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## COMING EVENTS

### August 2012

Aug 4: Oakhurst Club Meeting

Aug 11: Mariposa Club Meeting

### September 2012

Sep 1: Mariposa Parade  
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Sep 1: Oakhurst Club Meeting

Sep 8: Mariposa Club Meeting

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# WE NEED YOU TO RIDE THE FLOAT



## SHOW THEM THERE ARE DEMOCRATS IN THE MOUNTAINS

**MARIPOSA  
SAT. Sep. 1st  
10:00 AM**

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**Bring your  
FRIENDS, FAMILY, DOGS, FLAGS & SIGNS!  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## Uncle Jesse Comes to Town

By Peter Cavanaugh

As a Fourth of July sun baked down on hundreds gathered at Coarsegold's Historic Village for the Central Valley Tea Party's Third Annual "Family Freedom Fest", the hottest rhetoric of the day was provided by Keynote Speaker Jesse Lee Peterson, author, radio host and founder of the South Central Los Angeles Tea Party. His topic? "Conservatives Fight Back Against False Racial Accusations!"

At this "family" event, staged in the presence of numerous small children and similarly impressionable adults, Mr. Peterson disavowed being referenced as an "African-American", insisting that color and race should be set-aside in political discussion. He stated his conviction that "*blacks are the only true racists*", having been duped into dependence upon and subservience to the Federal government from Lyndon B. Johnson and The Civil Rights Act of 1964 onward.

Peterson has also gone on record against women being given the right to vote, defining Islam as "*an evil religion*", characterizing affirmative action as "*racism in reverse*" and believing that most blacks should be "*sent back to the Plantation for a good hard education on what it is to work.*"

Using the "N-word" in full at least a half dozen times to the delight of the crowd, Peterson's most definitive statement described "*Barack Hussein Obama*" as a "*far-left,*" "*liberal,*" "*white-hating,*" "*black liberation theology believing,*" "*wealth redistributing,*" "*lying,*" "*weak,*" "*poor excuse of a man*"—words greeted with sustained and thunderous applause. I have it all on tape.

Juxtaposed in stark contrast to a large American flag gently waving in the background—venomous hatred filled the air. And a Congressman was there.

## Uncle Jesse Comes to Town (continued)

Tom McClintock currently represents California's 4th District, which now includes Oakhurst and much of Eastern Madera County. Speaking immediately before Peterson and providing appropriate theme introduction, Representative McClintock addressed the audience on "The Principles of Freedom", specifically citing "*SEIU Thugs*" as "*a threat to free enterprise*" and characterizing Chief Justice John Roberts' ruling on The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as "*an abomination*" and "*utterly catastrophic.*" Droning from prepared notes, Congressman McClintock endorsed without qualification espoused goals of the national Tea Party movement.

At the last reporting period, Tom McClintock lists "Cash on Hand" for his fall campaign at \$346,534 against our own Jack Uppal's more modest \$12,902. Adding a double digit Republican over Democratic registration edge into the mix makes odds for victory seem utterly impossible, except for the fact that McClintock provides us with a perfect contrast between chains and change—a critical comparison of selfish robotic control by puppets of established wealth against the sharing forces of true social justice.

Congressman McClintock remains an enthusiastic supporter of the Paul Ryan Budget Plan. Fox-enthralled Yosemite seniors should be reminded that this bill would end Medicare as we know it, replacing it with a voucher system to buy health insurance coverage on the profit driven open market. Actuaries say the fiscally conservative amount of the vouchers would not be nearly enough to replace coverage lost with the end of Medicare.

Given the obvious demographics of our District, I suggest this single issue can carry the day for Jack Uppal—if we can summon the will to back him with time and commitment and help define this moment in history.

As Henry Kissinger once said to President Nixon—"Our position in this matter has the added benefit of being true!"

