



Bacchi Ranch in Garden Valley - 1954

**AMADOR-EL DORADO-SACRAMENTO
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Dear AES Members and Friends,

As we celebrate 110 years of the Amador-El Dorado-Sacramento Cattlemen's Association in promoting and protecting the business of raising and marketing cattle, we celebrate the families that have helped to make this association and industry prevail for more than a century.

The association was formed in 1907 by 32 ranchers that grazed their cattle in the Sierra Foothills in the winter and moved them to the Upper Sierra mountain meadows in the summer. These pioneers formed this association to help pool their monies to cover expenses incurred to drive, feed and rest the cattle during their move.

Ranchers moved cattle from lower to higher elevations at certain times of the year to follow available forage. Up until the 1960s, open land below the 1,000-foot elevations was used for fall and winter grazing – 1,000- to 2,000-feet for early spring grazing, 2,000- to 3,000-feet for late spring grazing, and anything over the 6,000-foot elevation for summer grazing. Cattlemen would round up their herds and push them from local towns in the foothills all the way up to the high sierra meadows, before heading back to lower elevations again at the end of the season.

The bylaws of the organization state its purpose: "The objective and purpose of this Association shall be to promote and protect the business of raising and marketing cattle permitted upon the National forests of the United States, or other ranges; to do any and all things lawful, just and necessary to better the interests of the members of the Association and to that end to take proper steps to guard against unreasonable or restrictive National or State Legislation as the interests of said industry demand; to use such proper methods as may be necessary to bring about equitable and proper use of the public range and to prevent unreasonable restrictions thereof; to cultivate and promote for their mutual benefit and protection, cooperation among all persons within the United States engaged directly or indirectly in the cattle industry; to have and to exercise all of the rights and powers conferred on nonprofit associations under the laws of California; and to do such other acts and things as may be deemed proper, necessary or convenient to carry out the object and purposes above named and/or to protect and promote the mutual benefit and well-being of the livestock industry, whether such acts and things be specifically stated herein, or not."

110 years later, the above outlined purpose still stands as a testament to the original visionary ranchers as we still face these same issues and more as a cattle industry.

As stated by Mark Wilson in 2007 during the 100th Celebration of the AES, "As we are moving ahead into our second century of service to our industry, let us remember the good and hard work that was done by those that came before us. Let us honor their accomplishments by adding our own."

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SCHNEIDER FAMILY

In 1857, Henry Schneider Sr. (1st generation) (1834-1915 Zurich) and wife Louise Schmidt (1846-1911) founded Schneider Ranch in Pleasant Valley and Logtown Ridge.

In 1906 with son Henry Schneider II (2nd) (1864-1934), his wife Hester Wheeler (1867-1958), grandson Leland W. Schneider (3rd) (1890-1952) and granddaughter Iona Louise Schneider (3rd) (1905-1992) made the Cosumnes Valley in Sloughhouse their home and headquarters. Now, Jay L. Schneider (5th) and Susan live in Henry II's 1909 home that was rebuilt by Leland W. and wife Edna (Heath) Schneider (1883-1960) Leland A. Schneider (5th) and Katherine's home is an 1880s home remodeled by Henry II in 1920.

Jake J. Schneider (6th) and wife Jaime and children David (7th) and Gemma (7th) live in the 1940 home built by Jake L. Schneider (4th) (1916-2006). Betty Schneider Mehrten's (4th) (1918-2015) home (1941) is used by her son Robert (5th) and Kathleen Mehrten. Nearby are Leland H. Schneider (6th) and Julie with children Regina (7th) and Rene (7th); Jared (6th) and Shady with children Rowdy (7th) and Denim (7th); and Kristin Mehrten Deffenbaugh (6th) and Jeff with son Benjamin (7th).

The Schneider Ranch's legacy has prevailed by adapting to each family member's individuality and employing business acumen. Jake L. Schneider said, "Don't make decisions from the grave." Family prevails over dirt, the future over history.

Evolution: Initially alfalfa, grain, sheep and 500 high-grade Hereford cattle were grown. By the 1930s Henry Sr., Henry II and Leland W. had acquired the Dixon (1907) and Meiss ranges (1934) and 7,500 acres near the Cosumnes. Homes, barns, roads, fences and Fresno scrapers stock-ponds were built. In 1930 Iona married Anthony Riella (1967) from Jackson.

