 after

completing his Masters at OSU. Rick will continue to supervise the discipline's air pollution work. The new position is designed to divide the supervision of the overall Mechanical work and new business contact between Rick and LAMONT MATTHEWS, Mechanical Group Director.

Other managerial positions in the Mechanical Group are held by JACK MEIER, Director of Industrial Systems, and HARRY REEDER, Director of Interdepartmental Services and Instrumentation and Control.

*Rick - March 1973 Newsletter*

The following is “Where He is Now” in Rick’s own words. Notice the photo showing himself with his Corvettes. He still has that youthful look now.

*I started in the Corvallis office in June of 1966, employee number 167, as part of the Mechanical Department working for LaMont Matthews. Assignments were varied ranging from water and wastewater treatment design, to air pollution control, to wood products plant design. I relocated to the Portland office in 1982 and was assigned to the Industrial Group managed by Ken Durant. In 1985, I was one of the founding fathers of IDC serving as a project manager and several administrative positions. I retired from my position as Operations Manager in 2002.*

*Mary, my wife of 20 Years, and I live in Sherwood, a bedroom community of Portland. We built a “6-car garage with attached house” for retirement. I was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 1994 which has slowed me down a little. Fortunately the progression of the disease has been fairly slow and is still under control with medication. Retirement has been busy with travel, visits to a time-share at Eagle Crest in central Oregon, “hacker” golf, and my main hobby, the restoration of a 1962 Corvette. I still have the 1967 Corvette that I bought new in Corvallis, and a late model that we use for road tours. I’m still active in the National Corvette Restorers Society of which I served as national president several years ago.*



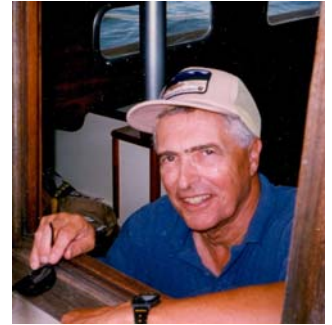
*Rick with his three Corvettes*

### Bill Eckenberg

Bill spent 3 ½ years in the US Air Force during WWII, followed by another year with the Strategic Air Command. With his military commitments behind him, Bill spent 13 years with DuPont. Then in 1965 he received a National Science grant to work on his Masters Degree. Following that, he joined the Hercules Powder Company, and after Hercules’ acquisition of Black, Crow & Eidsness was

transferred to the Gainesville office in 1970. In 1977 Bill became Manager of BC&E’s Atlanta office.

*To bring you up to date on my life, I have to go back to 1979 while I was assigned to the Atlanta office. I received a call from Holly Cornell and he asked if I was sitting down. I responded “no” and he instructed me to do so. Then he asked if I would consider a move to Denver. This led to about the best job I could ever have imagined, namely six years serving as Project Manager for the Foothills Project.*



*Bill Eckenberg*

*During those years I had countless experiences working for the Denver Water Department (a great client), and working with many of the CH2M HILL engineers. We completed the first two 175 MGD phases on schedule and within budget. Hurray!!! It also gave me the exceptional opportunity to work with Holly on a regular basis.*

*When that phase of the Foothills Project was finished, I was assigned to the 100 MGD project in Austin, TX, again as Project Manager. This was a project with Black and Veatch, giving me the opportunity to work with many new friends. This job, however, was not taken to the construction phase due to the declining economy of the early 80’s. Therefore, after two years, I found my way on to another two-year assignment, this time at our Tampa office, working for Bob Ghiotto.*

*At the conclusion of this work I decided to retire. So it was back to Denver. Jane and I settled into our home which we had left over six years earlier and started to travel. We have been to Italy, Switzerland, Austria, France, England, Alaska, Hawaii, and most important, ARIZONA. After the past ten years living in Sun City West, AZ and enjoying our travels throughout the western states, we believe we have found our permanent home.*

*We are both healthy (thank goodness). We travel frequently to Atlanta to visit our two daughters and grandchildren. There are very many activities to occupy our time here in Sun City West. For instance, we have seven golf courses. I don’t play all of them, but I tear up the turf on three of them. I work at our silver club making jewelry. But most of my time is spent working with our Flight Simulator Club. This is a group of old fly-boys who like to reflect on the old days.*

*I can’t think of much more to say except to “stay well and enjoy the Golden Years.”*

## Einar (Sy) Syvertsen

As most of us old timers can remember (only short-term memory is a problem), the sixties and seventies was a time of increasing interest in the environment resulting in laws requiring environmental assessments and impact statements. In 1971, I joined CH2M HILL in the Seattle office to help our clients meet these new requirements.

