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## President's Message

John Baxter, who has written more biographies of modern movie directors than anyone begins his second chapter of Mythmaker, The Life and Work of George Lucas, with this sentence: *There is no easy way into Modesto - nor, for that matter, any easy way out.* It is clearly an echo of Eric Hoffer, philosopher and San Francisco long-shore-man who made an almost identical remark about Modesto in his great book The True Believer. But while Baxter calls Modesto a Kansas town Hoffer saw something in its well kept houses and streets as having been transplanted from England. Baxter of course was in Modesto to do background work on the Lucas bio and escaped after only six days. Lucas of course left right after high school in 1962 and now visits Modesto relatives via chauffer driven limo from Skywalker Ranch in Marin County.

It would be nice if more of us had our own chauffer driven limos in which to ride to and from Modesto, arriving and departing as we wished. Alas, there is only one Mythmaker and we are but poor poets. Getting into and out of Modesto does present numerous obstacles for many on the executive board and lessons learned here may apply well to the convention in April. I am very open to suggestions including holding the 2009 convention in Ontario two years in a row just as we did the back to back Fresno conventions. It isn't hard to find an affordable meeting place. The problem is finding an affordable meeting place - with a hotel attached. An attached hotel also means we can sneak off for a nap when we wish. So... executive board members, those of you who can find your way into Modesto, please give some serious thought to a 2009 convention site. I have not given up on the idea of Modesto and we will certainly be discussing it at our October 20, Executive Board meeting.

In the meantime, there are direct flights into and out of Modesto as well as Amtrak, useful information for those not having the aforementioned chauffer driven limo. Detailed information on getting to the Empire School District Office is found on the back page of this issue of the UpDrafts. See you soon.

Ed Bearden

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Please send news and information items to the editor one month in advance of intended publication date. For questions involving membership, either new or renewal, please contact the treasurer.

Visit our website:  
<http://www.ChaparralPoets.org>.

Due to a change in judges the monthly contest winners for September will be printed in the November Updrafts. Hopefully we will catch up in November with both September and October winners.

This is October already and dues are needed. The 2008 dues must be into the treasurer by December 31, 2008 in order to enter the CFCP annual contest without a charge. Your treasurer must certify the membership roster and get it to the Annual Contest Chair as soon after December 31, 2007 as possible. Please send the dues as soon as you receive them. It is not necessary to have all the dues before you send them, it is okay to send partial dues.

Thank you for getting those dues out as soon as possible.

### MISSING UPDRAFTS?

It has come to my attention that some people have stated they are not receiving their Updrafts. This message is coming from other members in CFCP, Inc. We have not received any Updrafts back that we have mailed out but that doesn't mean some people may not be receiving theirs. What I would like to ask is that if any of you get a call from someone stating they haven't received their Updrafts, please give them my phone number (209-522-9600) and request that they call me directly. That way I can check the address I have with them directly. It may be that some folks haven't realized that the format has changed and have simply missed the Updrafts. Sometimes the post office loses things too.

For those members who receive their Updrafts by email, I am having a problem with anyone who has Earthlink as their email. Earthlink is sending the Updrafts back as spam. Apparently the person with the email needs to let Earthlink know that CFCP is an acceptable entity to send email to them. In the future if I get these Updrafts back from Earthlink listed as spam I will mail out the Updrafts.

We currently have \$2138.62 in our checking account. This includes the memorial funds which are set aside and not used to pay bills. We have a \$5000.00 CD which will mature before the convention next year. If you have any questions about our finances please feel free to email me at bert714@sbcglobal.net or call 209-522-9600.

Roberta Bearden  
Treasurer

## 2007 CFCP, Inc. Monthly Contests

Except where otherwise indicated, poems are limited to 28 lines of text. All forms accepted for all categories.

January	Turnabout
February	Landscape of Winter
March	Hares, Lions, Lambs
April	How to Advertise a Poem
May	Spring Moon
June	Looking Forward
July	no contest
August	Doldrums or Daydreams?
September	Memories, Altered
October	Smoke (12 lines or fewer)
November	Fences
December	No Contest

### RULES

Contests are open to all poets in the United States and Canada. Each submission must be typewritten on standard size paper with the contest month in the upper right-hand corner. Send TWO COPIES of each poem with author's name and address in the upper right corner on ONE copy. Put no identification on the second copy. Address labels are acceptable. Multiple entries are welcome.