In 1940, Jake married Jean (Virginia Adell Wilson 1920-1985), daughter of Bertha (Mehrten) Wilson (1895-1968) and George A. Wilson (1879-1954 born in Folsom). In 1941 Betty married Lloyd Mehrten (1900-1970) brother of Bertha. Jake led, and with Jean, Betty, Lloyd and Uncle Tony, raised 700 cross-breed cows and 30 Angus bulls.

In 1954, Michigan State Colleges' centennial recognized Schneider Ranch (1 of 4 nationwide) for its modern mechanized operation.

In 1960, Jake's sons Jay and Leland and nephew Robert became partners. They married in the 1960s, and Susan, Katherine and Kathleen became ranchers. Jake said in a 1975 publication, "The home ranch could now be called a village [because] the principals have residents there."

CATTLE DRIVES: Until the 1930s, family and friends drove cattle to Logtown Ridge and Sly Park meadow (pre-reservoir), then Silver Lake. From 1934-1956 drives continued to Carson Pass into Meiss Meadow (the range extended to Lovers Leap, Luther Pass, Lake Marguerite). Cattle were thereafter trucked. The family enjoyed the cabins, springwater, out houses and wood stoves at the historic Schneider Cow Camp. The decision to discontinue going to the mountains was the most difficult in family history.

HAYING: Hay was Jackson Fork stacked and pitchfork fed, later bailed with stationary bailers. Since the 1930s, using a hammer mill, cattle were fed chopped hay pitchforked into troughs. Chopped hay also was blown upstairs in feed barns and pitchforked into troughs below during winters. Supplements including cotton seed meal and beet pulp were added. Under Lloyd's leadership haying changed. A 1950s tractor feed wagon replaced

the pitchfork, then in 1960s, a swather, haro-bed, twine bailer and augered feed truck were used.

FEEDLOT: In 1962, a silage pit was dynamited in sandstone. Feed pens, and visionary circular loading chutes built. With Leland A. Schneider's farming leadership, corn for silage was grown. Under Jake's leadership, Nevada cattle were bought (Schneider Ranch had owned the CS and Bullhead Ranches) and were conditioned with silage. Legendary "Uncle Ed" Kloss (1921-2006), who was married to Dorothy Schneider (4th) (1924-2011), assisted.

GRAIN FARMING: Corn and wheat were sold, not fed, in the 1970s due to rocketing cost of grain. Jay introduced the practice of using futures and basis contracting. Grain farming ended in 1982. In the 1990s Leland A. brought his Gold Springs Angus purebreds to the ranch. Since early 2000s, the 6th generations run cattle (including some owned by the 7th generation) on portions of the ranch.

MINING: Historic mining was modernized in 1935. Environmental mining expanded the tree canopy, enhanced plant species, improved grazing productivity as measured by AUMs, added wildlife species and recreational opportunities per independent environmental study.

Recreational uses include fishing, hunting, target shooting, hang-gliding, horse jumping, filming movies and music videos, photography, facilitated educational fieldtrips and a Burning Man groups.

STOCK WATER: Mining ponds were augmented from 1910-1930s with spring-fed water troughs and Fresno scraper ponds. In 1949 and early 50s year-round reservoirs were caterpillar built.

REGULATIONS: Jake and Jay dealt with mining, water and most regulatory matters.

INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY: Jake and Jean were CCA and Cowbelle Unit Presidents (1953-54). Jay has been a director since 1973. In 1907, Henry II helped found the Amador El Dorado Stockman's (later Cattlemen - Lloyd, Jay, Leland and Robert have been presidents). In the 1920s, Leland W. helped found Sloughhouse Farm Bureau (Jay served as president of Sacramento County Farm Bureau); and Cosumnes River Development Association (Dam near Michigan Bar 1921). In the 1930s and 40s, Leland W., Jake and Lloyd helped found Michigan Bar Fire Association (merging with Sloughhouse Fire in the 1960s - Lloyd, Jay, and Leland have been directors). In the 1950s, Jake helped found and was charter trustee of the Cosumnes Union School, the Elk Grove Unified School District, the Omnochumne-Hartnell Water District (Leland - director), and the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (Jay - director). In the 1990s Jay helped establish and chaired the Cosumnes Area Planning Advisory Council. Jake was honored as California Livestock Man of the Year in 1960. Jay was selected for Class XX of California Agriculture Leadership. Family members have held leadership positions in County and State Chamber of Commerce, Odd Fellows, Native Sons, Rebecca's, Reclamation District 800, hospital auxiliary groups, 4-H, youth groups and more. Betty kept the family bible and was involved in everything regarding cows, horses and dogs.