The Seattle office, under the leadership of Jim Poirot, was an interesting and exciting place to work. The office was moved to an “environmental friendly” building adjoining a wetland in Bellevue. Staff meetings were always interesting and often fun. I remember Carl Ryden and I exchanging bad Swede/Norwegian jokes. There were a number of really first rate people there in addition to Jim and Carl including Lyle Hassebroek, Dale King, Don Russell, Willie Loud and Jack Christofferson to name a few.

And there were a number of interesting planning and environmental projects to work on. One of the first was the environmental studies and community involvement programs for the Interstate 90 Highway in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho where it was my distinct pleasure to meet and work with Earl Reynolds.

The Foothills water project near Denver was another opportunity to do major environmental work. Here I had the opportunity to meet Ken Bielman, another one of CH2M HILL’s first-rate people. Working with Ken we were able to contract with the University of Colorado to do extensive environmental studies. We also were able to produce a video explaining the environmental issues and community benefits involved that I believe helped to reduce the community opposition to the program.

In 1975, I was asked to open a project office in St Louis to undertake a water pollution control plan for the area. Again, an interesting undertaking for a large area with a number of complex political and jurisdictional issues in addition to the technical problems involved.

At the same time, I was asked to head up the environmental studies for the PMO in Milwaukee. That was one of the largest environmental impact statements we had done up to that time. Again it was a very complex project that came in on time and under budget. For me, the most important thing personally, was meeting my wife Linda (Wolfe) at the PMO. We have been married 24 years now. I wonder if the “short leash” Lyle gave Linda when we left has anything to do with it?

After St. Louis, we tried to follow Ken and Julie Bielman to Atlanta but they left for Egypt shortly after we got there. I left CH2M HILL in Atlanta and went out on my own – a decision that may not have been the best one I ever made. Since leaving, I worked on Community Economic Development programs in

Cleveland, New Orleans and New York. The New Orleans job was to organize a campaign to provide the local money to host the 1988 Republican convention. A pretty interesting assignment to say nothing of the great food!

In Albany, Linda and I both worked for the Center for Economic Growth - where I retired in 1997. We moved to the north woods of Wisconsin to be near Linda’s parents and have been here ever since.



*Sy and wife Linda*

We have a motor home and do a lot of “camping” and traveling to various bowling tournaments. Linda manages the drug and alcohol abuse clinic at the local hospital – and no, I am not a patient. I do some volunteer work and serve as Vice President of the local men’s club. I am also a member of the Design Committee for our new \$28 million high school – a really fun project. I am on the Long Range Planning Committee for the local library. We hope to double the number of books from 6 to 12 in the next 10 years - ha. So I keep busy.

Looking back over my professional career, I count my time with CH2M HILL as by far the real highlight. Not only for the projects I worked on but more importantly, for the really great people I had the chance to meet and get to know.

## Kris Buros

The day that Joe Worth came to the Black, Crow & Eidsness (BC&E) main office in Gainesville, Florida, to officially take over for CH2M HILL in 1977 is still etched in my mind. There was a big cake with a bridge set up in the break room symbolizing the jump of CH2M HILL from Oregon to the Southeastern USA. Actually it was a bigger leap than the people in CH really knew was happening. There was a bit of a culture gap but for me it had a positive aspect. I had recently returned from five years of managing the BC&E office in the Virgin Islands and my idea of dress-up was to put on a wrist watch, a clean guayabera and maybe a pair of leather shoes.

