

**Topic: California Address and Legislative Updates**

Shannon Grove

Shannon Grove represents the 34th Assembly District encompassing the majority of Kern County. She was first elected to the California State Assembly in November 2010 as the first woman veteran to serve in that legislative body, and overwhelming elected to second and third terms in 2012, and 2014.

Shannon was born and raised in Kern County and graduated from Arvin High School. She joined the United States Army after high school and served in Frankfurt, Germany. She and her sister-in-law founded Continental Labor and Staffing Resources in 1993 and today Shannon presides as the company's Chief Executive Officer.

This year, Shannon was named Vice Chair to the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting, to oversee and protect the integrity California's election process. Shannon's committee assignments also include the Agriculture Committee, where she advocates for the preservation and prosperity of California's Bread Basket, and the Assembly Budget Committee, where she is an outspoken advocate for fiscal responsibility and restraint. A longtime business owner, Shannon first became active in the political process to advocate for worker's compensation reform.

As a result of her two-year participation in promoting this change, she was honored with the California Legislature's "Small Business Award" in 2005 by then-Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy. Shannon is a member of the Brimhall Road Assembly of God. She resides in Bakersfield with her husband Rick, and they are the parents of 5 grown children.

**General Meeting****Tuesday, October 20 2015****Guest Speaker:**

Shannon Grove  
Assemblywoman  
California State Assembly

**Technical Speaker:**

Oliver Macpherson  
Assett Manager,  
Macpherson Oil Company  
VP, Kern Energy Foundation  
board of directors

**Location:**

Bakersfield Petroleum Club  
5060 California Ave. 12th Floor  
Bakersfield, CA

**Schedule:**

Social Hour:	6:00PM
Tech. Session:	6:30PM
Dinner:	7:00PM
Speaker:	8:00PM

**Price:** \$30.00**Social Hour Sponsor:**

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## Topic: Kern Energy Festival



*Celebrating Kern  
County's Rich Ties to  
the Energy Industry*



Oliver R. Macpherson is the Asset Manager for Macpherson Energy Corporation's (MEC) 50 megawatt biomass-fueled power plant located north of Bakersfield, California. MEC began its business activities in Kern County nearly 50 years ago and today it produces roughly 10,000 barrels of oil per day. MEC's oil production company, Macpherson Oil Company (MOC), is currently developing a solar project and will use all the electricity generated to operate its oil production processes.

Oliver went to California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo, where he earned a B.S. in Earth Science with a double concentration on environmental interpretation and geology. Oliver is a third generation energy producer in Kern County with a family owned business that has successfully combined oil production, cogeneration and renewables into its business strategy.

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### General Meeting Reservations:

We have increased our attendance immensely at the API Dinner Meetings. **In order to guarantee your seat and dinner choice (steak, chicken, salmon, or vegetarian) for the meeting, please send in your RSVP to Terra Gaines at (661) 340-8932 or [apibakersfieldchapter@gmail.com](mailto:apibakersfieldchapter@gmail.com) no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.**

It is important that we have our head count and food selections turned in to the Petroleum Club the day before the event so the appropriate amount of tables and seating are setup in advance to accommodate the crowd. Your timely response is appreciated.

## **PAY ATTENTION LIST**

### **GET INVOLVED**

Clark's Corner is back and will be sharing info with you all from time to time, thanks for the opportunity. There are several issues you should be aware of and hopefully respond accordingly. I'm talking about the negative impacts on our industry. The following items are examples:

**SB 32** (Pavley)-Requires the Air Resources Board (ARB) to approve statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions limits equivalent to 40% below the 1990 level by 2030 and 80% below the 1990 level by 2050.

**SB 350** (DeLeon)-Enacts the "Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015, "which establishes targets to reduce petroleum use in motor vehicles by 50% by 2030, double the energy efficiency of buildings by 2030, and increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50% by 2030.

**Department of Fish & Wildlife – Oil Spill Prevention and Response Planning (OSPR).** Must prepare an oil spill contingency plan and submit the plan to the administration by **January 1, 2016**. Website - <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/Legal/Proposed-Regulations>

**Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Onshore Order 3 Site Security.** Proposed changes that could have significant impacts: a number of immediate assessments for infractions, new seal requirements and many changes in commingling approvals. Public comments of the rule is due by **September 11, 2015**. Website - <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=BLM-2015-0003-0001>

We still have ongoing controversial issues with the Regional & State Water Control Board, Division of Oil and Gas, and CARB.

**Major Impact:** The Kern County Planning and Community Development Department has prepared the draft environmental report for the revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015 C, focused on Oil and Gas Local Permitting. The comment period closes on **September 11, 2015**. Website - <http://pcd.kerndsa.com/planning/oil-gas-zoning-amendment>

Unfortunately I only skimmed the surface of what the Oil Industry faces.

**PAY ATTENTION TO BUSINESS/GET INVOLVED.....MAY DAY – MAY DAY.....**

## From our API Chairman - Don Taft

Fellow API Members,

Well this year went by in a flash! It seems like just yesterday I was nervously addressing my first general meeting. I have enjoyed every minute of my term and I wanted to thank everyone for their support and generosity. It has been a difficult year for our industry, but even with all the adversity, this chapter continues to impress me with its munificence.