Only UNPUBLISHED POEMS and poems not previously awarded a monty prize are eligible. A fee of \$2.00 must accompany each poem submitted (3 for \$5.00). Send cash or make checks to CFCP, Inc. DEADLINE is the last day of the contest month. Envelope must be postmarked no later than 12 midnight of that day. *Print contest month on outside of mailing envelope.*

NOTE: In any month where insufficient entries are received, those poems which were submitted will be held over and judged with the entries for the following month.

**1st Prize: \$25.00**

**2nd Prize: \$15.00**

**3rd Prize: \$10.00**

Poems will be returned only if stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Allow one month after closing date of contest before sending poems elsewhere. Winning poems will be printed in the Chaparral Updrafts newsletter

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Mail contest  
entries to

**Cleo Griffith  
Monthly Contest Chair, CFCP, Inc.  
4409 Diamond Court  
Salida, CA 95368-0632  
<cleor36@yahoo.com>**



YES! I definitely want to be a member of the California Federation of Chaparral Poets, Inc. for the year 2008.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive my Updrafts Newsletter by: \_\_\_email \_\_\_US Mail  
Your membership includes all issues of the newsletter, Updrafts, free entry in the Annual Contest, Monthly Contest information and Membership Roster every 2 years during the membership period. **All memberships renew between 8/1 and 12/31 yearly.** Persons joining between February 1 and July 31 will use the pro-rated formula. New memberships received between August 1 and December 31 will be extended for the following full year.

### How to Become a Member

Check the appropriate item:

___Membership Annual/Renewal	\$15.00
___New Member (2/1 to 4/30)	\$12.00
___New Member (5/1-7/31)	\$ 7.50
___Spouse (1/2 regular member)	\$ 7.50, \$6.00, or \$3.75
___Junior (under 21 show proof of age)	\$ 3.00
___Donation (specify amount)	

\_\_\_ I am interested in joining a Chapter in my area (name of chapter) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I already belong to Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I wish to join as a Member-at-large.

\_\_\_ We wish to form a chapter of our own (5 or more Regular Members are required to form a new Chapter) to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

**Members-at-Large:** Clip this form and mail along with a check or money order made payable to CFCP, Inc. to: Frances Yordan, Members-at-Large Chairperson, 2575 W. San Jose Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711-2733. All others: Send this form along with a check or money order made payable to CFCP, Inc. to: CFCP Treasurer, P. O. Box 1750, Empire, CA 95319.

### **Important Announcement.**

The October meeting of the Executive Board will be held in Modesto in a conference room of the Empire School District . The address is 116 North McClure Road . Here is our lunch menu. Please call us at 522-9600 or email Roberta at bert714@sbcglobal.net with your selection.

Choice of vegetarian, roast beef or turkey sandwich  
Choice of macaroni or green salad  
Water, soda or ice tea as a luncheon beverage  
Dessert is reduced fat cookies  
Upon arrival we will have coffee and hot water for tea

The price is \$7.00 each lunch and can be paid at the meeting on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. The meeting will start at 11:00 AM as usual and we will finish as early as possible for those who are traveling long distances.

There is transportation to Modesto by airline direct from Los Angeles and San Francisco. Those who live close to Ontario can catch a plane from there to L.A. and then to Modesto. There is also Amtrak. It can be ridden from the Bay Area into Modesto or from L.A. a bus would go to Bakersfield then Amtrak to Modesto.

Those who drive take 99 highway. From the south you exit onto Mitchell Road (about 5 miles north of Turlock) and stay on Mitchell for about 3 miles until you reach Yosemite Blvd. Turn right and drive about 2 miles then turn left on McClure Road. The district office is right behind Big O Tires on the right. From the North you exit on Briggsmore Avenue. Go about 5 miles to Claus Road, turn right and drive to Yosemite Blvd. and turn right. Turn right onto McClure Road, then right into the district office behind Big O Tires.



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