In the 1970’s BC&E-land all the male engineers had to wear a coat and tie and all the women dresses. It had been almost six months of ties and my neck was killing me. Joe appeared at the ceremony in a Hawaiian shirt and I had my piece of cake, listened to the welcoming speeches, went back to my office, tossed my tie in a file, unbuttoned my top shirt button and prepared to enjoy the casual atmosphere of the westerners. It wasn’t always that casual and CH2M HILL found there were some things to learn from those southerners but it was an interesting time of transition. I was assigned to the 62 (ag) group as I had done some incidental irrigation with treated wastewater in the islands and no one else seemed to want to be in “that” group.

I spent 18 years in GNV and most of them as the manager of the water resources (60) division. It was a wonderfully smart, loyal and rebellious bunch who learned to fight for work, do it well and be extremely independent. I had the Virgin Islands assigned to North Florida and enjoyed working there on water projects for the rest of my time in Florida. On the side I began to take on small international water projects for the UN and other international agencies. These were interesting and kept me going between the tedious paperwork and other chores involved with management.



With David Pyne and our hosts in Saudi Arabia in 1988 as we explored the mysteries of erratic water service in the Kingdom. I am on the right – in a tie no less.

In 1993 I was invited to take a technical position with CHIL in Denver. It was a wonderful position but unfortunately it only lasted a year as CHIL HQ was essentially vaporized. As fate would have it, I had gotten involved in one of CHIL's largest international jobs, the Environmental Policy & Technology project which coordinated environmental foreign aid for the newly independent Soviet Union. I worked for a while in Washington and then I was able to transfer my effort to assisting the project work in Ukraine. This soon consumed me and I spent the next eight years working on projects in the Ukrainian city of Lviv. Next to the Virgin Islands, this was the best professional experience in my life.

After a few years it ended up being just me, 25 Ukrainians and a few occasional expat visitors in Lviv. USAID gave us a series of contracts to do water system investigations, work on a World Bank loan application and to provide capacity building for water utilities all over the country. It was a great group of professionals; most could not speak English and my Ukrainian remained terrible but it worked out great. Both I and my wife, Sheila, really enjoyed our time in Lviv.

After completing the Ukraine contracts, I worked for four months in DEN and retired at 67. That lasted about three months and I was asked to return to CH2M HILL to assist with

the proposal for reconstructing Iraq. After that project was won, I have continued to work part time helping the Iraq home office support group and now we are thinking about Afghanistan. In 2004, Sheila and I returned to Lviv on holiday and will do so again for May Day this year. The other part of my time is taken up reading books (history and mysteries), biking, hiking, doing a little gardening (it's that 62 influence), and contemplating the art of fishing.

My time with CH2M HILL (and BC&E) has never been boring, it allowed for lots of interesting travel and projects and the chance to work with mentors and characters like Jack Smith, Ignacio Garcia-Bengochea, Ross Sproul, Otto Vydra, Ed Lance, Bob Charley, Joe Patten and Usama Jayussi. I learned something from all of them and from many others as well – I'm still learning.

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## Denver Information

### AIRPORT INFORMATION:

Denver International Airport is approximately 35 miles from the Denver Corporate Headquarters (COR) and Regional Office (DEN).

### SHUTTLE INFORMATION:

**Super Shuttle** (303) 370-1300 \$32 RT to our local hotels/\$25 one way to our office. Go to the Super Shuttle counter at DIA and identify as CH2M HILL employee.

**Wolf Express:** (303) 333-4000 \$34 one way

**Metro Cab:** (303) 333-3333 \$1.60 to get in cab; \$1.60 per mile

**Yellow Cab:** (303) 777-7777 \$75-80 via I-25; \$65-70 via E-470

**Denver Town Car:** (303) 814-0000 \$60 one way

**Mile Hi Limo/Dove Limo:** (303) 355-5002 \$82 one way

\*Shuttle service may be available from your hotel, please check when making reservations.

### DIRECTIONS:

Directions from DIA to Corporate Headquarters and Regional Office:

- ▶▶ Exit DIA to Pena Boulevard and proceed to E-470
- ▶▶ Keep left at the fork in the ramp
- ▶▶ Merge onto E-470 S - Exit number 6A - take this approximately 25.5 miles
- ▶▶ Take the Jamaica Street exit- Exit number 1
- ▶▶ Turn left onto Jamaica St.- the Denver Campus will be on your right

\* This is a toll road, tolls are currently running \$5.00 for this trip.

