# MOUNTAIN STATES MESSENGER JUN

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### ARROWROCK HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY PM - Mike Thelen | Superintendent - Steve Bond

Mountain States Hydro broke ground on the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Plant last October. This new powerhouse is located 23 miles Northwest of Boise, Idaho and is being built for five joint irrigation districts in the Boise valley. This new powerhouse is located right below Arrowrock Dam and is in the Lucky Peak reservoir. The challenge of this project has been to get the structure built before the spring runoff raised the Lucky Peak reservoir and floods the project site out. The crew of 20 plus craftspeople have worked 7 days a week, 9 hour minimum work days through the winter elements and have successfully achieved this schedule.

This powerhouse when complete will house two 7.5 megawatt turbines and have a life expectancy of over 50 years. The powerhouse is 68 feet in diameter and over 75 feet tall from the base rock foundation to the roof. Mountain States drilled and blasted 19,000 cubic yards of basalt rock to house the structure which has over 6,000 cubic yards of concrete and over 700,000 pounds of reinforcing steel. The project has remained on schedule for a December 2009 completion.











### **MESSAGE TO THE CREW**

### **EMPLOYEE FOCUS**

We are already in the middle of summer and it has been a while since the last Messenger was published.

Unless you have been under a rock, you hear and see what the economy is facing. Unfortunately we have all witnessed its effects first hand. In a time like this, we remain thankful for the relationships we have built, the opportunities that have been presented, and the challenges we have overcome the past 45 years in order to remain a diversified General Contractor.

This past summer (2008), Mountain States was presented with a unique opportunity to be part of a team to construct a twin 7.5 MW Hydroelectric Facility at the Arrowrock Dam in Boise, Idaho. Through the summer, the project's scope, contract details, and schedule were negotiated and construction started the first of October. Steve Bond and a majority of the crew at Arrowrock have spent the past 9 months away from home and during the winter months encountered extreme conditions. With winter starting to subside the race was on to complete the facility to an elevation that would allow work to continue in the silo with the Lucky Peak reservoir full. Many thanks need to go out to the crew that traveled to Boise and their families; Steve and Thoma Bond, Ben Sartain, James Sartain, Jason Bird, Jason Burns, Dan Bond, Billy Finn, Matt Menshew and the many local craftsmen that made up the Arrowrock crew.

In addition to Arrowrock, we've had several guys putting lots of miles on the road. Mike Hyatt has made many trips across the mountains with Vaughn & Donnie to continue our relationship with the Safeway plant in Bellevue. John Hanson has been wrapping up the construction at the Walla Walla Wine Works project with help from Dan Glenn, John Sanders, Brent Atkins, Enrique Alacron, Dan Adamson and many others. Jerry Garza, Mike Fries, Chris Garza, Larry Bond, Eric Pacheco & Ronnie Cerrillo completed the Mosier, Oregon Wastewater Treatment facility this past June.

We are beginning to see some light at the end of our tunnel and have picked up work that will soon bring our larger group back together. We, like many of you, are anxious to get the hammers in motion again. As always, thank you for the continued support from both yourselves and your families. It takes a talented team to do what we do and we should all feel proud to be a part of this one. The annual company picnic is scheduled for August 22 and we look forward to seeing all of your families again this year.



# SUPERINTENDENT

I was born and raised in Yakima and have been married to my wife Teresa for 31 years. We have two sons, Nathan (30) and Justin (28). I have worked for Mountain States since 1987 (22 years) and have been the Superintedent

on several jobs. I am proud of each of the projects I have worked on, but I have to say I especially enjoyed the Olsen Estates Winery with all of the architectural features that were invoved in building that facility. I am currently the Superintendent on the Washington Fruit office project and will move into the construction of their new packing facility. Prior to that I was the Superintendent at the Mercer Estates Winery.