Your executive board has done a great job this year and deserves far more accolades than Jorge will allow me to put in this newsletter. We have had some great speakers for our meetings and Terra has done well to mix it up covering everything from veterans rights to giving us an accurate, if somewhat disappointing, industry projection from the US Energy Information Administration. She has also worked tirelessly in the background making me look somewhat organized. Thanks to Dan Tuttle's hard work we unveiled our new and improved website, a magnificent work of art. Our Secretary, Dave Muth has done such a fantastic job keeping things organized, his meeting minutes are a thing of beauty and, not that I would know, his spelling and grammar must be good because it is slipping past the scrutiny of our resident Word Master Mr. McClard. Scott Bender has stayed on top of membership which is not easy to do especially with everyone changing e-mail addresses recently. And finally I would like to thank Debbie Caywood for all of her hard work keeping the money in order and working so very hard encouraging everyone to give a little extra money at all of our events.

The general board members and committee chairs are also to be commended for the gargantuan effort they put forth this year to make this chapter and all of our events such a success. Jim Roberts pulled off a very successful Golf Tournament and Fall Fun Shoot, despite personal medical issues. Such dedication is rare. Robin Brassfield-Cooper has invested so much of her time and effort into the tradition that is the Oil Baron's Ball and every year it gets better. I am so looking forward to this year's Wild West Ball. Once again Mike Handren has invested his valuable time mentoring many of us on the board as well as producing a live play each year and they are always very entertaining. Jorge Haiek gave us a new look to our monthly newsletter - very sexy and what can we say about the reappearance of Clark's Corner except Mayday - Mayday. Matt Melnyk and Sandy Sons kept us involved with the community while Christy Lencioni put us in touch with the social media crowd. Nick Eddy boosted our membership with the Networking Socials. Ramiro Estenssoro kept us educated, while Todd Bivens kept the roads clean and David Budy made sure that it was all covered by the press. Most importantly, Matt Kedzierski gave away all our money: \$113,000 went to deserving scholars this year.

Our new board members did not hesitate to jump in and help out this year and most of our veterans pulled double duty. Those that went to Casino Night had a chance to see an epic performance by the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Dan Sliter, who blew out his microphone half way through the night and successfully finished the live auction using just his built-in microphone and vocal skills. His wife thanked me later because he could not talk for the next two days. I have never seen a group work so hard and not get paid a dime, and I was proud to be associated with such a dedicated group of professionals.

Lastly I would like to thank our members. Without your generosity and participation we would have nothing; and because of your generosity and participation we truly made something - something special for a lot of people!

# *31st Annual Oil Baron's Ball*

## *Saturday, November 7, 2015*

### *"The Wild, Wild West"*

Please plan to join us for an evening of socializing, dining, and dancing as you see who is crowned the 31<sup>st</sup> Oil Baron and Baroness. It's never too early to purchase your tickets! This event typically sells-out prior to the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Location: Marriott at the Convention Center, 801 Truxtun Avenue—Downtown (same venue as last year)

Date: Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Cost: \$800 for a Table of 10 (\$80 per person)

Limousine Service: Complimentary safe transportation home provided by Platinum Limousine Service on a first-come, first-serve basis. Limits apply and you must sign up prior to the event.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for Social Hour (No-host bar) and pictures by *Christian Hall Photography*.

Enjoy dinner and dancing until midnight featuring the southern California band "*HindSite*" playing the best dance music from the 70's all the way up to today's current hits. Check them out at <http://www.thenextshow.com/hindsite/HindSiteHome.htm>.

Come share an evening of good food, fun music and great friends.....Reserve your table today!

Email Debbie Caywood at [d-caywood@hotmail.com](mailto:d-caywood@hotmail.com).

## **Event Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

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Congratulations to Dan Tuttle for his first born grandson John Loren Cleveland. We, at the API, wish you a healthy and happy life!



### Job Opportunity:

#### Workforce Development Manager

Seeking a qualified leader to oversee workforce development center's training department. Qualifications include: construction/oilfield background, management experience, understanding of industrial safety protocol, ability to coordinate and manage staff and instructors. Duties include but are not limited to: curriculum development, management of instructor pool, scheduling, working with committees, reporting to Board and Chapter President, development and maintenance of community partnerships. Must have the ability to multi-task, effectively communicate (verbally and written), positive demeanor, team player. Position will include some local travel and out of state travel 1-2 times per year. Full time salaried position with health, dental, vacation and 401k.

Qualified applicants may fax or email resume as well as salary requirements to 661-392-9076 or [marias@abccentralcal.org](mailto:marias@abccentralcal.org).

### Super Prize Raffle:

We've got another fabulous SUPER Prize valued at over \$200 courtesy of Chad Evans with Key Energy Services. A BIG thank you to Chad for all he does. Proceeds from the October Super Raffle will be donated to AVID Advancement Via Individual Determination. The September 2015 meeting raised \$1,735 for the ALS Association. Bring a few bucks to the October meeting and you could be our next winner!



## Adopt A Highway

On September 19th 16 Volunteers from the SJV Chapter of the API met at the Golden Bull restaurant on Rosedale highway for Breakfast and socializing. Soon they donned their safety equipment and after a safety briefing then gathered 26 bags of trash in just a little over an hour.

After cleaning the highway we gathered to see the result of our contest. After voting was complete it was determined that Mike Oaks found the most valuable item (an unopened can of Monster Energy Drink) and Gary Watts found the most unique item (an old car horn). I would like to thank everyone that participated in this event. It was another success for sure.

