

HISTORICAL METAL CASTING DISPLAY WINS AWARDS AT STATE FAIR

The California State Fair took place in Sacramento from **July 13-29**. One of the Fair's main attractions is the "County Competition." All 58 counties prepare displays about their respective festivals, recreational facilities, tourist attractions, agritourism and anything else the county may offer visitors.

For 2018, **Amador County** featured **Knight Foundry**. Knight Foundry was a cast iron metal caster and machine shop in Sutter Creek. It was originally established in **1873** to supply heavy equipment to the gold mines and timber industry. Samuel Knight developed a high speed, impulse water turbine to power the facility and served as a forerunner of the Pelton wheel design. At the time, Knight Foundry was arguably the world's most technologically advanced metal caster. The facility is a registered California Historical Landmark.

At the 2018 California State Fair, the display won awards for "Best in Show" and "Best Marketing Presentation." With **thousands of people touring the California State Fair each year**, CMC congratulates Amador County and Knight Foundry on their success!



25TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY GUN MELT CELEBRATED

The California metalworking industry provides a vital community service throughout the state. Working with local police departments, sheriff offices, and cities, several local metal businesses offer a free "end of life service" for weapons.

In partnership with local law enforcement, the program is designed to reduce violence in our communities by permanently removing confiscated guns and weapons from the streets of California.

On July 20, 2018, CMC member **Gerdau Steel Mill** in Rancho Cucamonga held its *25th Annual Gun Melt*. More than 3,500 weapons were melted. Law enforcement agencies across Los Angeles County had seized most of the weapons. The melt will turn the guns into seismic rebar used to build highways and bridges.