## PRELIMINARY HOTEL INFORMATION

We are anticipating that one or more of the following hotels will be used as our base hotel(s). However, we ask that you **NOT** make reservations yet because we're attempting to negotiate a lower cost and reserve a block of rooms. We will send out complete hotel information in about a month.

### **Courtyard by Marriott**

8320 South Valley Highway

Englewood, CO 80112

Phone: (720) 895-0300 Fax: (720) 895-0301

**Negotiated Rate: \$79**

**Rate Includes:** Breakfast, high speed internet and shuttle to local office

1 mile from CH2M HILL Corporate and Regional office

<http://marriott.com/property/propertyPage/DENIV>

### **Hilton Garden Inn Meridian**

9290 Meridian Blvd.

Englewood, CO 80112

Phone: (303) 824-1550 Fax: (303) 706-1118

**Negotiated Rate: \$73 without breakfast \$80 with breakfast**

**Rate Includes:** High speed internet & shuttle to local office

1/2 mile from CH2M HILL Corporate and Regional office

<http://www.hiltongardeninn.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=DENDSGI>

### **Marriott Denver South**

10345 Park Meadows Drive

Littleton, CO 80124

Phone: (303) 925-0004 Fax: (303) 925-0005

**Negotiated Rate: \$104**

**Rate Includes:** Shuttle to local office and high speed internet

1 1/2 miles from CH2MHILL Corporate and Regional office

<http://marriott.com/property/propertyPage/DENMS>

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Yes, I/we want to attend. Please send me more information.

My guest's name is:

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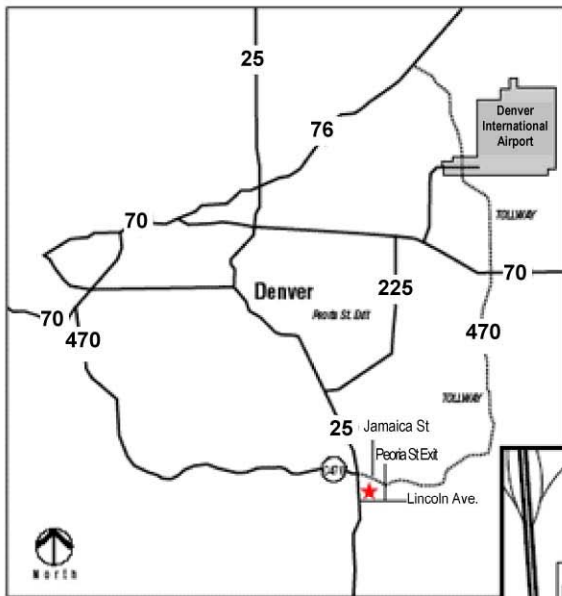
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Yes, I/we want to attend. We live locally so won't need travel or lodging reservations.

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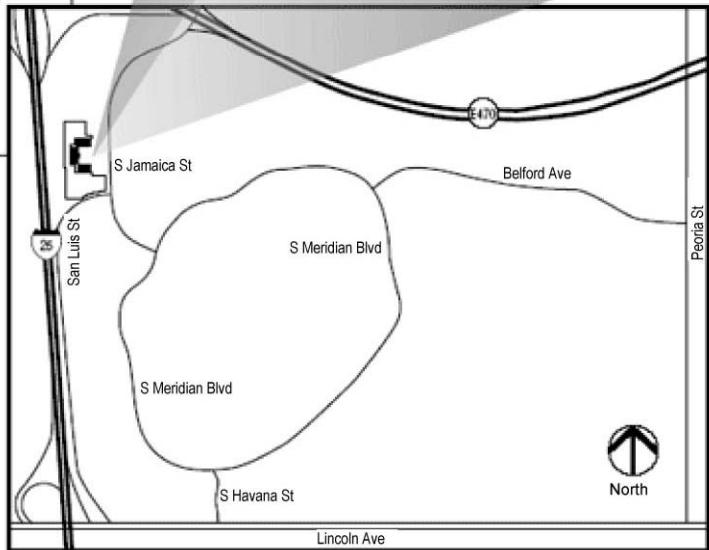
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Denver Campus Map



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