Pictured in no particular order: Gary Watts, Alexandra Watts, Marcia Rodriguez, Rey Rodriguez, Carrie Roberts – Rickels, Charlie Johnson, Luis Lopez, David Howlett, Scott Bender, Dan Sliter, Cesar Chavez, Terra Gaines, Mike Oaks, Michelle Sneath, Todd Bivens. Sherry Brew taking the picture.



Pictured: Gary Watts and Alexandra Watts (Old Car Horn) Mike Oaks (Monster Energy Drink)





## What is Taft Oildorado?

Many communities hold annual celebrations to commemorate anniversaries. Taft is different. The town celebrates its birthday once every five years. But what a celebration it is! The city's birthday bash pays homage to the hardy men and women who migrated to this dusty southwestern corner of the San Joaquin Valley when oil seeps were detected shortly after the turn of the century. Oildorado runs for 10 days, and it has something for everyone – a grand parade, melodrama, queen pageant, entertainment, barbecues, dances, civic luncheon, and much more.

API Community Involvement Co-chairs Sandy Sons and Matt Melnyk have formed a committee to help design and construct a float to participate in the Taft Oildorado Days Parade and need your ideas & feedback!

2015 API Oildorado Float is "Patriotic Themed" and will be constructed in Taft, CA

Parade October 17, 2015 from 10am – 12pm in Taft, CA

<http://taftoildoradodays.com/index.shtml>

**What we Have:** Truck/45' Low Bed Trailer – Weststar and Power Source – Burt Electric

**What we Need:** Oil Themed Float Design Concepts: Please email Sandy Sons [sandy@imprint4us.com](mailto:sandy@imprint4us.com) & Matt Melnyk [mwmelnyk@weststar-inc.com](mailto:mwmelnyk@weststar-inc.com) your ideas by September 7, 2015

Float Construction Volunteers, Taft Facility to Construct Float Locally, Wooden Derrick, Patriotic Decorations, Building Material Donations

Float Materials/Donations: Please email Terra Gaines, [terra@gainesrecruiting.com](mailto:terra@gainesrecruiting.com) or Casey Knaak [casey.k@uwkern.org](mailto:casey.k@uwkern.org)



## 2015 Upcoming Events:

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fall Fun Shoot
October 9-18 <sup>th</sup>	Taft Oildorado
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	API Oil Baron's Ball
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	90th Annual Wildcat Hijinks Show

**Technical Speakers Sponsor:**

This month's Technical Speaker session is sponsored by Terra Gaines from Gaines Recruiting and David Muth from Muth Pump. Thank you to Terra and David for their generosity. There will be a drawing held for those who come and actively participate in this learning and knowledge sharing event.

API Website: The domain has changed to .COM

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[www.facebook.com/apibakersfieldchapter](http://www.facebook.com/apibakersfieldchapter) to view upcoming events and photos from past events. To submit photos from API events, please send an email to Social Media Chair Christina Lencioni [christina.lencioni@gmail.com](mailto:christina.lencioni@gmail.com)

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Business Card	\$30	\$200
Half Page	\$100	\$700
Full Page	\$200	\$1,400

## U.S. Service Academy Forum



Dear Donald,

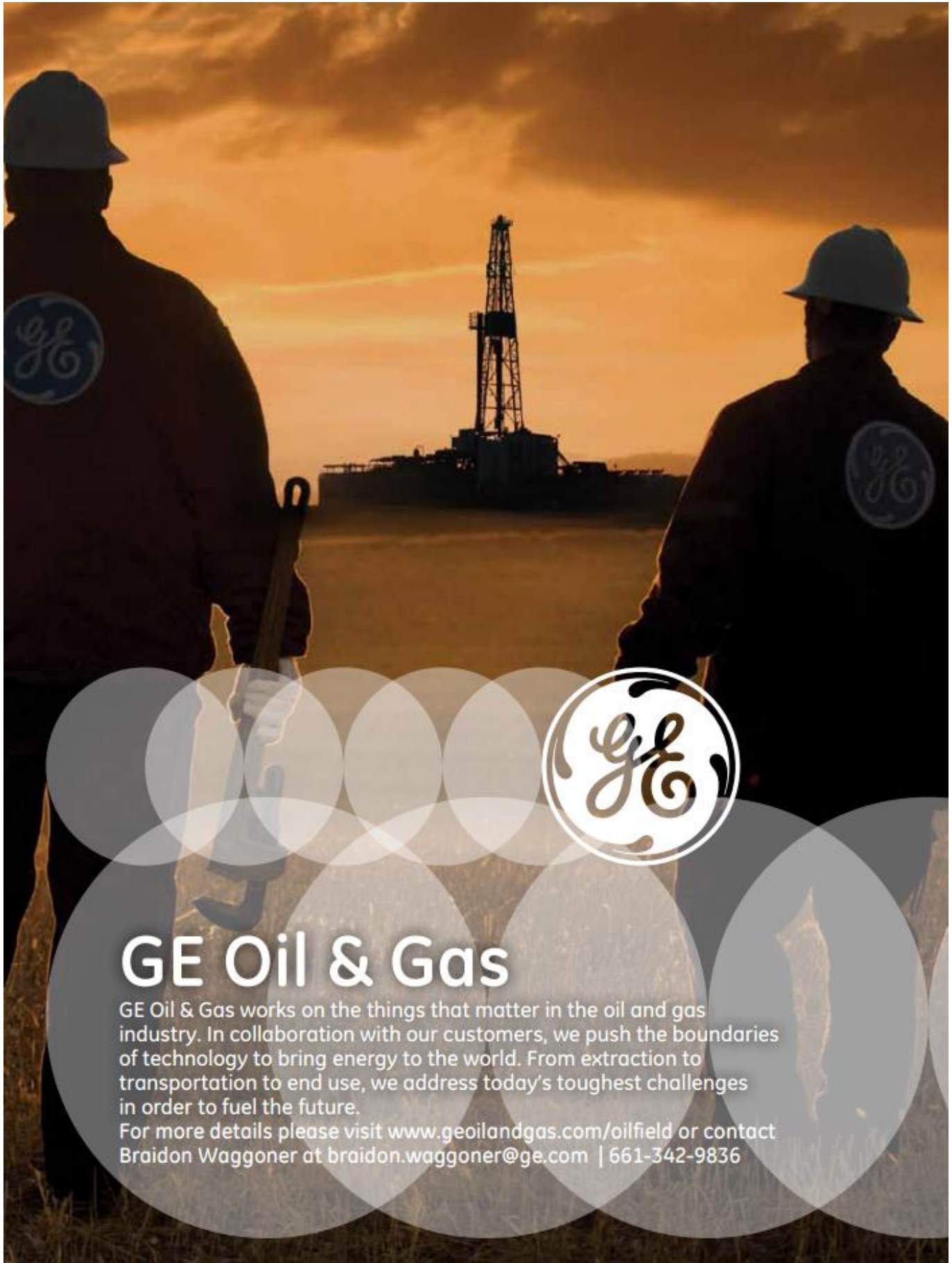
On Thursday, October 15th, I will be holding a forum for all students in the 23rd Congressional District who are interested in attending one of the U.S. Service Academies. The forum will start at 6:00 pm in the Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309. If you know anyone who might be interested in attending, please feel free to share this email with them.