Adhering to the philosophy of strong family ties, the Schneider Ranch continues to thrive near the Cosumnes River.

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1909 – Henry II's original home and barn near Cosumnes



Dad crossing Twin Lake Outlet 1914.



Four generations of the family featured in a newspaper article in 1946.



1955 – Jake Schneider; Henry Sr.; Louisa, Julia, Jacob, Henry II, William, Bertha, Lena Louisa Carolina Schmidt and Henry J. Schneider.



Jake Schneider

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Back row: Jake and Jean Schneider with Edna Schneider and Lloyd and Robert Mehrten. Front row: Leland A. and Jay Schneider, Marianne & Betty Mehrten in 1954.



Lloyd Mehrten on the horse in the corral, Tony Reilla on the horse outside the corral, Ed Kloss the cow buyer (far right) standing by Jake Schneider.

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NEILSEN FAMILY

In the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Neilsen Ranch has been a mainstay of the agricultural community in El Dorado County for 140 years. From the beginning, this family ranch has focused on one thing – providing a living for its owners through the raising of cattle.

As with many ventures of the time Neilsen Ranch began as the dream of an immigrant. During his years as a sailor in the Danish Merchant Marine, Magnus Neilsen dreamed of being a rancher like the ones he had heard about in stories of the American West. His dreams were such that he fashioned an iron brand using his initials MN to mark his trunks during voyages, echoing the traditions of the ranchers he longed to join. In 1876, Magnus took a leap of faith and moved his entire family from Bornholm, Denmark to Northern California in search of his American dream. Settling down just outside the small town of El Dorado he set to work building a business that generations of his family would be part of.

During the early years, Magnus and his wife Caroline worked to establish a place big enough to support their growing family. Taking advantage of the Homestead Act they were able to secure enough land to make a go of it. Ideally located in the Sierra Nevada foothills, the ranch utilized the grassy fields of its home location, while also taking advantage of summer pastures in the higher mountains. From the early 1880s, the Neilsens' routine saw them spending the cooler months in El Dorado then driving the cattle 50 miles east into the pine forests to feed on fresh grass while resting the home pastures. This pattern became a hallmark of the ranch for years to come.

In the early 1900s, following the passing of Magnus and Caroline, their son Nicoloi took control of the ranch, along with his wife Lillian. During these years, the ranch continued to grow and stabilize itself as a business. In 1935, after over 50 years of running cattle in the Sierras, the Neilsens took over the Morrison Grazing Allotment in El Dorado National Forest. This formalization of their foothold in the mountains made it possible for the family to continue to expand their operation and became an integral part of the ranch.

As is the way with agriculture Neilsen Ranch has had its share of ups and downs surviving poor market years and devastating droughts along the way. However, by staying the course and focusing on their roots the Neilsens have been able to weather the storms and maintain a viable and stable business. They have discovered what works best – a cow-calf operation using a base herd of Hereford cattle due to their heartiness for the conditions – and utilize that to their advantage.

In the early 1970s, Magnus's great grandson Howard and his wife Carolyn became the ranch's third set of custodians. In the years that followed, the couple built the ranch into what it is today. Along with their children Tal, Tim, and Julie they charted the course of a modern family business.

It was during these years that Howard and Carolyn became actively involved in the agricultural community on a larger scale. Respected members of their local community, the Neilsens take seriously their responsibility to give back to the industry that has provided so well for them. Howard became a valued member of agricultural organizations. He has served in various positions on the local cattlemen's association and farm bureau including as president of both. He was a member of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission for 20 years, presiding as chairman for 12 years, providing an informed voice for agriculture in a rapidly developing area.

At the same time, Carolyn became actively involved in the local and state cattlemen's association serving as president for the local group and a board member for the state. They passed this love and respect for the agricultural community on to their children each of whom have served for the greater good of the industry. Tal has been a director and president of the local cattlemen's association, was an active member of the local farm bureau, and remains active in the industry. Tim has also served as president of the local cattlemen's association and is currently a director. He is a past director for the local farm bureau.

Now a managing partner of the ranch, Tim is following in his father's footsteps as a member of the El Dorado County Agricultural Commission. Julie served with the local and state cattlemen and worked at the California Beef Council and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

In 2010, on the 75th anniversary of their return to their mountain grazing lands, the U.S. Forest Service renamed their allotment "Neilsen" in honor of their years of custodianship.

