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# ECA NEWSLETTER

## JOHN’S SOAPBOX



Remember-this is an op-ed piece and I do not speak for the ECA or any of its members in this “Soapbox”. These are just my ramblings that hopefully you find thought provoking.

### Mother’s Day



I convinced myself years ago that Mother’s Day was only to celebrate your own mother. Of course, I wished all mothers in my life a Happy Mother’s Day, but it wasn’t with the same fervor that I celebrated my own Mother and her special day. However, I think I got it wrong. Mother’s Day is for recognizing all moms.

I think, for me, when I lost my own mother, Mother’s Day morphed into a celebration and recognition of the power of **all** the mothers out there. I think we have all taken for granted the mothers in our lives and their ability to nurture and support all of us with very little gratitude. Let’s try and show our gratitude this Sunday guys!

My daughter is giving birth to her second son around June 26. I am blessed with three great mothers in my immediate family who have (or will have at the end of June) seven children. Each of the three moms in my life are great mothers, but they are so much more than that.

Let’s be honest guys. It is quite a bit easier for us. Traditionally, we guys get special time with our children, but it is the mothers who do the heavy lifting every hour of every day. They are the “rock” in our children’s life. Mothers have had to carry a professional working load as well as being the primary nurturer of the family. Mothers have had to postpone or forget about their college education and their careers in order to accommodate the biological clock that says, “have babies in your 20’s and 30’s or risk problems”. Mothers have had to make difficult choices every step of the way to motherhood.

The age-old joke is that if guys had to go through childbirth, humans would have died out with the T-Rex’s thousands of years ago.

So how do we guys properly show the mothers the respect they deserve for one day? The easy answer is the mother in our lives gets recognized, appreciated, supported, encouraged, and catered to for one day. Yep-flowers, Mother’s Day Brunch, kids and dad making coffee and pancakes in bed, dad doing the dishes, even the remote control for the tv gets turned over to mom on her special day!

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My mom passed on nearly 20 years ago. Yet I still think of the lessons learned and my moral compass gets adjusted by her even today. Hey moms, thanks for raising our children, thanks for doting on our grandchildren, thanks for keeping it all together when we need you to! Thanks for being the center of the family dynamics each and every day. It is not an easy job you have had, but here's hoping we figure out how to properly tell you how much we appreciate you on this one day!

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mommies out there!

That's All Folks!  
John

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

1. **Komatsu will feel the pain from tariffs as much as any firm-**[Komatsu Considers Price Hikes in the US in Response to Tariffs - Bloomberg](#)
2. **Electric Vehicle Owners need to pay their fair share-**[Congress Looks to Impose Annual Fee on EVs to Fund Highway Projects | Engineering News-Record](#)
3. **Working in Traffic is risky-be safe out there!-** [Balfour Beatty Recognizes Live Traffic as Fifth Fatal Risk in Construction | Contractor](#)
4. **ECA Bridge Award—**[Sonoma City awarded for bridge replacement project - The Press Democrat](#)

### Eric Lucan for Assembly Kick-Off

📍 Thompson Builders, Novato

📅 May 30 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

🔗 [www.ericlucan.com/events](http://www.ericlucan.com/events)

To contribute: [Contribute](#) | [Eric Lucan for State Assembly 2026](#)



### We want to highlight a member each week in our **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT.**

What we need from you is a short paragraph on what is happening at your company. New employees, new logo, a new move, exciting news, an update on your company or new equipment! What ever you want to share about your company with our members.

Email [mary@nceca.org](mailto:mary@nceca.org) with your spotlight information and send in photos if you have them!

# Mixer at Blue Rock



Wednesday May 28, 2025  
From 4 pm—7 pm  
7888 Hwy 116, Forestville, CA

Please RSVP to [mary@nceca.org](mailto:mary@nceca.org) or 707-546-5500

Join us for fun, food and drinks!

click [HERE](#) for flyer

# Father's Day "Show & Shine" Car Show

Sunday, June 15, 2025  
Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa  
9 am—4 pm

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# ECA 32nd Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, July 11, 2025

Windsor Golf Club

1340 19th Hole, Windsor

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Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch, Gifts, Reception, Putting Contest, Tee Sponsor Special Ticket