Our nation's Service Academies provide our students with the opportunity to obtain an excellent education and also equip our young people with the skills to become great leaders. I am proud that every year, many of our students choose to attend one of them. This forum offers students and parents the chance to learn more about the application process, academy life and career opportunities within the various branches of the military. I encourage anyone who is interested to come out and learn more.

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please call my office at 661-327-3611 or send me an email at [RSVP.McCarthy@mail.house.gov](mailto:RSVP.McCarthy@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

Congressman Kevin McCarthy



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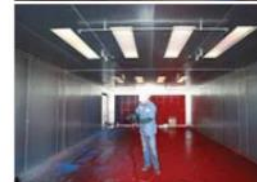
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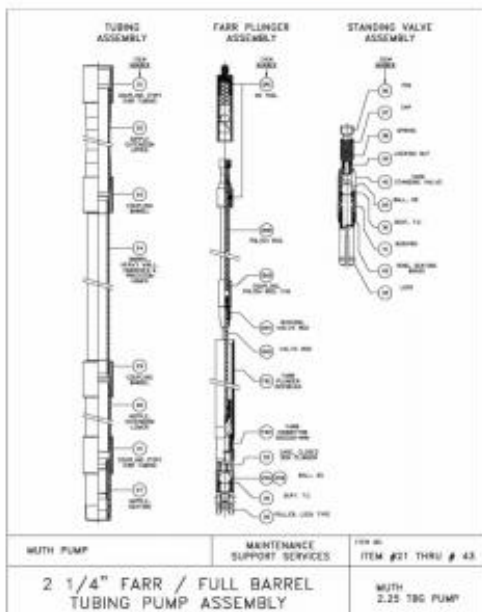


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Reception 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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The Show 8:00 – 9:45 p.m.