Today, the Neilsens are not the oldest grazing permittee but they have spent the most consecutive years (81) on the same grazing allotment in the El Dorado National Forest and are a good example of how multi-use partners play a role on public lands. Now operating in its 6th generation Neilsen Ranch begins the next chapter of its history.

Tim together with his wife, Maria, and daughter, Kate, working alongside Howard and Carolyn, are taking the business forward into an ever-changing world while continuing to maintain the traditions and values that made it what it is.

In the 140 years since Magnus arrived in California, one thing has remained a constant for the Neilsens – their legacy of stewardship. As the years have passed, commitment to those original 160 acres and to the land that has been added since has been the priority for the family.

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Nicoloi and Lillian
Neilsen in 1965.



Howard and Carolyn Neilsen family in 1997.



Neilsen Bell



Tal Neilsen at Neilsen mountain cow camp.



Neilsen Family in the late 1920s.

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Magnus and Karoline Neilsen family in 1896.



Neilsen Ranch homestead in 1895.



Present day aerial of the Neilsen Ranch.

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BACCHI FAMILY

William Bacchi left the town of Rodi, Switzerland in 1851 to seek opportunity in California. He left Le Havre, France, on "The Globe" and arrived at New Orleans on December 8, 1851. There was scheduled steamship service from New Orleans to Panama, it took a week to cross the Isthmus by mule and canoe to the Pacific port where passage to San Francisco, or even Sacramento, could be booked with the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.

In a short time he settled in Mud Springs (Now the town of El Dorado), a way point on the old Carson Emigrant Trail, a mining center, freight point and crossroads for stagecoaches and travelers. Within a few years of arriving, William was operating a store and had acquired title to 160 acres. An 1856 transaction record notes the purchase of "17 head of cows and a yearling bull."

On June 4, 1859 William marries Elizabeth (Isabella) Pini, a Swiss émigré, from the town Airolo, only a few miles from William's birthplace, Rodi. Daughter Louise was born in 1860.

The 1860 census records William and Elizabeth, daughter Louise, and three other occupants from Switzerland living in the same house and store.

Daughter Virginia was born in 1862, Elisabeth J. several years later, son William S. in 1865.

In 1867, William sold the store and property in Mud Springs and moved his family to Garden Valley. On October 12, 1868, he purchased a 160-acre ranch, known as the Moherter Ranch in Garden Valley for \$3,010.

Although he bought quite a few mining claims and filed notice of location for others, it appears at least some were purchased for strategic purposes rather than actual mining.

On March 4, 1877, William purchases an interest, "in and to all of that certain real estate situated in the county of El Dorado, state of California, more particularly described as being a certain mountain range, bounded in the north and west by the south fork of the middle fork of the American River, in the south by the Pilot Creek, and on the East by the ranch of Saml Forni. The ranch had three cabins, three corrals and a piece of enclosed ground. This ranch has always been known as "Peavine," so named because it adjoins the geographical feature called Peavine Ridge.

Henry Frank Oswald Bacchi, the last child born to William and Elizabeth, was born at Garden Valley on December 15, 1879.

In the Swiss tradition, William began summering his cattle in the mountains around the meadow, milking some cows and making cheese and butter. A report from the June 23, 1882, edition of the *Georgetown Gazette* stated, "Among those who have already passed up with dairy stock are: Forni of Gold Hill, Sam Forni of this place (Georgetown), Filippini & Co., Bacchi of Garden Valley...and others whose names we have not in mind."

1901 records show William paying property taxes on 1,550 acres of winter and summer grazing land.

June 18, 1902, William sells to El Dorado Lumber Co. a 15-year right to harvest trees on his mountain property, Peavine. Daughter Virginia includes her adjoining homestead property in the sale. Her husband, Asahel Davis, advised both father and wife on the transaction. The price? \$12,960 cash, title to two parcels adjoining William's property, and a supply of shakes and lumber to repair cabins as needed.

Meanwhile, Henry was gaining the experience necessary to become the rancher—or stockman—as he was listed in later U.S. Census records.

He started out cleaning stalls at the Tell Dairy for five cents a day.

His formal education ended in fourth grade after his teacher gave him a severe beating. "I never went back for any more of that," he told a grandson.

He found other jobs tending cattle and working for miners. At age 15 (1894), he was hired to drive a team of bulls dragging logs out of the forest near Bacon Canyon, a mile or so from their new mountain range.

Henry soon realized he was literally at the center of a new "gold rush," the hundreds of thousands of acres of huge Ponderosa and Sugar Pine trees.