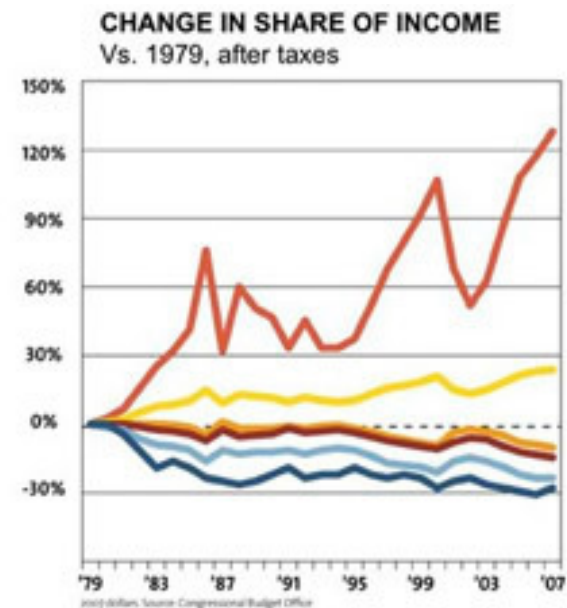
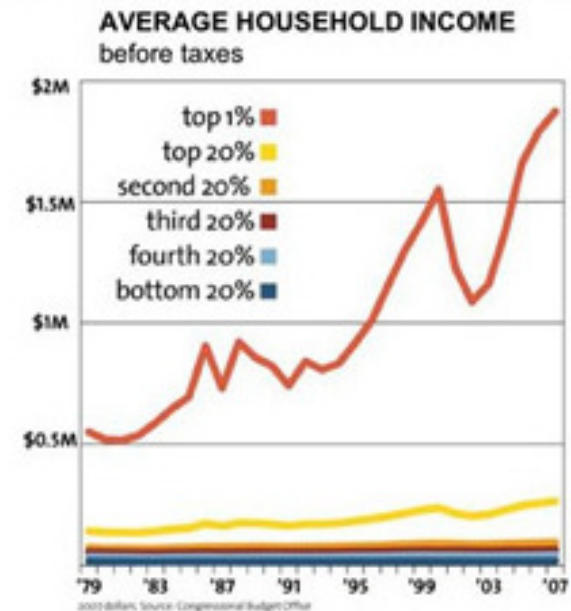
## You Are A Job Creator!

Two Videos You Need To Watch: by Rosemarie Smallcombe

“If taxes on the rich go up, job creation will go down.” So begins the increasingly famous video by Nick Hanauer in which Nick refutes this Republican article of faith. Nick, a wealthy venture capitalist, instead emphasizes that consumers create jobs—not wealthy individuals. “Jobs are a consequence of a circle-of-life-like feedback loop between customers and businesses.” In other words, if businesses don’t have customers, they don’t grow and eventually die, but if they do have customers, they can grow and, as demand increases, they can and will employ more people who can consume more and so on. As he says in the video, “In this sense, an ordinary consumer is more of a job creator than a capitalist like me.” So, when all the wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few who don’t spend the same percentage of their income as rest of us, the economy goes into a downward spiral. As Nick says, “My family owns 3 cars, not 3,000. I buy a few pair of pants and shirts a year like most American men. Occasionally, we go out to eat with friends. I can’t buy enough of anything to make up for the fact that millions of unemployed and underemployed Americans can’t buy any new cars, any clothes, or enjoy any meals out.” And, unfortunately as the two charts on the facing page show, wealth has become very concentrated in the hands of the top 1%. Nick concludes by stating, “Taxing the rich to make investments that make the middle class grow and thrive is the single shrewdest thing we can do to for the middle class, for the poor and for the rich.”

Neither do the rich create wealth without assistance from the rest of us. This has become a topic of debate in the current presidential campaign and will likely continue to be so. Watch the video of Elizabeth Warren giving her famous speech about how nobody in America got rich on their own without using lots of public services, such as roads, an educated work force and public safety personnel. Links to these videos are available at [www.mariposademocraticclub.org/Presentations.html](http://www.mariposademocraticclub.org/Presentations.html)

## The superrich have grabbed the bulk of the gains



## Conservatives Hate Freedom

By Betty Persson

Can you just imagine the firestorm that would be created if I wrote an opinion with this title in our local Sierra Star! Tea Party advocates and Republican conservatives always wave their righteous indignation for all to see, espousing flag-waving, love of country (right or wrong), liberty, Christian-founded values, rugged individualism, laissez-faire capitalism, 2nd amendment gun rights, patriotism, et al.

But what about freedom? They always seem to reference it to “absence of federal tyranny”. Rights of individuals are covered in some vague, convoluted stance (with emphasis on gun owners), but never quite extended to all individuals with divergent viewpoints on a full spectrum of rights issues. How about civil rights? During the 50s and 60s Barry Goldwater, the leading conservative politician and William F. Buckley, conservative “intellectual”, opposed federal laws banning racial discrimination (eventually they both came around to the moral side of history, and disclaimed their previous positions). Women's rights of reproductive freedom? Again, conservatives beat the drums of the "dreaded sexual revolution", bringing on their intractable opposition to legalization of contraception and abortion rights. Instead, they proselytized that conservative “Christian values of morality” be incorporated into federal law. That battle continues unabated today. In other words, conservatives always warning of the dangers of "mobocracy" in welfare matters, have no objection to using the powers of federal government to force citizens to live their private lives according to the Book of Leviticus, as interpreted by semi-literate ultra conservative preachers.