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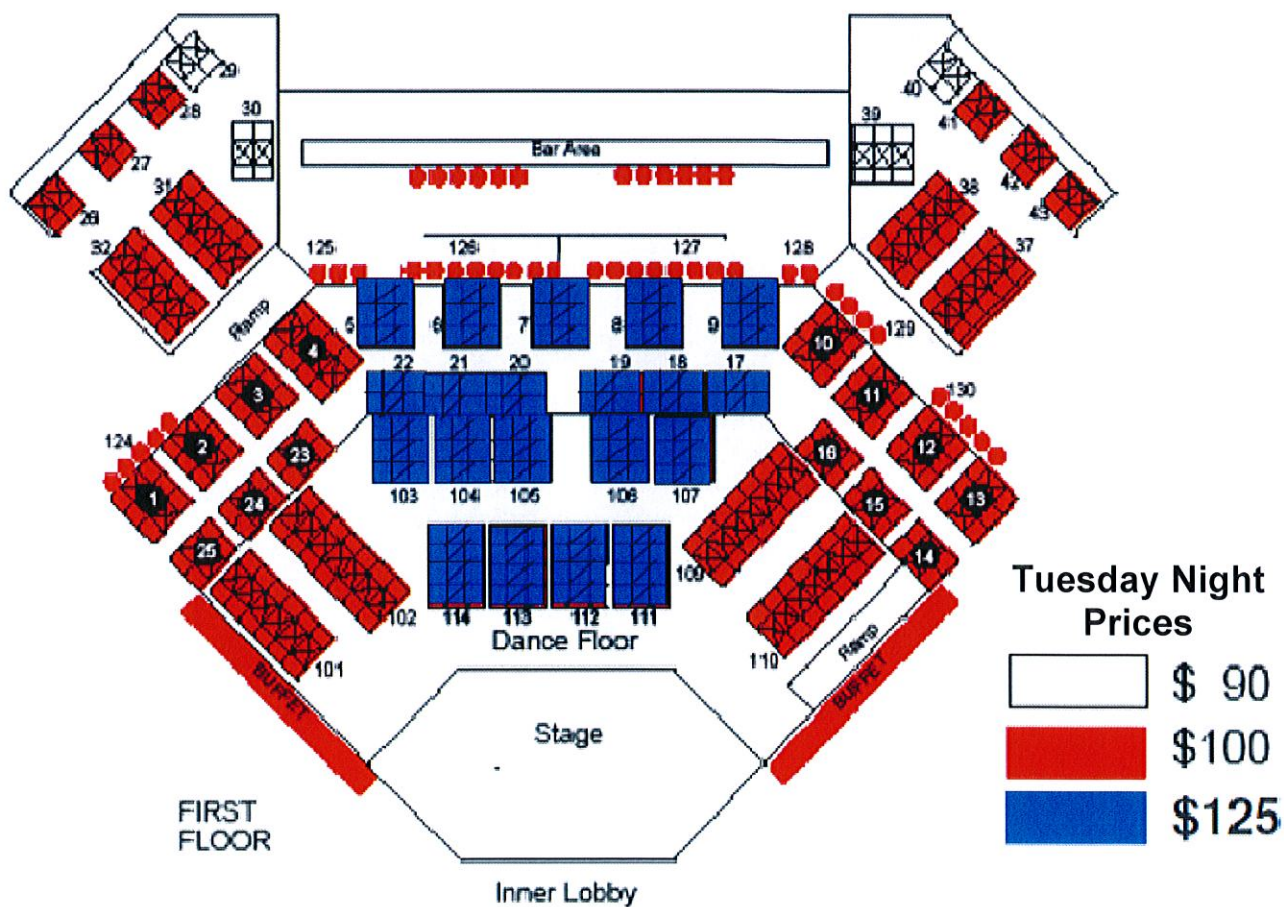
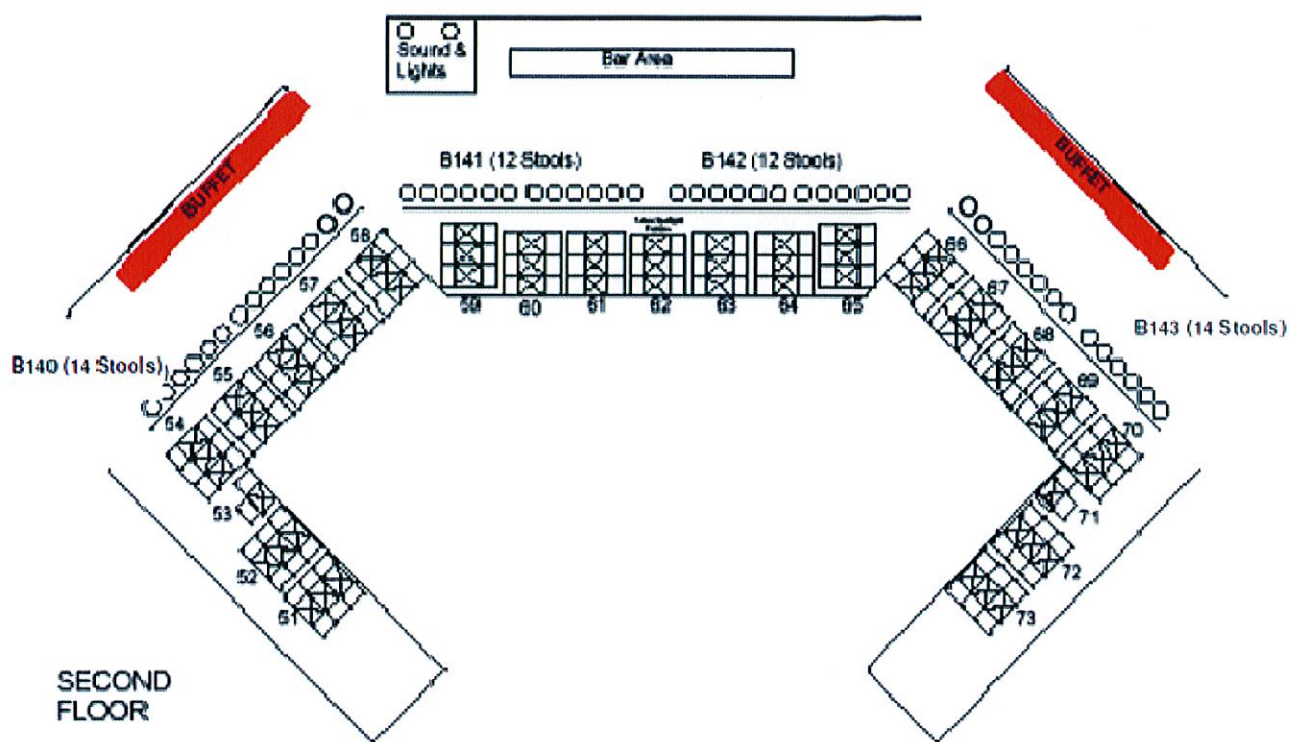
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**Buck Owens' Crystal Palace  
Seating Chart**