The reason Henry had the logging job was because two years earlier, the American River Land and Lumber Co. had started buying timber rights and building a transportation system to move logs from the forest to markets in the rest of California. The logs he was pulling out of the forest with bull power were to be loaded on a train, hauled to a chute on the edge of the American River Canyon, slid down the chute to the river, and finally, floated downstream during high water to the lumber mill at Folsom.

With no towns nearby, the timber company had to provide shelter and three meals a day for its workers. Two hundred workers were hired just to build, operate and maintain the railway system.

The logging company was going to buy a lot of beef.

The 1900 U.S. Census listed Henry's occupation as "farm laborer." But by the following year, with the El Dorado Lumber Co. building a saw mill at Pino Grande, Henry is in business, selling beef to the lumber company and butcher shops in the area. Henry started buying cattle from neighboring ranchers and the first of three slaughterhouses is built at Peavine to improve sanitation and handle the increased volume.

When Henry met his future wife, Marie De Avila Silvera, (later anglicized to Mary Silva), at a dance at Pilot Hill they had a lot in common: both were over 30 years of age, both were first generation, literate, hardworking and ambitious. Perhaps most important, each had a herd of cattle they drove to the mountains each summer. Henry married Mary Silva on July 15, 1908, and children followed: Byron, born 1909, Francis, 1912, and Bethel, 1915.

Between 1910 And 1942, Henry and his wife bought over 12,000 acres, in 36 different transactions and paid off the mortgages. Letters written during the early '20s by Mary reveal the extent of the austerity necessary to meet their financial obligations.

Byron and Francis' formal education ended when they graduated from the eighth grade at Uniontown School in Lotus. They were considered men, their father needed their help, and he didn't have to pay them a wage. They started clearing pasture, first fencing an area, girdling the trees inside, followed by goats to eat brush and tree shoots or suckers.

Byron became a self-taught engineer and mechanic. He cleared land with rebuilt "Cat 60's" and built roads and dams. He designed and built water systems for the houses and slaughterhouse, installed and maintained the cooling systems at the slaughterhouse, and kept machinery and vehicles running.

When Francis was 12, and his father and Byron were gone for the day, he slaughtered eight animals by himself. From that time on, he butchered almost everything while becoming more responsible for the day to day ranching duties.

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Francis Bacch (age of 14) Peavine Range – 1926.



Stumpy Meadows



Francis and Betty Bacchi



Cheri Bacchi Little with Paul Little and Judy and
Chuck Bacchi with Dudley the horse.



July 2013 weigh book with weights on steer calves.



Hereford bulls at the Fort Klamath ranch in Oregon.
Last load to go south in the fall.

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Francis Bacchi still in the saddle at age 80.



Marcus Bacchi weighing up weaned steer calves July 2013.



William Bacchi's El Dorado Range – Peavine home place cabin since 1877.

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BACCHI FAMILY

In Francis' spare time, he would shear sheep for \$5 a day in the valley, castrate stud horses, sell milk to the timber companies, and as a very young boy, he built up, and then sold, a sizeable sheep herd by hand-raising lambs given to him by passing herders on their way to summer range!

Mountain beef sold well in the butcher shops because the animals were on the gain, fat from their diet of sweet birch, and the fat was white and very firm.

By 1935, Bacchi meat was being sold to butcher shops in Placer and El Dorado counties, including Tom Raley's first market in Placerville. All monies earned went to their mother to help pay for the land Henry purchased.

Francis said the day the family paid off the last mortgage was one of the happiest days of his life. He said, "I never want to be in debt again." And he wasn't.

The family continued summering their herd at Peavine and wintering at Lotus and property near Salmon Falls. Byron married Carol Walgamott and they had three children – Eddie, Carla and William. In 1948, Francis married Betty Burgess. Her son Chuck, age 5 at the time, was soon the older brother to Henry, Nikki, Cheri and Jim.

The mill at Pino Grande closed in 1951. The Bacchi slaughterhouse also closed. The next 10 years were tough on the family. First a portion of the ranch near Salmon Falls was lost when Folsom dam was built. The family did not accept the Army Corps. of Engineers valuation of the property and it was ten years before that was settled in court.

Henry Bacchi passed away in 1954.

Soon after Henry's death, the Georgetown Public Utilities District, exercising its right to take private land for a public purpose, took title to about 600 acres of Bacchi land for the construction of the Stumpy Meadows dam project. Another legal fight ensued with eventual settlement.