How can they defend their campaigns—DOMA, etc. —against gay rights, which flies against America's Founding Philosophy of Natural Rights? This philosophy of government was meant to

## Conservatives Hate Freedom (continued)

establish all citizens' rights, in the words of Gen. George Washington, "not laid in the gloomy age of Ignorance and Superstition, not a theocratic false right that places divine revelation as the established form of government. That is radically and profoundly un-American." George Washington?? Why, his words sound too liberal and socialistic to be a true Founding Father!

Wouldn't all of this make the Conservative Republican stance solidly on the side of government suppression and repression of the powerless and unprivileged?

To be continued.



**PHOTOS**



Amanda Bausch, Oakhurst Student Award Winner

**PHOTOS**



Kristen Emereck, Oakhurst Student Award Winner



Kevin Hall speaking at the Oakhurst July 7 meeting



Scene from the 2008 Mariposa Democratic Club Float

**To the Honorable Tom McClintock:**

By Les Marsden

I write you today not as a representative of any position I hold, but purely as a private citizen of Mariposa. And as a native of this region who from my earliest days as a Boy Scout had interaction with the NPS going back some 40 + years ago. That said, I'll try to be as polite as possible, which will not be easy under the circumstances. I'm writing you today to register my STRONG support of HR 3640\*. Likewise, I'm writing to offer my strong opposition to YOUR position on this legislation, and as well—to your lengthy, and factually-challenged response to Mariposa County Supervisor Kevin Cann.

Though I'm a registered Democrat (and have been an unceasingly active one for 37 years): I am proud to stand with my current (Republican) Congressional Representative Jeff Denham on HR 3640, with whom I (otherwise) have many differences—and his co-sponsor, Democratic Congressman Sam Farr. And for those of us on the ground, right here in Mariposa—those of us who have put many years into studying the unique economic conditions of THIS county and who have likewise put a great deal of work into studying the best possible solutions to both a permanent and pragmatic stimulation to OUR economy—your opposition is both unfounded and (pardon me) woefully ignorant. HR 3640 WILL provide for both a greatly enhanced visitor experience, the fast-tracking of visitors through a main gate to the park which is currently prone to great delays for which NO feasible road realignment will be possible, AND the potential for about 100 non-visitor-service Administrative employees to be relocated to an office right HERE, in Mariposa—where many if not most actually live. That alone will allow for an incalculable reduction of traffic along the 140 Merced River Canyon. I will remind you that Mariposa County is the HOME of Yosemite—and as such, OURS is also the sole all-season entrance into Yosemite National Park. That fact alone is obviation against your spurious interest in the

To the Honorable Tom McClintock: (continued)

viability of any other Yosemite gateway communities for this sort of Administrative/Visitor Center.

In your response to Supervisor Cann you yourself noted that the communications your office has received voicing opposition to HR 3640 amounts to less than one third of opinion on the matter, and yet: you follow THAT minority opinion rather than the wishes of the informed citizens of Mariposa? Your self-avowed free-market enterprise support and opposition to government intrusion in the rights of citizens may now be shown as total hypocrisy when—as in the case of HR 3640—you would oppose the RIGHTS of private citizens from selling their OWN property to whomever they choose?

I'll be more than blunt: the minority opposition to HR 3640 here in Mariposa is primarily rallied upon the comments and “testimony” of a single Tea Party self-identified person who grandly claims to be the "voice of Mariposa" with concerns for "my town." Let me assure you that this Tea Party spokesperson does NOT speak for anyone other than herself, and she certainly does NOT speak for me OR the majority of Mariposa residents—nor is Mariposa "her town." It is OUR town. She is proving once again that the organization with which she identifies herself is not terribly concerned with the truth, reality, sensible solutions, the TRUE wishes and actual stated opinions of the Founders of our great America—or much else other than misguided and ill-informed self-interest. And as such, the Tea Party—as personified by not only this person but by your apparent counsel with them as well—provides a fine example of why YOUR candidacy for the new California 4th Congressional District must be opposed, and especially so as you insist upon aligning yourself with the totally-wrong side on HR 3640. Placing your own extreme political ideology—a mindset far beyond the mainstream of even your own PARTY—above the economic needs and wishes of the majority of citizens in the very region that would be ideally served by HR

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3640 shows why you are the absolutely wrong choice for California's new 4th Congressional District.

\*HR 3640 would authorize the National Park Service to purchase up to 18 acres in Mariposa for the construction of a long-planned, long-Federally authorized Yosemite NP Administration Center/satellite Visitors Center.

## Mariposa Democratic Club Continues Its Sizzling Summer

By Anne Brock

Wow, have we been having a great run of programs this year! Just recently we had Dan Flaming in June, discussing the economics of Mariposa; we had John Carrier, candidate for District 5 Board of Supervisors in July; and August will be Kevin Cann, Supervisor, District 4, discussing the much-debated Yosemite Visitors Center and HR 3640.