# Grand Parade

Saturday, October 17, 2015



## Parade Check-In & Start

**Check-in begins:** 7:00 a.m.

**Check-in location:** Harrison Street,  
between Date and Cedar Streets, Taft

**Start time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Parade route:**

South on 6<sup>th</sup> Street starting at Ash Street;  
East on Center Street at 6<sup>th</sup> Street;  
Ending past Center & 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets

## Award Distribution

Saturday, October 17, 2015

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- **Sweepstakes**

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- **Best Taft Float**

A trophy will be awarded to the Best Taft Float in parade.

- **Best Float from Another Community**

A trophy will be awarded to the best float from another community (not Taft) in parade.

## Equestrian Western Division Awards

A First Place Trophy will be awarded in each category in the Equestrian Division.

## Miscellaneous

A First Place Trophy will be awarded in each category in these Divisions.

## Autos

A trophy will be awarded to the oldest car entered in the parade. Each entry (individual entry or club) will receive a participation award.

## Drum and Bugle Corps and Marching Units

Each entry will receive a participation trophy.

# Grand Parade

Saturday, October 17, 2015



## Float Requirements

1. Floats must be part of a fully decorated trailer that is self-propelled or pulled by a tow vehicle. It is strongly encouraged that the tow vehicle also be covered, decorated and incorporated into the float theme.
2. If using a flatbed trailer, or another form of moving vehicle, the bed should be covered or masked around the entire trailer and should have a one-inch clearance, just right to create the illusion of floating.
3. Every float has to have an identifying sign/name of your group or entry on both the left and right sides.
4. All motorized floats should be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher that is readily accessible to the operator and not obstructed by decorative material. This fire extinguisher must have a current certification tag indicating that the extinguisher has been serviced within the last year. Gauge must indicate that the extinguisher has pressure.
5. Open flame devices are prohibited. The use of fuel-fired torches, candles or similar devices which can ignite the floats is prohibited. Fireworks are not permitted to be discharged.
6. Decorated material in the parade structure must be kept clear of the exhaust system of a motorized parade float. Do not let hanging material come in contact with hot exhaust pipes.
7. Portable generators must be used carefully. Do not allow the heated exhaust to come in contact with the parade float. Do not overload temporary wiring. Secure extension cords properly; do not let them drag on the ground or contact tires or the drivetrain. Inspect your electrical appliances before energizing the parade float.
8. Never refuel a generator while it is operating or still hot. Allow time for the generator to cool before refueling. Avoid refueling by planning ahead and filling gas tank prior to event.
9. Be sure that driver/operator has a clear field of view. The driver must have a wide field of view to avoid other floats, traffic or crowds. If you have to back up your parade float, have sufficient personnel to guide the float.
10. All float participants, whether on the float or walking alongside, are **NEVER** permitted to throw candy/items at any time during parade.



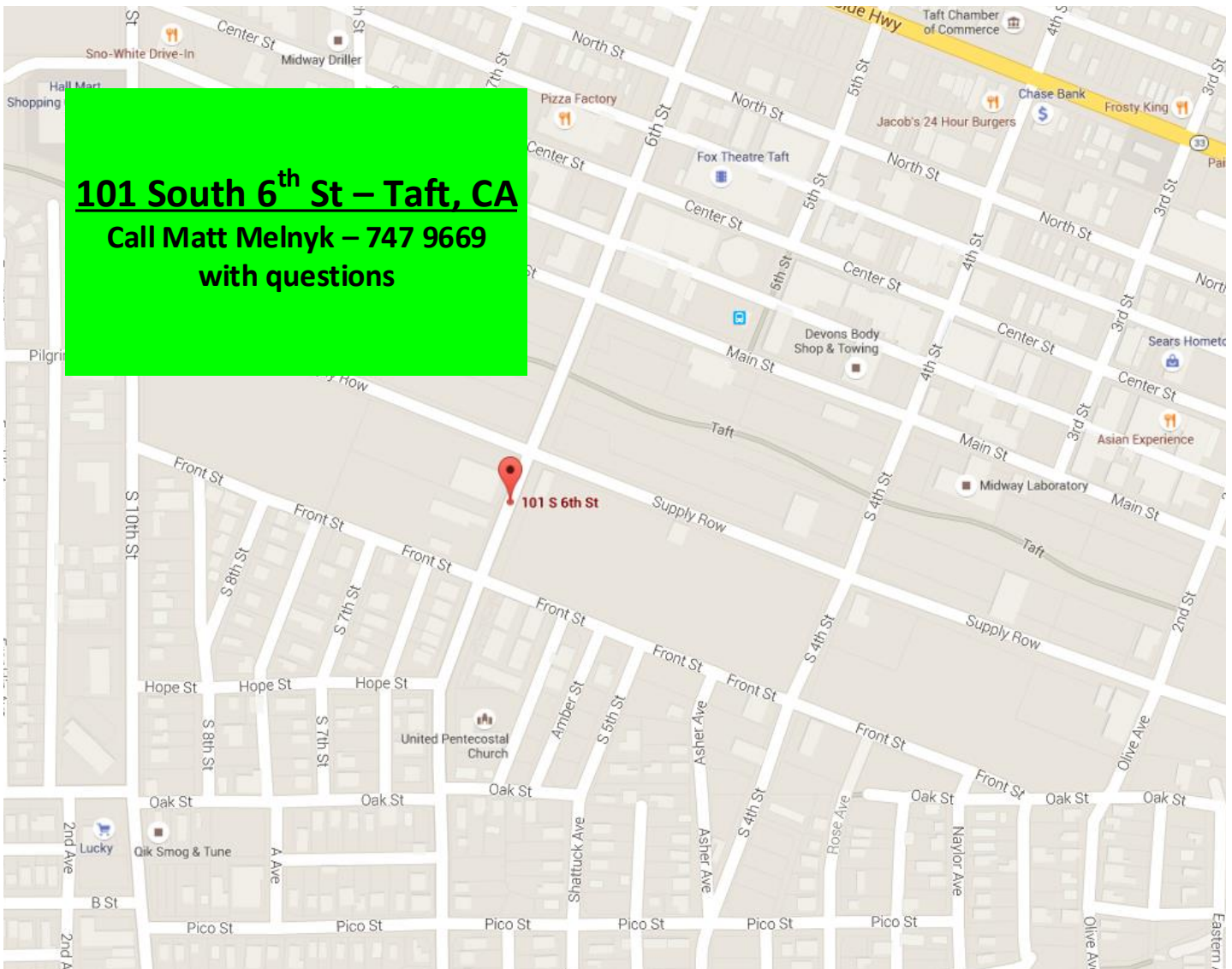
## API Float Construction – Volunteers Needed

Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am  
Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am  
Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> – ?? pm until finished...

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# Clark's Corner

## "Mayday – Mayday"

October 2015

### **LEGISLATION**

- **SB 350 & SB 32 – Defeated This Session!!!**

But it's never over when it comes to the State Legislators, I will continue to monitor. Thank You, Thank You for your many efforts (letters, legislator visits, testimony at hearing and your attendance). We would not have been successful without your help.

### **KERN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (E.I.R.)**

- **Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance -**

2015c, Focused on Oil & Gas, and Local Permitting. Testimony was received by County Planning Staff during the three workshop's which were held in Bakersfield, Shafter, and Taft, and culminated with the Kern County Planning Commission (Oct. 5, 2015) recommending approval by the Kern County Board of Supervisors. The Board will receive comments on the document on November 9, 2015.

Another BIG, BIG THANK YOU to the hundreds that attended the (3) workshops & commissioners meeting. We were successful due to all of your efforts.....Don't let up, we will need final approval from the Supervisors. AGAIN, THANK YOU!

### **DOGGR**

- **Steve Bohlen –**

State Oil & Gas Supervisor (Notice to Operators – A Strategy for Produced Water). **SEE ATTACHMENT**

- **UNDERGROUND INJECTION (UIC) Bakersfield Workshop  
9/15/15**

The DOGGR Official's received comments and questions only, waste of time but you have to participate. I questioned the Steam Drive & Cyclic Wells being included - Willing to discuss Disposal Wells which are also Class II Wells, even though upwards to a million dollars has been spent to assure that hazard waste is not injected via the Disposal Wells.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE – OFFICE OF SPILL PREVENTION  
AND RESPONSE (OSPR)**

- **OSPR – Emergency Regulations to Implement SB 861**

I met with the OSPR folks on September 17, 2015. I was especially concerned about the Applicability & Exemptions. I am referring to 817.04 Inland Facilities (New Section). Approved September 3, 2015 – SPECIFICALLY;

- (b.3) THE SUBCHAPTER DOES NOT APPLY TO INLAND FACILITIES, AND NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN, IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:
  - (A) The Inland Facility is located more than a quarter (1/4) mile from Waters of the State.
  - (B) For Production Facilities: If the operator's largest producing well produces less than a daily average rate of ten (10) barrels of oil as reported to DOGGR.
  - If the requirements are not applicable to a particular facility, then nothing more is required by the owner or operator.
- Also pay attention to (c) Exemptions.
- We are still meeting with OSPR officials to discuss certificates of financial responsibility. Kristen Kang with Commercial Global Insurance Services of California, LLC, will be working with us.
- FYI – I have a full set of OSPR Guidance Documents.

***As the Great Yankee – Mr. Berra said - "It's never over till it's over.."***



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September 9, 2015

## **NOTICE TO OPERATORS**

### **A Strategy for Produced Water**

Standard oil and gas industry practice is to employ injection wells to dispose of water produced during oil extraction that is not needed for other oil and gas development purposes, such as reservoir pressure maintenance, water flood, and steam generation. Because many of these injection wells were permitted years before the enactment of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and long before California's current drought, the injection wells were frequently placed in locations and drilled to depths most convenient and cost-effective for oil operators. The result is that many injection wells used for waste disposal today are relatively shallow. The average depth of disposal wells in the state is approximately 1,700 feet below ground surface (median depth of top perforation is 1627 feet; average depth to top perforation is 2122 feet) – a depth that now is shallower than some water supply wells.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (Division) is currently rectifying long-standing issues with its permitting of disposal wells into aquifers that were not properly exempted under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Some of the operators participating in that process have been focusing on obtaining U.S. EPA aquifer exemptions for existing and planned injection wells, presumably because of the perceived cost-effectiveness and convenience inherent in maintaining current operational infrastructure. The State of California, however, sees an opportunity to rethink the standard approach to produced water disposal in light of the increasing demand for groundwater. The Division wishes to encourage operators to consider options for reuse of produced water and to take a strategic approach to location and depth of disposal wells, all of which will move California's oil and gas production practices towards a longer-term sustainable path. At the same time, we might reduce or avoid what could be a difficult, time consuming and, in some cases, unsuccessful process of proposing to increase or change the areal extent of currently exempted aquifers, or to exempt portions of new aquifers.