### BRANDON STEWART

CAD DRAFTSMAN I have been employed with Mountain States for over 12 years, in that time I have been an estimator, project manager, and designer/drafter. I have

been married to my lovely wife Kary for 18 years. We have two great kids, our daughter Krystal (17) will graduate from Eisenhower High School next year; and our son Patrick (11) will be starting junior high in the fall. In my spare time I enjoy bow hunting deer, elk and turkeys; as well as fishing for bass, trout and tiger muskies.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

#### WASHINGTON FRUIT OFFICE ADDITION

PM - Justin Door | Superintendent - Scott Carlson

**TOPPENISH HOSPITAL ER REMODEL** PM - Mike Moore | Superintendent - Travis Glenn

RED MTN. WINE ESTATES BARREL ROOM

PM - Delton Bonds | Superintendent - Jerry Garza

GRANT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK SHOP

PM - Mike Moore | Superintendent - John Hanson

WASHINGTON FRUIT PACKING FACILITY PM - Dave Ranger | Superintendent - Scott Carlson

EAST VALLEY SCHOOL CENTRAL KITCHEN PM - Mike Moore | Superintendent - Quintus Jones

SOUTHARD WINE PRODUCTION FACILITY PM - Chad Null | Site Supervisor - Matt Menshew

### NEW SPACES



WALLA WALLA WINE WORKS TASTING ROOM - Walla Walla, WA PM - Delton Bonds | Superintendent - John Hanson

Mountain States completed the construction of the tasting room at the WWWW campus in June. The 5,214 sf tasting room has stained concrete tilt-up panels and coreten metal siding. Dan Glenn built the custom entryway doors that match the doors he also built at the production building and the bungalow. The tasting room is now open at 10518 W. Hwy 12.



VINTAGE VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER - Zillah, WA PM - Linda Farmer | Superintendent - Quintus Jones

Mountain States completed construction on a new 8,460 sf professional office building for Dr. Butler that houses 5,960 sf of tenant space for a medical clinic for Toppenish Hospital and a 2,500 sf tenant space for an optical clinic.

#### BLEYHL FARM & CONVENIENCE STORE - Grandview, WA PM - Mike Ross | Site Supervisor - Travis Glenn

Mountain States constructed a new farm supply and convenience store facility for Bleyhl Farm Service in Grandview. The pre-engineered steel building facility is 33,750 sf with a 16' x 35' receiving annex. The north and east side of the building have exposed aggregate panels to match the exisiting office facility previously constructed by Mountain States. The building also has a covered entry and walkway.



#### MERCER WINE ESTATES - Prosser, WA PM - Justin Door | Superintendent - Scott Carlson

Mercer's 9,000 sf barrel storage facility and attached 3,200 sf Tasting room adjacent to the production facility are complete. Each facility was constructed using concrete tiltup panels with board form details to match the existing production facility.

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### A WORD ON SAFETY

Not enough can be said about maintaining a clean work area! Keeping your area clean and free of debris not only prevents tripping hazards, but it makes it easier to perform your work. A clean jobsite is usually a safe jobsite

Stay safe!

Ken

### **ANNUAL COMPANY PICNIC**

#### 2008 SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

Jeff Anderson	12 Year
Miguel Juarez	12 Year
Scott Carlson	11 Year
Dan Glenn	10 Year
Ben Sartain	8 Year
Matt Menshew	8 Year
Steve Bond	6 Year
Mauricio Alvarez	6 Year
Enrique Alarcon	5 Year
Jason Burns	5 Year
Mark Robertson	5 Year
Brent Atkins	4 Year
Eric Pacheco	4 Year
David Sanchez	4 Year
Dan Bond	3 Year
Larry Bond	3 Year
John Sanders	3 Year
Mike Fries	2 Year
Chris Garza	2 Year
Travis Glenn	2 Year
Steve Parker	2 Year

Thank you for your continued commitment to safety awareness. It Pays!

## The 2009 Picnic is August 22nd!

Notices have been sent out so be sure and get your responses back to your superintendent or to the office in order to get included in the t-shirt count. Thunder Alley Bowling has been reserved and the picnic will follow once again at the Ahtanum Park. Mr. and Mrs. Giggles will be back as well! If you have any questions call Gloria at the office. Looking forward to seeing everyone again!



Joel Castro & Patrick Stewart were the egg toss winners.



Delton Bonds had the best view at the park while the safety awards were distributed.



Enrique Alarcon sets up for the waterballoon contest.



Steve Crowe enjoyed a birthday ditty from Spiderman himself.



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Matt Menshew received his 8 year safety award with help from his son Garrett.



JT Glenn demonstrates the bubble machine.