We won't be cooling down in the fall! We hope to have Suzette Prue, Director, John C Fremont Health Care District discuss upcoming changes related to the Affordable Care Act—this is a “don't miss” meeting; some important and possibly confusing things will be happening in 2013 so you want to be there. And we will have Ed Mee, the other candidate for District 5 Board of Supervisors, talking to us in October.

Mark your calendars! Meetings are always the second Saturday of the month at Miner's Inn Restaurant, Mariposa, CA; 9:00 to purchase breakfast, 9:45 for the meeting.

We are always looking for ideas for speakers or presentations—what do YOU want to have featured at the meeting? Let us know—call 209-742-1010 or email [mariposademclub@gmail.com](mailto:mariposademclub@gmail.com) To get the latest update, call us or check out our website: <http://www.mariposademocraticclub.org/> Lots of good links and videos and presentations out there, including those shown during the meetings.

*Mortimer Mouse Sez...*

*So the question is.....*

*Does anyone think Tom McClintock  
reads his Mail???*





## John Carrier at the Mariposa Democratic Club Meeting

By Steve Smallcombe

The Mariposa Democratic Club's featured speaker at the July meeting was John Carrier, candidate for the Board of Supervisors District 5 seat. John spoke for about 20 minutes and answered questions from the audience.

John and his family have lived in Mariposa for 16 years; John has spent his career in CalFire, but he will be retiring at the end of the year. One of his main concerns is that without Yosemite National Park, Mariposa's economy is not diverse enough to stand on its own. Regarding the Buy Local emphasis the Club has discussed in earlier meetings and last month's presentation on the Mariposa Economy, one thing to consider is that even if things aren't made in Mariposa, when people buy local, the county get sales tax, which is an important source of revenue. Mariposa also needs attractions for off-season and the shoulder seasons; it needs the arts and it needs sports, bands and drama clubs in the schools.

John mentioned that Mariposa is at a crossroads in terms of revenue and expense. Other things we could do to boost our economy—an arts center; he mentioned that bike racing events are very popular and bring people to the area. He said that government can create an environment that will create jobs. John wants Mariposa to stay rural but still be able to afford to repair our roads, etc. He pointed out that development of roads such as our national highway system helped our county thrive. Those were paid for by the government and he believes that government has a role in providing infrastructure.

He believes it's important as a Supervisor to stay in touch with constituents.

John's responses to Questions: Re Silvertip—it's in bankruptcy; the bank is looking for east coast investors. John believes they won't obtain additional financing any time soon due to economic

## John Carrier at the Mariposa Democratic Club Meeting (continued)

conditions. The main reason Silvertip (and other projects) didn't succeed is that there wasn't enough communication between groups as the plan changed. He wants to facilitate that communication so projects go more smoothly in the future. Re 7th Day Adventist Camp—the 7th Day Adventist Church won the lawsuit. John says that he feels it will stay a kids' camp, as it is currently, but that the buildings are falling down and do need to be replaced.

He stated that the cost of EIRs and other items associated with new developments should fall on developers, not on the taxpayers of Mariposa. His feelings about development: If any proposed development meets all legal requirements, it must be allowed to proceed. But project promoters need to communicate their plans and timeframes clearly to the county and to the people of the communities most directly impacted.

Some final comments—he was on the 2006 grand jury; through it, he developed a great appreciation for the workers in the county. He emphasized that he would drive toward greater transparency in local government and would use his position as Supervisor to bring the community together to discuss potentially fractious issues.



John Carter

**Labor Day Weekend Fun in Mariposa!**  
**By Anne Brock**

Labor Day weekend is approaching fast, and that's always party time in Mariposa!

Once again, we will be entering our float in the Labor Day parade (Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>). The mountain elves have been cleaning it up so it will look even better this year! We are looking for people to ride on the float – you can call or email us to let us know or just show up on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, around 10:00 or so! (Bring water and sunscreen!) We can be reached at 209-742-1010 or [mariposademclub@gmail.com](mailto:mariposademclub@gmail.com).

We will also have our booth in the county fair, Friday through Monday of that weekend! We'll be telling everyone all the great things Pres. Obama has done for us as well as making sure they know about our candidate for Congress, Jack Uppal. We hope all of you will stop by the booth and say hi, buy some buttons, and use your camera device to get your picture taken with Barack Obama! (Unfortunately, he will be there in cardboard cutout mode, not live.) Bring your friends and have them join as members of the club as well! And if you can help staff the booth – let us know!

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Mariposa: Annual Dues are \$10.00 per person  
\$15.00 family  
Lifetime membership \$150.00

or

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