Since Stumpy Meadows was used to gather and hold cattle for a month or so before they were drove to winter pasture, the most important part of the summer range was lost. Without Stumpy Meadows, there was simply no place to stockpile the cattle during the month-long gather. This was before diesel pickups, fifth wheel trailers and portable panels were available to gather and haul small numbers of cattle off the mountain range. Stumpy Meadows, a 400-acre pristine mountain meadow, was replaced by a dam and reservoir that supplies the water needs on the Georgetown Divide.

That is the backstory as to why the family purchased a ranch near Fort Klamath, Ore., in 1962. For the next 35 years, the entire herd was trucked 350 miles north to the Fort in early May and trucked 350 miles south to their winter range in late October, just before calving season.

Francis and his family followed the cattle, living 6 months in Oregon, 6 months in California. During the summer, Francis irrigated the fields, checked and treated calves for pneumonia, rescued cows in the canals and those on their backs, watched for peat fires started by lightning or autos, rebuilt the main corral, cleaned miles of canals by dragline and generally improved the irrigation and drainage systems on the entire ranch.

In 1975, Mary Bacchi – the matriarch of the family and the last person consulted before any major ranch decision was made, who retained an interest in the herd to the end – passed away. Her oldest son, Byron, passed away two years later.

Chuck returned to the ranch in 1979, and he and his wife, Judy, purchased a quarter interest in Bacchi Ranch. Shortly thereafter, the Francis Bacchi family and the Byron Bacchi family divided the ranch assets and continued ranching, with

Francis and Chuck continuing to operate as Bacchi Ranch, and retaining the original HB brand.

Chuck's sister, Cheri and her husband, Paul, purchased a share of Bacchi Ranch in 1984.

The ranch expanded during this period as winter and summer pasture became available. Through constant attention and effort over the last 25 years, the family has been able to lease enough winter and summer pasture to double their herd size.

The acquisition of the two U.S. Forest Service allotments changed the capacity equation further.

In 1996, Chuck and Judy's youngest son, Marcus, graduated from UC Davis. With Marcus as partner, the Ranch purchased the Barney Dobbas herd and acquired the Chipmunk Allotment in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near French Meadows Reservoir. After a 35 year absence, Bacchi Ranch was back in the mountains.

In 2009, Marcus was also instrumental in obtaining the Old Pino Allotment, the original Bacchi allotment.

While continuing to help run Bacchi Ranch, Marcus started his own business. In a few short years, he purchased an irrigated ranch near Chiloquin, Oregon and had leased ranches in El Dorado, Solano and Marin counties.

Marcus married Shannon Silva from Rio Vista in 2004. The couple has two daughters, Taylor and Braydon, who are ready to help gather and sort cattle anytime. Both are very competent riders. We lost Marcus on November 1, 2014.

Chuck and Judy's oldest son, Charles, graduated from UC Santa Barbara and has worked for State Legislators, the State Chamber of Commerce and is now the president of a major trade association. He lives in Sacramento with his wife Andrea and two children, Livia and Julia, and is always available to help, as is his wife, an attorney.

Shannon has continued ranching, adding more leased ground, and increasing the size of her herd. She continues to lease the ranches Marcus leased in Marin and Solano counties. In addition to managing her business and raising two cowgirls, Shannon is active in 4H as a community club leader.

Chuck and Cheri have also been active in local agricultural organizations. Chuck has served as a board member, state director and president of the AES Cattlemen's Association, and is presently a member of the El Dorado Agricultural Commission. Cheri has served as president of both the AES CattleWomen and Klamath County CattleWomen. She served as a member of the Upper Klamath Water Users Association, one of 27 stakeholder groups that negotiated for over 2 years to reach an agreement among all stakeholders on water issues in the Klamath basin and along the Klamath River. The process was encouraged by the President and Congress, but when the signed document reached Washington, D.C., U.S. Congress refused to act.

Today, the ranch is smaller in size. Chuck and Judy are semi-retired. Cheri and Paul live in Lotus. Both sons – Anthony and Matt – work with their parents, and daughters Sophie, a competitive roper and horsewoman and Stephanie, who ranches near Buellton with her husband Jeff Mathis, are a frequent presence helping where needed. Cheri and Paul ranch the home place and the Allotments. Shannon Bacchi and her two daughters, Taylor and Braydon, have their herd of cattle, and Chuck's nephew, Jon Bari, has his own herd. Ownership of the acreage of and around the cabins and meadow called Peavine, continues to be held by the Bacchi family since William's original purchase in 1877.