The State, through the Division, will pursue its policy goals of reducing the amount of disposal of produced water generally, and reducing the amount of disposal into shallow aquifers specifically, by encouraging operators to consider first, before an aquifer exemption data package is submitted to the Division, the following in priority order:

1. Treating and reusing the water for beneficial uses, such as agricultural irrigation, industrial supply, and groundwater recharge;
2. Increasing oil production via water-flood using produced water;
3. Balancing injection into reservoirs in which production is occurring to prevent fluid migration; and



4. Disposing of produced water into deeper formations containing water that is not a USDW (i.e., greater than 10,000 mg/L total dissolved solids).

Unless treatment and reuse for beneficial uses increases significantly, disposal by injection will continue to be a challenging feature of oil production in the state. Avoiding disposal into shallow aquifers wherever possible will benefit the state and the oil and gas industry by solidifying and enhancing the industry's role in the state's economic and environmental landscape.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven R. Bohlen", with a horizontal line underneath it.

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October 5, 2015

To whom it may concern,

On November 7, 2015, the Wounded Heroes Fund (WHF) will be hosting its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Salute to Our Local Heroes BBQ. The BBQ is an appreciation event that is free for all active duty, reservists, veterans, and their families. We also welcome the community to attend the event and give thanks to our local heroes. All guests will be treated to a BBQ steak lunch prepared by Café Med and Mexicali while enjoying our program. This year's program will include guest speakers and music honoring and thanking our military service members, veterans, and their families.

For the past three years, Salute to Our Local Heroes BBQ has had a special military opportunity drawing with special prizes for those that attend. The opportunity drawing is free for all service members in attendance. In order to make this year's opportunity drawing even better than last year, we are asking for a donation of a prize or monetary gift. WHF would be grateful for any support you may be able to offer.

The Wounded Heroes Fund is a service organization for those Veterans and their families affected by the Global War on Terror with a focus on facilitating a healthy transition to civilian life through support and appreciation. The WHF is a LOCAL organization serving our LOCAL Heroes.

Thank you  
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# THE WOUNDED HEROES FUND

**PRESENTS**

The 7th Annual

## **SALUTE TO OUR LOCAL HEROES**



BBQ Steak Lunch  
Childrens Activities

\$10 admission \$5 ages 6-12 under 6 free  
Complimentary tickets to all  
Veterans, Active Duty, Reservists and their families

**KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**November 7th 2015**

**11am -3pm**

**General Public Encouraged to Attend**

For Tickets call

**661-328-8600**



*Celebrating Kern  
County's Rich Ties to  
the Energy Industry*



Our speaker, Oliver Macpherson, represents the steering committee for the Kern Energy Festival and will share information and statistics about the energy industry's presence in Kern County, its impact on our local economy, and the student scholarships that are the driving force behind the whole festival.

The idea for this festival was born from a desire to educate the community on local energy production in a celebration with good food, drinks, fun activities, educational attractions, and exhibits for all ages.

The Kern Energy Foundation, which is hosting the event, is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. All proceeds from the Kern Energy Festival will go toward need-based college scholarships for local students in STEM/energy programs. We are partnering with local educational institutions and organizations such as the Independence High School Energy Academy, the Kern Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Summer Energy Academy at Bakersfield College, CSUB's STEM Program, and the STEM Club at Taft College.

The goal is to encourage talented young people to get college degrees in growing STEM fields and then bring that talent back to work locally.

At the Energy Festival, we will also have educational components for elementary-aged children and high schoolers. Young scholars will have a chance to touch and experience oil, gas, and renewable energy models, such as solar panels, windmills, and oil rig equipment.

We have secured the Mobile Operating Learning Unit (or "MOLU") for the festival. The MOLU is a traveling educational tool for students. The MOLU is based in Houston, Texas, and travels all around the country; it is in high demand, and we are very excited to have it at the festival! The MOLU will include hands-on STEM-related educational programs for students of various ages.

Also, we are excited to have the "Science 4 Kern" STEM van with an experienced instructor at the festival! This mobile science lending library is provided by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools in partnership with Chevron and will give elementary-aged students at the festival a chance to engage in hands-on, educational energy-related units with a trained instructor, including a fascinating lesson on electricity.

We hope to inspire, educate, and give back to future generations of professionals in the STEM/energy fields.



# **FRIDAY OCT 16**

## **11AM – 3 PM**

# **OPEN HOUSE**

### **BAKERSFIELD LOCATION GRAND OPENING**

Lalonde Equipment Rental is excited to join the Bakersfield community. Come help us celebrate our grand opening with some mouthwatering Salty's BBQ and hang out with our friends in the industry.



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**Salty's BBQ**

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**Raffle Prizes**

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**Games**

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**Meet our staff**

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**Vendor Booths**

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