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## COMMITTEE NEWS

- A. ECA Executive Committee** Recurring Meeting (Dan Giordani President, Kimber Lenning Carpenter Vice-President, Matt Storm Treasurer, Casey Wood Secretary, Mike Gulley Past President)-Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 11:00am-12:00pm from January through October, Place NCBE small conference room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA - next meeting Tuesday May 27, 2025 from 11:00am to 12:00pm
- B. ECA Board of Directors** Recurring Meeting – Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 12:00pm -1:30pm from January through October, Place – NCBE Main Board Room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – next meeting Tuesday May 27, 2025, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, with special guests from EBA to inform you about their services
- C. ECA Government Affairs Committee** Recurring Meeting-Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 1:30pm – 3:00pm from January through October, Place -NCBE small conference room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – next Meeting Tuesday May 27, 2025 from **1:30pm to 3:00pm-** (Chair John Bly, Members Ross Liscum, Keith Woods, Joanne Webster, Dale Mahoney, Mark Soiland, Mike Wolff, John Reid, and NEW GAC MEMBER Aimi Dutra!!). Aimi Dutra is setting up this meeting to welcome Marin County government affairs people and next week I will announce who is attending.
- D. ECA Specification Meeting** Recurring Meeting Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from February through October from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Place-NCBE Main Board Room, 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – **next meeting has been rescheduled from Wednesday May 28, 2025 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm to Tuesday May 27 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm to accommodate the Mixer on May 28 at Blue Rock.** (Chairs Dale Smith/Casey Wood, Antonio Mencarini, John Reid, Geoff Coleman, Jason Nutt, and invited guests from Healdsburg Larry Zimmer (Director of Public Works) and Clay Thistle (CIP Director).

### Northern California Engineering Contractors Association

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The ECA, and its Board of Directors, has been the voice of the engineering construction industry for almost 50 years.

The foundation of the ECA has been to address local needs and issues.

The purpose and goal of ECA and its staff are to provide services to the members that help them run their businesses safely, efficiently, and in compliance with the many rules and regulations and mandates of government.

The working committees are the heart and soul of the ECA. The committees are comprised of ECA members.

The committees promote events that enable the ECA to fund community projects that include: Fathers Day "Show & Shine" Car Show, Public Officials Night, the Golf Tournament, and, the "Days of Wine & Dozers" Auction Dinner.

## From the Desk of Jim Persons

### Four Focus Items for Work Area Inspections

Work area inspections are an important basic safe work practice that should be done before beginning a task. In general industry, there are many work areas that remain the same day in and day out. On the other hand, there are areas that we work in that are constantly changing.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



### Workplace Violence Program

Implemented – July 1, 2024

Senate Bill 553 requires employers to create, implement and maintain a Workplace Violence Program by July 1, 2024. Employers must also train their entire workforce.

The Workplace Violence Program must include a reporting mechanism (how is the employee going to report incidents), detailing who will be responsible for receiving complaints, and who will be responsible for identifying and mitigating workplace hazards.

Jim Persons has developed a Workplace Violence Program and Active Shooter Guidelines that meet the requirements of this new regulation. He can also provide training resources for your employees.

Contact Jim if you are interested in getting his help on a Workplace Violence Program, COVID-19 related issues or other health and safety programs.

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Whether you're in search of workplace safety training to meet OSHA compliance requirements, Competent Person, Trench Safety, Confined Space, CPR/First Aid initial or update training or implementing a Safety Program ECA can help!

*The best way to beat an OSHA citation is to never get one at all.*

Email [mary@nceca.org](mailto:mary@nceca.org) to set up a class today If you don't see a class you need listed please contact me.

CPR / First Aid: 3 hrs - \$95 per person

Confined Space: 3 hrs - \$150 per person

Competent Person / Trench Safety: 3 hrs - \$125 per person

Flagger Safety Training: 2 hrs - \$125 per person

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- B. Metropolitan Transportation Commission website-link [Meetings & Events | Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#)
- C. Sonoma County Transportation Authority-link [Sonoma County Transportation Authority | SCTA](#)
- D. Transportation Authority of Marin Website-link [Transportation Authority of Marin](#)
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In the event of an emergency, we have put together the Emergency Response Manual to help our community receive quick service from our members. The manual is sent to city and county agencies in case of an emergency so they will know who to call for services, equipment and materials.

Click [HERE](#) for the 2025-2026 manual.

**Get Prepared Now!** Here are some very useful tips from CalFire to get your own house/property "in shape" for fire season. [link](#)

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Each meeting is led by a contractor or tradesperson who presents information about his/her particular trade and then leads students through a hands-on skill-building activity. There is a strong focus on safety awareness at each meeting.

2025 NBCC Schedule: Click [HERE](#)

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Mixer at Blue Rock—Wednesday, May 28th  
Father's Day Car Show - Sunday, June 15 at Juilliard Park  
ECA Golf Tournament - Friday, July 11 at Windsor Golf Club  
Wine & Dozers Auction—Saturday, November 1 at Graton Resort & Casino  
ECA Annual General Membership Meeting—Date/Time/Place TBD



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