Writeup and Photos Courtesy of Chuck Bacchi

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1911-1912	J.W. Joses	1970-1972	Dick Harry
1912-1913	George M. Waechter	1972-1974	Norman Waters
1913-1917	R.E. Granlees	1974-1976	Ed Kloss
1917-1918	George M. Waechter	1976-1978	Faustine Silva Jr.
1918-1921	F.S. McCulloch	1978-1981	Robert Mehrten
1921-1922	A.F. Forni	1981-1982	Gary Williams
1922-1927	George A. Wilson Sr.	1982-1984	Arthur F. Perham
1927-1930	John P. Yager	1984-1986	Jay Schneider
1930-1933	John Rupley	1986-1988	Billy Mosher
1933-1935	F.H. Scott	1988-1990	Ed Bacchi
1935-1938	Orin Van Vleck	1990-1992	Richard Forster
1938-1941	Leland Schneider	1992-1994	Lonell Wilson
1941-1943	E.E. Payen	1994-1996	Gib Gianandrea
1943-1945	J.C. Forni	1996-1998	Howard Neilson
1945-1947	Stanley Van Vleck	1998-2000	Charlie Mehrten
1947-1949	Frank Yager	2000-2002	Chuck Bacchi
1949-1951	Francis Bacchi	2002-2004	Tal Neilson
1951-1953	J.D. Granlees	2004-2006	Tim Curran
1953-1955	George A. Smith	2006-2008	Mark Wilson
1955-1957	J.R. Guttridge	2008-2010	Jerry Spencer
1957-1959	Ben Brown	2010-2012	Tim Neilsen
1959-1960	Ernest Scheiber	2012-2014	Cathy Jauch
1960-1962	Louis Blodgett	2014-2016	Jake Parnell
1962-1964	John Allen	2016-2018	Leland Schneider Jr.
1964-1966	Lloyd Mehrten		
1966-1968	Roy Mason		

PAST CCA PRESIDENTS FROM THE AES ASSOCIATION

1942-1944	Lauren Bamert
1953-1954	Jake Schneider
1961-1962	Gordon Van Vleck
2005-2006	K. Mark Nelson

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1950-1951	Lauren Bamert
1974-1975	Gordon Van Vleck

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George E. Allen	Sutter Creek	1907
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Goerge C. Allen	Michigan Bar	1920
Emmett C. Allen	Michigan Bar	1920
James Armstrong	Sloughhouse	1918
Henry Bacchi	Lotus	1917
G. Badaracco	Jackson	1907
F.C. Bamert	Camanche	1907
E.T. Bamert	Camanche	1907
R. Barnett	Lancha Plana	1907
E.G. Barrette	Shingle Springs	1917
W.D. Barton	Clarksville	1917
A.R. Barton	Clarksville	1919
G. Bassi	Lotus	1917
D.M. Bassi	Lotus	1917
J. Bellumini	Jackson	1907
B.F. Biggs	Fair Oaks	1913
George Blackely	Placerville	1912
Mrs. A.L. Blakley	Smith Flat	1916
C.H. Bolton	Clay	1918
P.R. Bradford	Bruceville	1919
S.W. Bright	Jackson	1907
A.H. Buckner	Aukum	1920
J.M. Bullard	Shingle Springs	1918
I. Burke & Son	Plymouth	1918
Ralph Calwell	Lotus	1917
A. Camminetti	Jackson	1907
Carlo Caprara	Garden Valley	1917
G. Celion & Sons	El Dorado	1914
V.J. Chichizola	Jackson	1909
Laurence Comstock	Ione	1912
Ed M. Culbert	Amador City	1907
C.L. Culbert	Jackson	1907
Frank Darlington	Placerville	1914
Abe Darlington	Placerville	1921
W.H. Dixon	Consumnes	1907
Fred Dixon	Clarksville	1919
W.F. Dressler	Minden	1918
Joe Dufrene	Ione	1907
Jack Dufrene	Ione	1910
W.D. Duke	Latrobe	1907
W.F. Elledge	Ione	1907
Robert Ellis	Jackson	1907
Joeseph Ellis	Jackson	1907
George Ellis		1907
R.S. Euer	Clarksville	1917
Robert Ferari	Jackson	1907
Steve Ferari	Jackson	1907

W.E. Finn	Sutter Creek	1907
W.G. Fithian	Ione	1920
J.C. Forni	El Dorado	1914
A. Forni	Placerville	1914
C.E. Froelich	Jackson	1907
A. Giuliani	Volcano	1908
O.F. Golden	Placerville	1914
J.D. Granlees	Sloughhouse	1915
R.E. Granlees	Ione	1918
Euell Gray		1917
Henry Greilich	Drytown	1907
H.J. Grim		1917
H.J. Grimiger		1917
Charles Haase	Folsom	1908
Nick Hamberger	Amador City	1908
Carl J. Herman	Placerville	1917
Seymour Hill	El Dorado	1918
Joeseeph Huett	Drytown	1913
M. Isaacs	Ione	1907
Ed E. Johnson	Clarksville	1915
J. W. Joses	Ione	1907
Goerge A. Kirkwood	Jackson	1907
Mrs. E. Kirkwood	Jackson	1907
J.C. Kremmel	Jackson	1907
Landis Bos. Co.	Ione	1912
Steve Levoni	Clay	1912
Martin	Sloughhouse	1912
W. Martin	Placerville	1917
G. W. Mayhew	Shingle Springs	1908
Charles Mayhew	Clarksville	1917
F.S. McCullogh	Michigan Bar	1912
J.P. McCullogh	Michigan Bar	1912
W.J. McGee	Sutter Creek	1908
McKissick Cattle Co.	Ione	1919
Frank Meiss	May	1914
Ben J. Meiss	May	1907
J.E. Meiss		1907
I.J. Mills	Fair Oaks	1917
Mrs. Elizibeth Mills	Sacramento	1918
Rock Mirandi	Latrobe	1917
Regina & P. Mocettini	Latrobe	1917
Walter Morrow	Clements	1918
E.B. Morton & Sons	Placerville	1917
Dan J. Murphy	Jackson	1907
W.W. Murphy	Wilton	1917
Murphy Bros. & Morgan	Lotus	1914
Oscar Myers	Jackson	1907
J. J. Nichols	Jackson	1907
Orelli Bros. Inc.	Lotus	1914
John Orr	Plymouth	1916
D.B. Pardoe	Camanche	1907
S.V. Parker	May	1917
Lee Payton	Pine Grove	1915
W.F. Pierson	Sloughhouse	1920
Mrs. L.B. Piasse & Sons	Jackson	1907
R. Poole	Pacific	1921

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C. Probert	Latrobe	1908
Clarence Prouty	Ione	1915
C.C. Prouty	Ione	1907
Questo Bros.	Clay	1916
Jas. Quinn	Clarksville	1907
W.L. Rasmussen	Lotus	1914
Elmer Rupley	Placerville	1914
J.B. & A.J. Rupiey	Drytown	1914
Russi Hall & Jackson	Folsom	1921
Fred Schenck	Latrobe	1907
E.W. Schlein	Georgetown	1918
Henry Schneider	Sloughhouse	1908
L. W. Schneider	Bridgehouse	1917
J.C. Scott	Sloughhouse	1917
F.H. Scott	Folsom	1921
Clarence Scully	Ione	1917
George M. Smith	Placerville	1915
A.E. Smith	May	1907
A.J. Smith	Latrobe	1913
John Smith	Diamond Springs	1914
Joe Sroansbough	Placerville	1917
W.A. Sroansbough	Placerville	1917
Walter Stafford	Clements	1920
Park Stark	El Dorado	1914
Thomas Stevenson	Greenwood	1917
John Sturgess	Sloughhouse	1920
Charles Swift	Latrobe	1914
Rufus Swift		1916
The Mace Co.	Ione	1912
A.P. Togni	El Dorado	1921
John A. Tonzi	Ione	1907
Tunzi Bros.	Placerville	1916
Univ. Range Experiment	Shingle Springs	1921
CJ.W. Van Vieck	Camino	1914
Fred C. Van Vieck	Camino	1917
Jas. Van Wicklin & Co.		1907
W.W. Vandenburg	Placerville	1917
E. Veercamp	Placerville	1917
F.J. & Son Veercamp	Placerville	1917
C.P. Vicini	Jackson	1908
G.R. Vicini	Jackson	1910
J.E. Votaw	Sutter Creek	1920
G.M. Waechter	Sutter Creek	1907
Phil Waggoner	Latrobe	1920
J.F. Wagner	Lotus	1917
Walker & Joni	Diamond Springs	1917
L. Wallace	Shingle Springs	1921
F.G. Warner	Placerville	1917
Mrs. Hemy White & Sons	Plymouth	1919
George Wilson	Clarksville	1913
H.H. Windmiller	Elk Grove	1918



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